

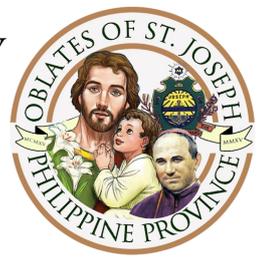


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year B
WORD OF GOD SUNDAY— 7 February 2021

A very warm welcome to everyone in our parish this weekend.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
WORD OF GOD SUNDAY
Sunday, 7 February 2021

First Reading:
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:
**Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.**

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
**He bore our sickness, and
endured our suffering.**
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Mark 1: 29-39**

Communion Antiphon:
**Let them thank the Lord for his
mercy, his wonders for the
children of men, for he satisfies
the thirsty soul, and the hungry
he fills with good things.**

When Life is a “Drudgery”

Job spoke, saying: Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery? My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again. (Job 7:1, 6-7)

The funny thing is, as soon as that reading is concluded at Mass, the entire congregation will respond, “Thanks be to God!” Really? Is this reading worth thanking God for? Do we really want to thank God for an expression of such pain? We most certainly do!

Job was clearly expressing feelings that we all face at times. He speaks of a sleepless night. Feelings of a loss of hope. Months of misery. Et cetera. Hopefully these feelings are not an everyday occurrence. But they are real, and everyone experiences them at times.

The key to understanding this passage is to look at Job’s whole life. Even though he felt this way, it did not direct his decisions. He did not give in to ultimate despair; he did not give up; he persevered. And it paid off! He stayed faithful to God through his tragedy of losing everything precious to him and never lost faith and hope in his God. In his darkest hour, even his friends came to him telling him he was being punished by God and that all was lost for him. But he wouldn’t listen.

Remember Job’s powerful words, “The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord!” Job praised God for the good things he received in life, but when they were taken away, he continued to bless and praise God. This is the most central lesson and inspiration of Job’s life. He did not give in to the way he felt in the reading above. He did not let the despair he was tempted with deter him from praising and worshipping God. He praised Him in ALL things!

The tragedy of Job took place for a reason. It was to teach us this essential lesson of dealing with the heavy burdens life can throw at us. Interestingly, for those who carry heavy burdens, Job is a real inspiration. Why? Because they can relate to him. They can relate to his pain and learn from his perseverance in hope.

Reflect, today, upon Job. Let his life inspire you. If you are finding a particular burden in life weighing you down, then try to praise and worship God anyway. Give God the glory due His name simply because it is due His name and not because you do or do not feel like doing it. In this, you will find that your heavy burden leads to your strengthening. You will become more faithful by being faithful when it’s very difficult to do so. Job did it and so can you!

Lord, when life is hard and the burden is great, help me to deepen my faith in You and my love for You. Help me to love and worship You because it is good and right to do in all things. I love You my Lord, and I choose to praise You always! Jesus, I trust in You.



Our Parish Prayer Intention this week

We pray for everyone at home and around the world who have been affected by the Corona Virus Pandemic; those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONTLINERS (healthcare workers, peacemakers, first

responders, volunteers and non-health workers) for their protection from harm; and to all our civil leaders, that they would listen to the voice of the Spirit in every decision that they make. Let us be one with them in prayer.

We pray for the special intentions:

Norma Doyle, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, Robert Main, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Maurice Byrne, Julian Letter, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, Lorelie Donkin, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Sue Dechow, Victor Cruz, Zoe Whittingstall, Comple Family, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van Moorsel, June Higgins, Allysa and Leonie Dorothy Hard

If you have a loved one who wishes to be included, or you would like to update your information in our prayer list, please do not hesitate to message or ring us.

Anniversary of Death for this month: Maria Szczebetiuk, Stephen Vanni

Recent Death: Franciszek Drzezdzon

ROSARY STATUES:

Pilgrim Statue
Sue & Donald Maine

Filipino Statue
Oyan & Alfie Sobik

Our PARISH OFFICE is now OPEN

Our Parish Office will be opened ONLY on Friday from 9am until 12noon. During all other times, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone or email.

Phone: (08) 9841 1129

Email: albacath@iinet.net.au

PARISH FINANCE

Your donation can make a big difference.

OPTION 1: Planned Giving Pledge Forms are available from the parish office.

OPTION 2:

ONLINE BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Albany Catholic Parish
BSB: 086-006 A/C: 84-698-5771
Reference: Your Name-Planned Giving

Last Weekend's Collections

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

1st Collection: \$1,309.00
2nd Collection: \$1,225.00
Direct Debit / EFT: \$207.50

Thank you for your generosity and support

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Sunday, 14 February 2021

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: Corinthians 10: 31-11:1

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

13/14 February 2021

Saturday 6pm Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Gavin Higgins

Reader: Jan Fisher, Mark Browning

Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Ron Webb

Readers: Anne Letter, Mike Trafalski

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon/ Acolyte: Manuel Navalta

Readers: Colleen Purdon, Ruth Coffey

Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: John Kelly

Readers: Ana Pauley, Vicki Byrne

PPC/Finance Committee Leadership Day

Sunday February 7, 11.00am - 3.00pm

All members of the PPC and the Finance committee are asked to attend this Leadership Day. Lunch will be provided. Simone Meuzelaar: 0429 995 232

Catholic Women's League of Albany

will hold their first meeting for 2021. Our AGM will be on Tuesday, 16 February at 1.00pm in New Camfield. All ladies of the parish are most welcome. Most positions have been accepted again for 2021. So please attend, fellowship will be after the meeting. Please bring a plate to share. For further information, please phone Jenny: 0438 241 100 or Colleen: 0417 447 588
Jenny Dul, Secretary CWL Albany

Men's Fellowship Group Meeting

Saturday 13 February at 8.00am in the Vancouver Street Café. New members welcome. For further information please contact Michael Collins on 0428 746 734.

St Joseph's College Community

The staff and students of St Joseph's College are in our prayers as they begin a new school year...the year that Pope Francis has designated as the Year of St Joseph.

Parish News

The **Old Convent** is now being leased by Skill Hire. We are grateful for your support during this past year.
Parish Finance Committee

Musicians and Singers

An invitation is extended to ALL musicians and singers in the parish, including St Joseph's School students and teachers, to join a 'combined choir' for the Triduum Liturgies this year. That is: Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday celebration of the Lord's Passion and the great Easter Vigil on Saturday night. Stay tuned for more details....



Annual Leave

Fr Joeff will be taking annual leave from 2 - 10 February. We wish him a safe and restful break.

After-School Catechism Classes Commence

Monday, 8 February 3.45 - 5.00pm at New Camfield.

We look forward to seeing you all as we begin 2021.

Anne Smith: 0478 616 137
Catechist Coordinator



ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS TIMES

Day of Obligation
Day of Fasting and
Abstinence.



17 February

- 9.00am at Holy Family Church
- 12noon at St Joseph's Church
- 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 6.00pm in St Joseph's Church during the Lenten season commencing 19 February.

LENTEN REFLECTION

17 March, 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Lent

31 March, 6.30pm

Communal Reconciliation in Holy Family Church



PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

Discussion groups will be held every Wednesday during the Lenten Season.

Group Leader

Frank Geers: 0438 651 675

7.00pm Wednesdays: 2 Koonwarra Close
Group Leaders

Hans & Agnes Fleck: 9841 7767

7.30pm Wednesdays: New Camfield.

Group Leader

Anne Wiseman: 9841 3121

1.30pm Wednesdays: 20 Baudin Place

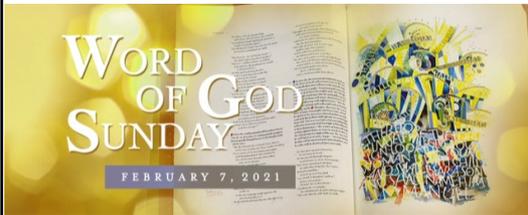
If you would like to join one of the Parish Lenten Groups please contact the group leader or the parish office.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

A group is being formed to begin the RCIA programme, that is, spending an hour per week in discussion, finding out more about the Church. This may lead to participating in the Sacraments of Initiation to become a full member of the Catholic Church. If interested, please contact Anne Smith on 0478 616 137.



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY



The Church in Australia will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February each year, starting with February 7, 2021.

Pope Francis last year instituted the celebration when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

“The bishops recognised the need to create a Sunday free from potential distraction when setting the date for the Sunday of the Word of God,” said Archbishop Patrick O’Regan, chair of the Bishops Commission for Liturgy.

“The Church’s love for Sacred Scripture is often misunderstood or underestimated, so this occasion offers us the opportunity celebrate the Word of God in new and diverse ways,” Archbishop O’Regan said.

Among ways Catholics and Catholic communities are being encouraged to mark the day are special display of Sacred Scripture or the Book of the Gospels, the establishment of Bible study groups or the adoption of lectio divina, a common practice of reflection on Scripture.

“The Second Vatican Council explained that the proclamation of the Word is one of the primary ways the faithful encounter Christ’s sacramental presence during the liturgy,” Archbishop O’Regan said.

“May the first Sunday in February become a day when that presence is felt and celebrated in a particular way.”

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/sunday-of-the-word-of-god-set-for-february/>

CONTACT REGISTER

Places of Worship have now been given an exemption from the 2 square metre ruling and allowed to have 60% capacity in attendance. However, to assist with COVID-19 Contact Tracing the WA Government has stipulated we must maintain a **Mandatory Contact Register**. There are 2 options available to register your contact details each time you attend church.

Option 1: Write your name and phone number on the Contact Register in the foyer of the church.

Option 2: Download the SafeWA app on your phone and scan the QR code which is on the front page of the bulletin and also on the posters displayed.

I ask everyone to please still strictly observe the following protocols:

- **Please sanitise your hands thoroughly.**
- **COMMUNION is to be received by the hand.**
- Sanitising wipes are available for you to use to wipe over your seat.
- **MASS COLLECTION**, a collector will use a basket on a stick to refrain from passing the basket. In **St Joseph’s church**, we will only have one collection, so you may include your Planned Giving Envelopes with the first. At **Holy Family church**, we will still keep the two collections.

Thank you for your kind understanding! Fr Chris, OSJ

OUR TIMETABLE DAILY MASSES

In St Joseph’s Church ONLY

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Saturday - 9:00am Mass**

Friday - 12:00noon Mass

*First Friday of the month - Healing Mass

Daily Devotions:

Mon, Wed and Thurs 8:30am - LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday 8:30am - ROSARY

**Friday 10:00am - Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament;
Divine Chaplet before the Mass**

**Saturday 9:45am onwards -
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*First Thursday of the month 6:00pm - Holy Hour

*Third Sunday of the month 3:00pm - Benediction and Rosary

**St Joseph’s Church is open for personal prayer and
devotion from 9:30am until 5:00pm everyday.**

WEEKEND MASSES

Holy Family Church

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

St Joseph’s Church

Sunday 7:30am

Sunday 5:00pm

STATION MASSES

Gnowangerup

2nd & 4th Sunday, 9:30am

Bremer Bay

3rd Sunday, 9:30am

Ongerup

2nd Sunday, 11:30am