

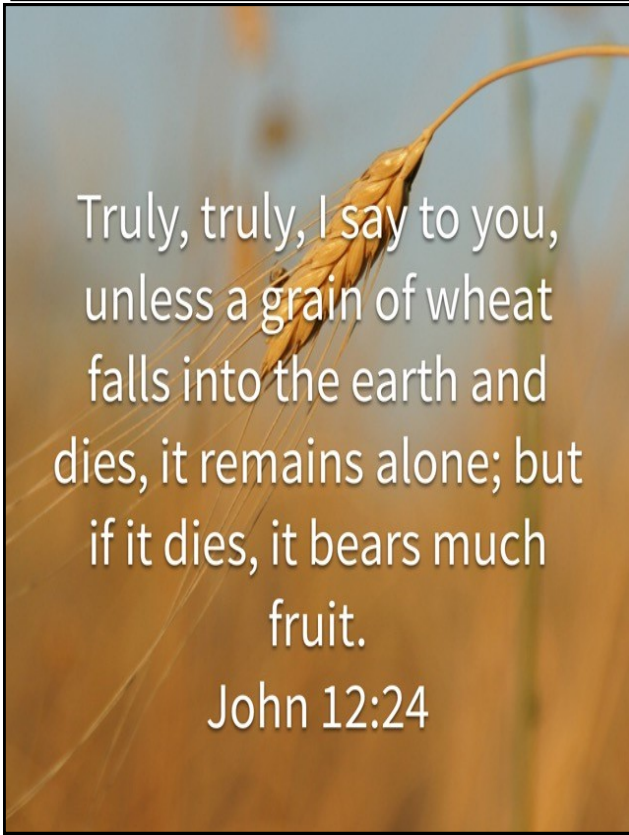


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HOLY FAMILY PARISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, Year B
 Sunday 21 March 2021

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



Truly, truly, I say to you,
 unless a grain of wheat
 falls into the earth and
 dies, it remains alone; but
 if it dies, it bears much
 fruit.

John 12:24

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year B
Sunday, 21 March 2021

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Responsorial Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory to you, Word of God,
 Lord Jesus Christ!**

**If you serve me, follow me, says the
 Lord; And where I am, my servant
 will also be.**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
 Jesus Christ!**

Gospel:

John 12: 20-33

Communion Antiphon:

**Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a
 grain of wheat falls to the ground
 and dies, it remains a single grain.
 But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

The Call to Die

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” *John 12:24*
 Death does not necessarily sound all that inviting to most people. So, how should we look at death?

First of all, death, literally speaking, is a passing from this world to the next. When our time comes in accord with the will of God, we should welcome it and anticipate our full immersion into the life of God.

But this Scripture passage speaks of death on another level. We should see ourselves represented by the grain of wheat that achieves its potential only by falling to the ground and dying. In that natural act, it is planted in the fertile soil and grows, producing an abundance of good fruit.

How should we see ourselves represented in this natural action? We do so by embracing death to self so that we can be planted in the fertile soil of the grace of God and produce an abundance of good fruit.

Dying to oneself means that we let go of all selfishness in life. First, all intentional acts of selfishness must be let go, but then even unintended selfishness must be let go. What is “unintended selfishness”?

Unintended selfishness is a way of referring to everything in life that you hold on to and cling to simply because you want it for yourself. This could include even good things such as a loving relationship. It’s not that we should do away with good things in life, such as loving relationships; rather, we must not cling to anything, even good things, for selfish motives. Love, when it is authentic love inspired by God, always is detached and selfless, looking only toward the good of the other. This is the purest death to self that we can live. When this level of love is lived, that of complete selfless detachment, God enters into our lives and into each particular situation of our lives, bringing forth an abundance of good fruit. This is a gift that is more powerful than anything we can do on our own, because it is the fruit of a total death to self, transformed by God into new life.

Reflect, today, upon your calling to die. First, reflect upon the literal death from this world that you will one day experience. Do not fear that moment; rather, see it as a glorious transition into the fullness of life. Second, look for ways that you can die to yourself, here and now. Identify practical and concrete ways that God is calling you to this form of death. Know that in this act, glorious gifts of new life await.

Lord, I give myself to You and Your holy will in a total and sacrificial way. I choose to die to self so that You can bring forth new life from this act of selfless surrender. Take me, dear Lord, and do with me as You will. 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.

We pray for the special intentions:

Lillian Pauley, 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 Alesna, Rick Purdon, Fr Joseph Tran, Peter Nguyen, Peter Foale, Dick Haines, Grant Clark, Frederick Maiden

Recent Death: Hilary Keenan, Robin Knotts

ROSARY STATUES: *Pilgrim Statue*
Vicki and Maurice Byrnes

Filipino Statue
Vicky Southworth

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

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

1st Collection: \$1,252.00
2nd Collection: \$890.00
Direct Debit / EFT: \$177.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 28 MARCH 2021

Psalm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory! Christ became obedient
for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him
a name above all other names. Praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Mark 15: 1-39

Rosters

Saturday 6pm Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Manuel Navalta
Readers: Helen Polette, Steph Gorman
Narrator: Chris Palfrey

Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Stan Bemben
Reader: Basil Worner
Narrator: Anne Letter

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon/ Acolyte: Ron Webb
Readers: Anne Smith, Christine Liau
Narrator: Colleen Purdon

Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Mike Matusiak
Readers: Patricia Pauley, William Pauley
Narrator: Vicki Byrne

**Holy Family Parish Music Ministry
Combined Choir Music Rehearsal**
FINAL REHEARSAL: Saturday Night 27th March
7.30-8.30pm Holy Family Church
Parish Music Ministry Coordinator: Angela Gorman
M: 0407 389 751 E: angelabendotti@hotmail.com

**Oblates of St Joseph Mission Appeal
20/21 March**

Holy Family Parish has been blessed to be served over many years by the Oblates of St Joseph. This weekend is an opportunity for us to show our appreciation. Funds collected will be supporting the Formation of Oblates of St Joseph Seminarians.



Annual ACIES Ceremony

A warm invitation is extended to join the Legion of Mary annual ACIES ceremony on **Sunday 21 March** at 2.00pm in St Joseph's Church. Afternoon tea will follow at New Camfield.

Wood-Men's Retreat

Saturday 10 April - Sunday 11 April

All men in our parish community are invited to join an overnight camping trip in Tambellup. Time will be spent bonding whilst collecting wood to be raffled and sold for fundraising for the parish. The main purpose of the weekend however, is to offer men the chance to gather together, enjoying lamb on a spit and liquid refreshments by the campfire. It is a great opportunity for community building, please join us. For further information, please speak with Fr Chris or Peter Yuswak: 0437 844 721 Julian Letter: 0427 258 230



Marriage Encounter

An Australia wide Virtual weekend is being zoomed 30th April to 2nd of May. Couples can enrich their marriage in a private space in their own homes, using computer with good internet connection. The regular weekend has been thoroughly adapted because of the virus and used successfully in the Eastern States.

To register interest and book contact Brendan and Valerie: 0424 220 625
Information also on the Marriage Encounter website: www.wwme.org.au or Fr Pat Rooney: 0428 771 440

Short Term Accommodation

Notre Dame University physiotherapy students require accommodation from 19 April to 21 May, 2021 while completing their clinical placements in Albany. A flat or unit would be most suitable rather than a billeting arrangement. If anyone can provide assistance, please contact the parish office for further information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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 leaders or the parish office on 9841 1129.

Lent



Bishop's Lenten Pastoral Letter

Please take home a copy of the Bishop's Lenten Pastoral Letter, available in the foyer of both churches.

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.



PALM SUNDAY

27 March

6.00pm Holy Family Church
Blessing of the palms during the Final Blessing.

28 March

7.30am St Joseph's Church
Blessing of the palms on the side of the Old Convent & procession back to the Church for Mass.

9.30am Holy Family Church
Blessings of the palms in front of the Church and procession back to the Church for Mass.

5.00pm St Joseph's Church
Blessing of the palms during the Final Blessing.

HOLY WEDNESDAY

31 March

Second Rite of Reconciliation
6.30pm Holy Family Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1 April

9.00am LAUDS (Morning Prayer)
St Joseph's Church

7.00pm Holy Family Church
Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of the Feet
Adoration after Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

2 April

9.00am LAUDS (Morning Prayer)
St Joseph's Church

10.00am Walk to Calvary
St Joseph's College Oval
Near Holy Family Church

10.00am St Joseph's Church
Traditional Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Holy Family Church
PASSION OF THE LORD
Adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY

3 April

9.00am LAUDS (Morning Prayer)
St Joseph's Church

7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
Blessing of Fire and Water
Holy Family Church

EASTER SUNDAY

4 April Easter Sunday Mass

7.30am St Joseph's Church

9.30am Holy Family Church

5.00pm St Joseph's Church

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