Loving Those in Need

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Mark 9:36–37

What is it about the image of a child that helps Jesus illustrate an important point? The answer to this question must be understood as a contrast between one who is like a child and one who holds a worldly view of greatness.

A child is one who is poor, dependent, humble and in need. A child cannot take care of his/her own needs. Rather, a child needs the care of parents. So it is with us in our relationship with God. We are not considered great by being independent, powerful, well respected, successful, etc. This is a worldly view of greatness. The Apostles, in this passage, were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus, in pointing to a child, shows that greatness is not about what you accomplish or the like; rather, greatness is found in becoming dependent upon Christ. Additionally, it is found in seeking out those who are in need (as a child is in need of care) and offering the love and care others need. It’s a call to compassion and concern for the poor and needy among us.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are ready and willing to reach out to those in need among you. Who are they? What is their need? Do you seek them out and offer love and support? Doing this is what will make you truly great in the eyes of God.

Lord, may I seek You in the poor, the broken-hearted, the sinner and all those in need. Please fill my heart with compassion and concern for others. 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:
Corinne Carrington, Wendy Stephens, Lillian Pauley, Norma Doyle, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, 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, Victor Cruz, Comple Family, Theresa Macauy, Halina Van Moorsel, June Higgins, Alyssa and Leonie Dorothy Hard, John Touzell, Vicki Southworth, Robert Main

Anniversary of Death: Domenico & Carmela Lembo, Veronica Baldomar

Recent Death: Mercedes Pescante, Marcelino Navalta

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.

ROSARY STATUES:
Pilgrim Statue
Susan Burns

Filipino Statue
Mila

PARISH OFFICE Opening Hours
Our Parish Office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am until 12.30pm. 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
Today’s second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, “Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.”

1st Collection: $922.00
2nd Collection: $2092.00
Direct Debit / EFT: $174.11

Thank you for your continued generosity.

INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm:
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Rosters

Saturday 6pm Mass: Holy Family Church
Deacon / Acolyte: Ron Webb
Readers: Erica Mielens, Cris Palfrey

Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph’s Church
Deacon / Acolyte: John Kelly
Readers: Peter Jeffs, Julie Jeffs

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church
Deacon/ Acolyte: Peter Nagon
Readers: Helen Lecky, Marinela / Leizel

Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph’s Church
Deacon / Acolyte: Alfred Galang
Readers: Georgia Clark, Joanne / Juan Clark
First Reconciliation
Twenty two children are looking forward to participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this coming Tuesday, September 21. The liturgy will begin at 5.30 p.m. in Holy Family Church.

We ask for your prayers for these children, as they begin their journey to become full members of our Church.

First Scrutiny RCIA
At 6 p.m. on Saturday September 25, at Holy Family church, the five adult Catechumens and Candidates who are on their journey to become full members of our Church, will participate in the Rite of the first of the three Scrutinies before Confirmation.

SVDP Festival Mass
Mrs Gladys Demissie, State President of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, will attend the SVDP Southern Region Festival Mass on Sunday, September 26. Members of other Southern Region Conferences are travelling to Albany to also participate in this Mass, which will be held in Holy Family church at 9.30 a.m.

Readers’ Roster
We’re looking for readers to fill vacancies on the roster, who can read at any of the following Masses: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am & 5.00pm.
If you are a confident public speaker and would like to join the roster, please contact the parish office.

Catholic Women’s League (CWL)
The Catholic Women’s League of Albany are holding their monthly meeting next Tuesday, 21st September at 1.00pm. Come over to New Camfield to join!

All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary
ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign, ‘One Million Children Praying the Rosary’ for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others!

Register and learn more at www.aidtochurchof.org/one-million-children

Congratulations!
We welcome and congratulate Caxian Meniado who has received the Sacrament of Baptism in August! Our prayers are with you as you begin your faith journey.

Choir Lunch
On Sunday 35 members from Holy Family parish Music Ministry gathered for a BBQ lunch at Angela and Andrew Gorman's home. It was a wonderful celebration for all of the choirs to come together socially - new members and some who have been ministering for over 30 years! We hope to make this an annual event for our wonderful choirs.

HE’BREWS Meet & Greet
Congratulations to the Parish Pastoral Council headed by Simone Meuzelaar for holding the Ecumenical Cuppa at New Camfield last Sunday.

Aside from various Service groups that we have from our parish, it has been attended by various pastors/ministers from other Christian churches in Albany. It was a wonderful experience to reach out and be "ecumenical" as the Lord calls us to be, and spent time in a conversation on how we can be of service to a wider and bigger community in Albany.

Definitely, this initiative, which was under a trial phase, will be happening again in the nearest future.

So watch out!
COVID-19 REGULATIONS - PHASE 5

COVID-19 Phase 5 WA Government Regulations stipulate we must still 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 posters displayed.

Regulations also recommend maintaining good hygiene standards and COVID-safe principles. Therefore I ask everyone to please still sanitise your hands thoroughly.

Thank you for your kind understanding! Fr Chris, OSJ

PARISH 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 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Third Sunday of the month: 3:00pm Benediction & 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

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‘Women of Substance’ CWCI Breakfast

Let’s celebrate the love of God

Guest speakers Vicki Hooper and Lisa Colback will be joining us at Motel Le Grande for the Albany ‘Women of Substance’ Breakfast.

This event, held by Christian Women Communicating International, will take place on Saturday, 23rd October at 8.00am - 11.00am.

All Christian women are invited to attend - tickets for the event are available for $33.00 at Albany Christian Bookshop.