

St Vincent's Catholic Church Parish of Kwinana

St Vincent's Community Mantra 2022
'Plant Kindness, Gather Love'



1581–1660
Feast Day: 27 September

4th Sunday of Lent Year C
26th/27th March 2022

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NORMAL MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 9.00am & 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8.00am & 10.00am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday: 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Wednesday: 6.15pm to 6.45pm

(or by appointment)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday: 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Saturday: 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Morning Prayer

Tuesday to Saturday before Mass

Children's Liturgy of The Word

During Sunday Mass at 10am

(Please check bulletin for dates.)

Registration is essential.



The parable of **The Prodigal Son** is a familiar one. We know that the father in the parable represents God. In the story, we may find ourselves identifying with one of the two sons. Like the older son, we may find ourselves angry, resentful and indignant when we fail to receive the rewards we think we deserve. However, more often than not, we identify with the younger son.

Our relationship with God is a constant cry of remorse and repentance, when we realise the errors of our ways, and we return to the Father to seek forgiveness.

The parable of **The Prodigal Son** is not so much a teaching about forgiveness, but of mercy. Not human mercy, but mercy from God. Human mercy needs something to forgive, whereas God does not. Human mercy comes from our own sinfulness, which is not the case with God. God's mercy comes into this world as forgiveness, but that is down to us and our human behaviour. God does not need us to sin in order to show us love. So, in the parable, the older son is loved perfectly by the father, but he had somehow lost sight of that. It is interesting that the words of the father to the older son, "you are with me always and all I have is yours" is similar to Jesus' words to the Father in the Gospel of John, "all I have is yours and all you have is mine". The mercy of God is the love of the persons of the Trinity for each other, shared with humanity. Mercy is the most godlike of all virtues.

*The Lord your God is gracious
and MERCIFUL
and will not turn away his face from you.*

To receive God's mercy and earn his forgiveness, it starts with prayer, because prayer leads us to God. Prayers give us the opportunity to look within ourselves, to face our shortcomings and return to God's infinite goodness and love.

That is why forgiveness is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer and why a life of prayer is always a life of mercy. To put it another way, we might start from our own heart in committing ourselves to a course of action, but if we wish to commit ourselves to mercy, we must start from the heart of God, from the life of the Holy Trinity.



Baptism

1st and 3rd Sunday
of each month.

Kindly contact the Parish
Secretary for more information.

Marriage

A minimum of 6 months is required
for marriage preparation.

Please make an appointment with
Father Thi or Father Truc



Prayer Request

Chris De Rozario	Mary McLaughlin
Helene Iriks	John McLaughlin
Michael Slattery	Jane Bengura
Paula Fazzino	Colin Brayan
Peter Fitzgerald	Celia Brayan
Laraine Thomas	Alcino Morais
Noelene Drane	Maria Morais
Lucia Earnshaw	Joseph Morais
Frances Peters	Jancy Biju
James Tully	Sheila Wegwemer
Ines Willcocks	Lucia D'Amico
Denise Philander	Arnold Anggot
Lyn Dally	Les Kinsella
Doris Lawton	Denise Egan

Please pray for everyone on our Prayer List.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK			
Saturday	26 Mar	6.00pm	† Jacinta Bernardo Cruz (Annv) (req. by Marie) Thanksgiving for blessings received (Dominic Figredo)
Sunday	27 Mar	8.00am	† Anthony Llanos
Sunday	27 Mar	10.00am	† Nelson Dagohey (Annv) (req. by Noel & Marites Braza) Thanksgiving for blessings received for Wilhem & Cherry (req. by Nene Pease)
Tuesday	29 Mar	9.00am	Parishioners' Intentions
Wednesday	30 Mar	9.00am	Parishioners' Intentions
Thursday	31 Mar	9.00am	† Sandra Johnston (Annv) (req. by David Johnston)
Friday	1 Apr	9.00am	Parishioners' Intentions
Saturday	2 Apr	9.00am	† Claire Maingot

WHAT'S COMING UP

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVDP Society meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 2.00pm at the SVDP Society Centre (3 Calista Ave. Calista).

ROSARY

Join us in praying the Rosary in Church every Thursday at 9.45am. All are welcome!

24:7 SOUTH YOUTH GROUP

For all youths from Years 7 to 12. Every Friday 7pm-9pm @ Kolbe Catholic College Sports Hall. Call Jerome (0468 695 932) or Bella (0497 032 793) for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be CLOTW this Sunday on **27 March** during the 10am mass. Children between 4 and 8 years old, and who have yet to receive their First Holy Communion are invited to attend. Registration is essential.



CLEANING ROSTER

2 Apr Jo & Bob Thompson
9 Apr Michelle & Raymond Reyes

COUNTING ROSTER

27 Mar Jim & Mary
3 April Pat Gamage & Joan Rose

* Discovering Catholic Values: An Introduction to the Basics of our Faith

Last week, our course was postponed. This week, the session continues and the topic is **"Why is there suffering in the world?"** Come join us on **30 March** at **7.30pm** in Church.

* Easter Raffle—POSTPONED

Due to CoVid restrictions, we have not had our full strength in congregation numbers. So, our Easter Raffle is postponed, as we would like everyone to have the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes that are available. We'll have more information as soon as restrictions ease. Watch this space!

* Easter Cookies

The Cookie Ladies are back! Kim and Andrea have baked up another batch of cookies for Easter. Cookies sell at \$10 for a box of 6 cookies. Kim also has some lovely Easter choco-pops at \$2 each. These will be sold on **2/3 April** at all masses. First in, best dressed. Proceeds to go to the Church Building Fund.



Thank you **Thea and Bram Ziegelaar** for polishing the handles of the front doors to the Church. They look amazing and shiny now! Thank you! We appreciate you both!



Baptism

Congratulations to **Holly Rose, Levi Gingoyon, Niana Aguirre & Griffin Pagaduan** who were baptised into the Catholic faith last weekend on **20 March**.

May God bless them, their parents and Godparents on their spiritual journey, and may they ever be fervent witnesses to our faith.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF Lent



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that

in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

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GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you, I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your Son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come"

replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Project Compassion 2022

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, **Rosalie 44**, is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to re-adjust to civilian life.

Please donate generously to Project Compassion 2022, to help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope **For All Future Generations**. Please take a donation box home today!



Funeral Service

Our deepest condolences to the family of Joel Slinger who passed early this week.



The funeral service will be held on **31 March (Thursday)** at **1pm**.

Next Sunday's Readings 5th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Isaiah 43:16-21;
Philippians 3:8-14;
John 8:1-11.

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