

CATHEDRAL PARISH

St Mary's Cathedral,
St Francis Xavier Church, St Catherine Labouré Chapel,
All Saints Chapel

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The Cathedral parish acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Friday 24 December

6:00 pm - Children & Families' Nativity Mass

9:00 pm - Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass

10:30 pm - Lessons and Carols

Saturday 25 December

12:00 am - Midnight Solemn Pontifical Mass

8:00 am - Dawn Mass of the Birth of Jesus

9:30 am - Christmas Day Mass

11:00 am - Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christmas Day

5:00 pm - Christmas Evening Mass

Sunday 26 December

8:00am - Mass

9:30am - Mass

11:00am - Mass

5:00pm - Mass

Monday – Friday

8:00am - Mass

11:00am - 12:00 noon Confession

12:10pm - Mass

Wednesday 7:30pm - Miraculous Medal Novena

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

Saturday, 1 January

6:00 pm Fr Sean Fernandez

(C) Ronellie Lenon

(R) Helen Sisto

Sunday, 2 January

8:00 am Fr Garner Vergara

(C) Christina Mathew

(R) Eleanor Le Coultre

(R) Godfrey Bonavia

9:30 am Fr Garner Vergara

(C) Brendon Norris

(R) Pam Mattes

(R) Rebecca Henderson

11:00 am Fr Richard Rutkauskas

(C) Perry Larson-Pearse

(R) Lolita Hegarty

(R) Arvee Guevara

5:00 pm Fr Stephen Ochola

(C) Ashton Godfrey

(R) Christine Stewart

(R) Revonne Godfrey

8:30 am ST CATHERINE LABOURÉ

Fr Sean Fernandez

9:30 am ST FRANCIS XAVIER

Fr Richard Rutkauskas

(R) Grace

(R) Ken

DEAN'S BIT Welcome to St Mary's Cathedral for the celebration of the feasts of Christmas. On Saturday we celebrate the feast of the Lord's birth and on Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family.

The heart of the Christmas feasts is then good news of God's Son pitching his tent amongst us, making his home with us. The Son became human in every way that you and I are human apart from sin. God's Son, who holds all of creation in his hand, becomes a crying, vulnerable baby in the life of a young couple from a backwater hamlet, Bethlehem. This is the love which moves everything, 'the love which moves the Sun and other stars' in Dante's words.

We come together with the joys and sorrows of life, with the togetherness and brokenness of our lives and relationships. God made his home with us, his messy human beings, walking with us as we are to lead us to his Kingdom. Maybe this love calls us to patient and accepting at home with our family this Christmas, not to let our differences or woundedness be a focus, but, for this sacred time, to focus on welcoming, accepting, loving each other just as we are: Loving the other, welcoming the other as other, just as God welcomes us into his life. Love and welcome makes possible every other step on the journey together.

The Cathedral priests and staff pray that you and yours have a blessed Christmas.

CATHEDRAL VACCINE CLINIC The Cathedral hosted a Covid19-vaccine clinic on 18/19 December and will host the clinic again on 8 and 9 January. We are hosting the clinic in collaboration with the COVID19 command and Royal Perth Hospital. Getting vaccinated is an act of love for your neighbour. If you haven't been vaccinated, just haven't gotten round to it or would like your booster, come along to the clinic. Roll up for your brothers and sisters and yourself! **Saturday 8 January** 12noon – 6pm and **Sunday 9 January** 9am – 2pm

THANK YOU FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEART to Christina Lynn, the leader of our youth band, who 'retires' from this ministry at the Cathedral after the 5pm Christmas Mass. Tina has been leading the youth band for 12 years and has made an incredible contribution to the Cathedral's liturgy. She will be missed. With her departure, our youth band is folding up. Thank you too to Guijon Cabagyo and Niall Nazareth, current members of the group for their generous contribution to Cathedral music. Over the years many members have come and gone including Pierre, Hillary, Bryan, Michael, Celestina Chin, Aimee, Valentina, Rose, Aileen, Deborah, Bianca, Flora, Jaime, Russell, Mariela, Carmelia, Inn, Precious, Manuel, Bren, Sean, Karen, Darryl, Jerrison, Bernadette, Karl, Violet, Cecil, Guilbert, Adrian, Aldrin, Daniela, Dennel, Jarriel, Katrina, Lisa, Sandra, Dennis, Mark and Raymond. We are grateful to all of them; may God bless them. I know that Tina will continue to make a great contribution to the church and ask to join me in praying God's blessing upon her and her future ministry.

CATHEDRAL HOSPITALITY HELPERS In the survey recently conducted by the Parish Pastoral Council there was a strong desire for more social activities within the parish. To enable this to happen we need people to be part of our Hospitality Action Group. All skill sets are required from organisers to those who prepare to servers to those who clean up and everything in between. This is your chance to be involved and help our parish community flourish. Please leave your name on the sheet at the back of the church or email ppc.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au

GIVE THE GIFT OF A BRIGHTER FUTURE TO MOTHERS LIKE MARIA THIS CHRISTMAS For years Maria, a young

mother living in northern Tanzania, struggled to earn an income and provide enough food to feed her family. Unable to read, write or count, her opportunities to make a living were limited. Her farm often produced poor harvests due to water scarcity, and Maria was forced to travel long distances to collect water. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Maria was able to join the A+ program and participate in training about sustainable farming, literacy and numeracy, gender awareness, hygiene and sanitation. With her new skills, Maria is now able to produce enough food to feed her family, earn a sustainable income, and has even become a leader in her community. **When you support a mother like Maria, it has the power to uplift her entire family. This Christmas, give a family like Maria's the gift of a brighter future. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/christmas-appeal or call 1800 024 413 toll free to support vulnerable families doing it tough this year.**

