

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.

OUR MISSION

We strive to be an inspiring Catholic community in the heart of our city, welcoming everyone and providing sanctuary for the marginalized, the sorrowful and the seeker of Jesus' love.

CATHEDRAL PARISH

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The Cathedral toilets are downstairs and accessible to the public. Please ensure that children are accompanied when they go to the toilets. Let's work together to build a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. Contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns or questions.



There is a feedback box in the foyer if you have any suggestions, etc. for the safeguarding officers.

THE EPIPHANY YEAR A

Saturday 7 January 2023

5:00pm – 6:00pm Confessions
6:00pm – Vigil Mass

Sunday 8 January 2023

8:00 am – Mass
9:30 am – Mass
11:00 am – Mass
2:00 pm – Croatian Mass
5:00 pm – Mass

Monday – Friday

8:00am – Mass
11:00am – 12:00 Noon Confession
12:10pm – Mass

Wednesday

7:30pm – Miraculous Medal Novena

Friday

11:00am – Holy Hour

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

Saturday 14 January

6:00 pm Fr Israel Quirit
(C) Connie Carroll
(R) Maria Borce

Sunday 15 January

8:00 am Fr Richard Rutkauskas
(C) Helen Ho
(R) Thomas Everett
(R) Jessica Patterson

9:30 am Fr Sean Fernandez
(C) Leticia Craig
(R) Stephanie Schenk
(R) Pam Mattes

11:00 am Fr Richard Rutkauskas
(C) Benna Masbate
(R) Anna Rowe
(R) Lolita Hegarty

5:00 pm Fr Richard Smith
(C) Ashton Godfrey
(R) Christine Stewart
(R) Revonne Godfrey

9:30 am **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**

Fr Israel Quirit
(R) Grace
(R) Lourdes

DEAN As a Cathedral community we have been united with Catholics throughout the world in praying for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. The Archbishop is celebrating a memorial Mass for Benedict at 11am this Sunday. Pope Benedict wrote three encyclicals on love and hope; a fourth on faith was completed by Pope Francis. They are sublime reflections on the theological virtues. *Spe Salvi*, the encyclical on hope, can give us food for meditation as we pray for the repose of Benedict XVI. In one section he reflects on purgatory and frames it in terms of encounter with Christ:

The encounter with him is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation "as through fire". But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God.... The transforming "moment" of this encounter eludes earthly time-reckoning—it is the heart's time, it is the time of "passage" to communion with God in the Body of Christ.

Pope Benedict also offered an image to counter more static visions of eternal life: *It would be like plunging into the ocean of infinite love, a moment in which time—the before and after—no longer exists. We can only attempt to grasp the idea that such a moment is life in the full sense, a plunging ever anew into the vastness of being, in which we are simply overwhelmed with joy.*

And finally he encourages us to pray for those who have died: *my gratitude to the other—my prayer for him—can play a small part in his purification.* And a final word of hope that our prayer for one who has died is never too late for *it is never too late to touch the heart of another, nor is it ever in vain.*

May Joseph Ratzinger in the encounter with Christ become totally Joseph Ratzinger and thus totally of God.

SINULOG 2023 With profound gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Damayang Filipino in coordination with St Mary's Cathedral Filipino Core Group, joyfully invites everyone to the celebration of the Feast of Sto. Niño on the 15th January, 2023. The Holy Mass starts at 2:00pm celebrated by the Most Rev. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe at St Mary's Cathedral. All devotees, pilgrims, and guests are encouraged to bring their Sto. Niño images with them and some finger food to share. Let us continue to walk with Sto. Niño who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:16); and with a heart full of faith we acclaim: *"Viva, Pit Señor! Viva Señor Santo Niño!"* For more information, please contact Marvin – 0433043008 or Flo – 0467718145.

CATHEDRAL SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2023 Please find the dates for the Confirmation and First Communion Programmes below. If your child does not attend a Catholic school please contact the Cathedral office regarding additional classes. Please also contact the office if your child has not made their first confession. There are information letters on Confirmation and First Communion in the foyer. You can enrol online at stmaryscathedralperth.com.au and then choosing the appropriate menu option under sacraments.



Confirmation

Event	Date	Time	Place
Enrolment and Commitment Mass	11 March 2023	6pm	Cathedral
Parent-child workshop	18 May 2023	5pm – 6.30pm	Parish Centre
Confirmation Mass	28 May 2023	11am	Cathedral

First Communion

Event	Date	Time	Place
Enrolment and Commitment Mass	24 June 2023	6pm	Cathedral
Parent-child workshop	3 August 2023	5pm – 6pm	Parish Centre
First Communion Mass	19 August 2023	11am	Cathedral