

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.... Starting from this Wednesday, we are entering into a very important forty days of our faith. In this period, we are asked to look deeper into our faith by our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is not enough for us to keep the practices that the Church set out for us, it is also beneficial if we understand the background and reasons why we keep them. Let us look at some of the questions with regard to Lent.

What is Lent? Historically, Lent is the forty day period before Easter, excluding Sundays; it began on Ash Wednesday (it is also a day of fast and abstinence) and ended on Holy Saturday. In recent years, this has been modified so that it now ends with evening Mass on Holy Thursday, to prepare the way for Triduum. Since Lent is a period of prayer and fasting, it is fitting for Christians to imitate their Lord with a forty day period. Christ used a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for His ministry, which culminated in his death and resurrection.

What is a day of fasting and abstinence? Under current Canon Law, a day of fast is one on which Catholics who are eighteen to sixty years old are required to keep a limited fast. Children are not required to fast, but their parents must ensure they are properly educated in the spiritual practice of fasting. Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake can be dispensed from the requirement of fasting.

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DAY	SAINTS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SCHEDULE 15-21 FEBRUARY 2010 6TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (1)
MONDAY	9.00am Mass
TUESDAY	9.00am Mass
WEDNESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass
THURSDAY	9.00am Mass
FRIDAY	12.00noon Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	9.00am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation (till 10.00am) 5.30pm Reconciliation (till 6.00pm) FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 6.30pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Thai Vu (pp@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)
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Secretary/Bursar: Rossana Terpolilli
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John Paul Care
Co-ordinator: Betty Thompson (9457 4991)



Stewardship

A Way of Life

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings, "*Blessed are they who hope in the Lord*". As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

See Psalm 1

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A day of abstinence is a day on which Catholics 14 years or older are required to abstain from eating meat. It is encouraged that all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, but Canon Law does not require fasting on those days. Such fasting or abstinence is voluntary, like a freewill offering.

Have a nice and holy fasting/abstain day. Remember not to make others unhappy because we are fasting. I know it is not easy when our stomachs are rumbling for food. **FR THAI VU**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2010....

Saints John & Paul church is to host the prayer service on Friday, 5th March at 10.00am. The Christian committee of the West African country of Cameroon was selected to program the prayer service.



All Christians around the World are asked to pray for, and with, the people of Cameroon on this day. Please come and support this World Day of Prayer, particularly as we are the host church for all the Christian churches in our area. The service will be about 1 to 1-1/4 hours and morning tea will be served in the hall afterwards. Enquiries and assistance welcomed. **Pat Bonser phone: 9332 6219.**

URGENTLY WANTED.... Granny flat or 2 rooms to let for a senior lady seeking shared accommodation in the Willetton area. Lady has own furniture. If you can help, please phone Michela on 9457 0763.

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES commence on Tuesday, 16 February at 4.00pm at the Parish Centre. Even if you have not returned your completed enrolment forms, please bring them along on the day. **Mildred Rego, RE Co-ordinator**
9.00AM PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD OF GOD.... please collect your roster from the Church foyer.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)....

1st Reading: Deut 26:4-10
2nd Reading: Rom 10:8-13
Gospel Reading: Lk 4:1-13

THE CATHOLIC GUY LENTEN MISSION....

Join Bruce Downes and "The Catholic Guy" team for a five night event in preparation for Easter. The Catholic Guy team is known for presenting a weekly Catholic television program as well as numerous events at parishes around Australia and overseas.

Each night of The Catholic Guy Lenten Mission will include talks, music, multimedia and an opportunity for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. This event is guaranteed to be an excellent experience for both regular parishioners and those whom you may wish to bring with you. No matter your age, young or old, you're guaranteed to enjoy this experience.

This is a great opportunity to come together as a parish and explore our faith and reconnect to God as a truly Eucharistic community.

DATES: 15 to 19 March 2010 inclusive.

TIMES: 7.30pm-9.30pm each night (with supper)

MORE INFORMATION: Flyers are available in the Church foyer.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.... Fr Thai and Fr Anand extend warm greetings of **GONG XI FA CAI** (in English this means "Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year") to all Chinese parishioners, their families and friends, as they welcome in the Year of the Tiger this Sunday, 14 February 2010.



Traditionally the celebrations stretch over 15 days.

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Mark de Souza who is ill.

PROCLAIMERS WORKSHOP EVERY MONDAY, 7.30PM (See "What's On" for Venue).

The coming weekend's rostered Proclaimers who are to attend are:

Saturday, 20 February 2010

6.30pm Leo Rego, Karen O'Connor

Sunday, 21 February 2010

7.30am Lorraine Netto, Rossana Terpolilli

9.00am Kerry Cirillo, Rom Cirillo

10.30am Sandro Sandri, Ivy James

Facilitator: Dunstan Elloy—9354 2112

JOHN PAUL CARE

This parish pastoral organisation offers, through its volunteers, short term (up to 3 months) emergency care to anyone who lives within the parish. Assistance is offered in the areas of bereavement/grief support, visiting the sick and the elderly, **mental** health, support for parents, cooking, transport, gardening and handyman. To enquire about these services, please contact the following:

- Parish Office (Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm) 9332 5992
- FAMILY SUPPORT: Betty 9457 4991
- MEALS: Mary 9310 2426
- MENTAL HEALTH: Bob 9332 3528
(Information only)
- GARDENING: Greg 9456 1747
- BEREAVEMENT: Geraldine 9456 2985
(or Betty: 9457 4991)
- TRANSPORT: Reena 9310 4173

The John Paul Care brochure is available in the foyer of the Church. It offers the opportunity to volunteer or to request assistance. **Please feel free to take one home.**

CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED AT ALL TIMES

LOSING A LOVED ONE may be the most difficult time in your life, but you need not be alone. The **JOHN PAUL CARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** welcomes you to our meetings which are conducted in a friendly, relaxed and confidential setting. Meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

We welcome into God's family this weekend at Saints John & Paul.....

Clodagh Lee WILBRAHAM
Claudia Shi-Qing OEE
Jacob Jeffrey WITHERS
Ava Taleah WITHERS



WHAT'S ON

15 FEBRUARY 2010:

7.00pm Personal Advocacy Advocate Preparation—JP Centre

7.30pm SVDP—Meeting Room 2

7.30pm Proclaimers' Preparation Session—John Paul Church

16 FEBRUARY 2010:

7.15pm Legion of Mary—Meeting Room 2

7.30pm RCIA—Large Meeting Room

17 FEBRUARY 2010:

9.30am Craft Circle—Large Meeting Room—John Paul Centre

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the BS—John Paul Church

7.30pm John Paul Prayer Ministry—JP Church—All welcome

7.30pm Parish Council—Meeting Room 2

18 FEBRUARY 2010:

11.00am-12.00noon Divine Mercy Devotions—JP Church

7.00pm Personal Advocacy Integrated Group—John Paul Centre

19 FEBRUARY 2010:

10.00am Growing Vine—Large Meeting Room—John Paul Centre



L I O N D A N C E

PERFORMANCE....

a “must have” to celebrate Chinese New Year during the 15-day festive season, will be held at Saints John

& Paul Church grounds on Saturday, 27 February 2010 at 7.30pm after the normal Saturday, 6.30pm Mass. Everyone is invited to attend (it is not only for the Chinese community); so, please invite all your relatives and friends to come along to be entertained and get a close up view of the intricate and artistic body movements of the Lion dancers as they dance, prance and jump around to the loud rhythmic beating of drums. And you won't be able to resist the aroma of the tempting, FREE sausage sizzle for all after mass. See you all on the evening.

CAMPION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS....

Young Catholic people focusing on tertiary education are invited to consider the three-year Arts degree at Sydney's Champion College. Champion is Australia's first and only 'liberal arts' college, offering the best possible education in the core subjects: literature, history, philosophy and theology. In America, where this kind of education is well-known, the liberal arts course is considered the soundest background for further studies in teaching, medicine, law and all the other professions. Champion has a number of generous scholarships designed particularly to assist interstate and country students. Any young Catholics prepared to 'think outside the square' and build their faith while training their minds should investigate. Visit: www.champion.edu.au for further details.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME—

AUSTRALIA

this week welcomes over 1500 new students for Orientation Week! Also, this week Fr Laurence Freeman OSB, the Director for The World Community for Christian Meditation is visiting Perth on Tuesday, 16 February and all parishioners are welcome to attend his talks. He will speak at Notre Dame at 9.00am on the topic, “*Making the Most of Crisis: How a Contemplative Mind Grows*”, and at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Salvado Rd, Subiaco at 7.30pm on the topic “*Hope & Change: Christian Meditation in Troubled Times*”. For more details or to book a place please contact 9433 0580.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY recommences this weekend. Children from pre-primary to Year 4 are welcome to attend. Catechists are asked to collect their roster from the back of the church.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

(Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26)

Am I comfortable when I read the Beatitudes?

On what values do I judge the richness of my life?