

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

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JPYM QUIZ NIGHT—NEXT WEEKEND.... Tickets selling after all Masses this weekend - your last chance to be part of this huge event. Grab a group of 5/10 people and come along for this fun-filled event that only JPYM can bring. 200 tickets must go. Curry, Nasi Lemak and Asian cuisine provided for dinner and lots of great prizes to be won. 17 July, Parish Hall, registrations start at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm sharp start. See you there!!!

The Dare to be Different Retreat.... Calling all our Willetton youth aged 16 and above to come join us for a retreat you will never forget. 6-8 August at Lancelin. The Retreat will be focused on how the Holy Spirit can empower you to be GREAT through the outpouring of Gifts. The retreat will be run by Fr Varghese from Pota, Kerala, India, who specialises in the healing ministry through the Holy Spirit. Not one to be missed. Sign up your interest soon to Joel or Kathleen through Parish Office.

Keeping the Memory Alive (1)... The Craft Circle commenced in October 1997 for the purpose of like minded citizens who wanted to use their talents to help make a contribution to the community. Over the years the Craft Circle have made and donated blankets, quilts, various items of clothing and toys. The Craft Circle run stalls during the year to sell extra items to raise funds to buy wool and material so that members can knit, crochet and sew to their hearts content. Donations of 8 ply wool are always welcome and much appreciated. New members are always welcome, so come along for a cuppa and a chat (no charge). We meet on Wednesday mornings 9.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Centre. The Craft Circle support a wide range of organisations such as St Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, Princess Margaret Hospital, Brother Olly (Wheelchair for Kids) and the Kimberley Missions.

Barbara Zukowski

Holy Hour for Families: Come spend an Hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on **Monday, 12 July** from 7.30pm-8.30pm in John Paul Church. The Hour will consist of Benediction, quiet time for reflection, hymns & prayers. All welcome.

DAY	SS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SCHEDULE 12-18 JULY 2010 15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	What's On! 
MON 12 July	9.00am Mass	7.30pm Proclaimers' Preparation—JP Centre 7.30pm SVDP—Meeting Room 2 7.30pm Family Holy Hour—JP Church
TUE 13 July	9.00am Mass	
WED 14 July	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass	9.30am Craft Circle—Large Meeting Room 9.30am Exposition of the BS—John Paul Church 10.15am Legion of Mary—Meeting Room 2 7.30pm JP Prayer Ministry—John Paul Church 7.30pm John Paul Care—Meeting Room 2
THU 15 July	ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR 9.00am Mass	11.00am Divine Mercy Devotions— John Paul Church
FRI 16 July	12.00noon Mass	10.00am Parish Team—Meeting Room 2 10.30am Growing Vine—John Paul Centre
SAT 17 July	9.00am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation (till 10.00am) 5.30pm Reconciliation (till 6.00pm) 6.30pm Vigil Mass	
SUN 18 July	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass	<u>BAPTISMS:</u> Felicia Joan Enxi CHANG Flynn Austin REID Amelia Louise SMITH

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest:	Fr Thai Vu (pp@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)	Secretary/Bursar:	Rossana Terpolilli
Assistant Priest:	Fr Anand Reddy (ap@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)	R.E. Co-ordinator:	Mildred Rego (9450 4573)
Pastoral Workers:	Sr Monica (9310 4072); Sr Veronica (9443 1036) Rosa Pasquale (9332 3813)	John Paul Care Co-ordinator:	Betty Thompson (9457 4991)

Keeping the Memory Alive (2).... Legion of Mary—*To Jesus through Mary...* Our Praesidia is named 'Our Lady of the Missions' and our first meeting commenced on Thursday, 10 August 2006. We endeavour to promote Gospel values and desire to see and serve Jesus in our neighbour through Mary. At our weekly meetings, our prayers include the recitation of the Holy Rosary. We visit the sick, the aged, the housebound and the lonely in their homes, nursing homes and the hospital. We also conduct door knocking, ie house to house visits taking a census of Catholics living in the Willetton Parish. Our meetings are held weekly and starting from Wednesday, 7 July 2010 we will be meeting at 10.15am at the John Paul Parish Centre. *Clara Gemmy*

Keeping the Memory Alive (3).... The Growing Vine commenced in April 1982 and has been successfully operating for the past 28 years due to our wonderful volunteers who work on a roster basis to cook and/or serve the meals. The Growing Vine group offers a day of companionship and socialising for Senior Citizens each Friday in the John Paul Centre. There are 25 members (with room for more), of whom approximately half are picked up by the bus which is driven by volunteer drivers. Members are offered morning tea and a home cooked hot lunch. They are free to play cards, bingo, etc. Mass is celebrated at 12.00noon. *Sarah Dunleavy*

Do Catholics Worship Statues? "Catholics worship statues!" Some people still make this ridiculous claim.

Because Catholics have statues in their churches, goes the accusation, they are violating God's commandment: "You shall not make for yourself a graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: you shall not bow down to them or serve them" (Ex. 20:4-5); "Alas, this people have sinned a great sin; they have made for themselves gods of gold" (Ex. 32:31).

The sin of idolatry is a grave sin. But calling Catholics idolaters because they have images of Christ and the saints is based on misunderstanding or ignorance of what the Bible says about the purpose and uses of statues.

If people were to "search the scriptures" (John 5:39), they would find the opposite is true. God forbade the *worship* of statues, but he did not forbid the *religious use* of statues. Instead, he actually *commanded* their use in religious contexts!

The *Catechism of the Council of Trent* (1566) taught that idolatry is committed "by worshipping idols and images as God, or believing that they possess any divinity or virtue entitling them to our worship, by praying to, or reposing confidence in them." (374)

"Idolatry is a perversion of man's innate religious sense. An idolater is someone who 'transfers his indestructible notion of God to anything other than God.'" (CCC 2114)

The Church absolutely recognizes and condemns the sin of idolatry. What anti-Catholics fail to recognize is the distinction between thinking a piece of stone or plaster is a god and desiring to visually remember Christ and his mother and Saints in Heaven by making statues in their honour.

The making and use of religious statues is a *thoroughly* biblical practice. Anyone who says otherwise doesn't really know the Bible. *Fr Thai*

John Paul Prayer Ministry is happy to have Father Roy come and share with us the wonderful experiences of his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We are grateful that he is able to give us his time although he has a very busy schedule. So, do come on Wednesday, 21 July at 7.30pm in John Paul Church and hear his perceptions of this journey of "Following in Jesus' Footsteps". All are welcome. *Michelle Ricketts*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL will be holding a fund-raising stall on the 1st weekend of August to raise money for our various projects. Our aim is to raise funds to assist a friend of Fr Anand, Fr Ramesh, in his parish of Madugula in India. Fr Ramesh runs a boarding home to help educate the poor and those who would not ordinarily have access to education.

On that weekend we will be selling cakes, jams, pickles, craft items—almost anything! We need your support in providing the goods to sell. So, please start cooking knitting, sewing, etc and bring along your goods when you come along for Mass on the day. Take the opportunity to make a purchase while you enjoy your first of the month "cuppa". I'm sure that together we can make this project a huge success....and have some fun! *Brendan McKernan, President*

Parish Winter Dinner Dance, Saturday, 31 July from 7.30-11.30pm in the Parish Hall. Cost \$30.00 per ticket. Limited number of tickets still available. Ph: Christine 9364 6375 or Joanne 9310 3970.

PROCLAIMERS WORKSHOP EVERY MONDAY, 7.30PM (See "What's On" for Venue). The coming weekend's rostered Proclaimers who are to attend are:

Saturday, 17 July 2010
6.30pm Gloria Heuer, Paul De Ponte
Sunday, 18 July 2010
7.30am Frances Stirling, Melvin Nunes
9.00am Karen Keddie, Clare Koo
10.30am Dunstan Elloy, Russell Godsall
Facilitator: Neicha Sequeira—9332 0563

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)....

1st Reading: Gen 18:1-10
2nd Reading: Col 1:24-28
Gospel Reading: Lk 10:38-42

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**

MEDITATIVE PRAYER IN THE TAIZE STYLE—Sunday, 18 July at 7.00pm—8.00pm Come and join in the prayer in the Taize style in a beautiful candlelit chapel in an atmosphere of silence and prayer. Everyone welcome. Bring a torch and a friend! Sisters of St Joseph Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth. Enq: Sister Maree Riddler on 0414 683 926.

Parish Celebration Weekend....

Thank you to all those parishioners who worked so hard to make our recent inaugural Parish Celebration Weekend a fantastic success. Thank you to all those who donated such tasty food for the morning teas, all those who set up and attended to the various displays and volunteered in many other ways, to the youth for their sausage sizzle and of course to all the parishioners who took the time to stay around and celebrate the vibrancy and sense of community that is so alive and well in our parish. It was a wonderful weekend. As you spend time in our parish, remember all those groups who do so much good work and spare a prayer for them that they may be successful in their ministry. Also take some time to remember all the priests and parishioners who have worked so hard before us to lay the foundations of our parish. We are truly blessed. *Simon Bowen*

HO KHYE SOO, RIP

The sincere sympathy of the parish community is extended to Lilian Kee and family on the loss of her Father, Ho Khye Soo, who died peacefully in Penang, Malaysia on Sunday, 13 June 2010 aged 90.



WATERCOLOUR PAINTING CLASSES....

Term 3 commences Thursday, 22 July from 12.00noon-3.00pm in the John Paul Centre. If you have always wanted to bring out your inner artist come and join our dedicated group of happy painters. The classes are conducted by a qualified teacher. For registration, please phone Penni at the Canning Arts Centre on 9457 9600.

Parish Annual General Meeting....

Each year the parish holds its AGM. This is held in July to coincide with Stewardship Sunday. In an effort to make the AGM as available as possible to as many parishioners as possible the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to hold this year's AGM after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 25 July in the Parish Centre. We will also have morning tea with the AGM (after the 10.30am Mass only). Please put this date in your diary and try and attend the AGM to find out about the decisions being made in your parish. The AGM will include written reports from key groups within the parish. If you are able to provide a plate for morning tea please let the parish office know via email admin@johnpaulwilletton.org.au or phone 9332 5992 by 20 July. *Simon Bowen*

CAFE.... The bible timeline 'A Quick Journey Through The Bible' started on 13th May and ran consecutively for 8 sessions ended on 1st July. It was well attended with approximately 45-50 parishioners. USA Catholic Theologian, Dr. Jeff Cavins explains the bible timeline and the twelve periods of Bible history by reading fourteen "narrative" books and a chronological story emerges. By end of this eight-part, video-based program, we were able to recall the progression of the story of salvation history by reciting the twelve historic periods, recognize how God's plan unfolded through the series of covenants and understand and explain those covenants, identify the narrative books of the bible, read in order and tell the story from start to finish. Most importantly, we began reading Scripture and hearing the readings at Mass with a far greater understanding and appreciation than ever before. Here are some insights by some of the participants:

"I learnt to take the responsibility to pray and learn to know God and His Word. It has also given me the knowledge to teach our children and pass on the faith more effectively." *Selwyn*

"I am now more aware of the readings on Sunday Mass, to understand the contents and then teach my children." *Thomas*

"I now know God's fidelity to His people through the covenant and understand the different books and the link. I now have a guide to read the bible." *Andre*

There definitely is a need to continue with more programs to follow up on the bible timeline. The group has now signed up for 'The Gospel Of Matthew' also by Dr. Jeff Cavins. We will be starting this program on Aug-Sep (8 weeks) mid Oct to mid Dec (8 weeks) and Feb-Mar 2011 (8 weeks). A big Thank You to our spiritual director, Fr Anand who led us in our discussions and Joe Lee, Howard Ong, Belinda & Francis Chia and Roselle DeSouza who were simply 'fantastic' in facilitating the sessions. *Angeline Farm*

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

(Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37)

How does today's Gospel challenge my perception of who is my neighbour: in my immediate circle of family and friends; in my local community; in the world at large?