

## SACRED HEART PARISH - MUNDARING

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Bulletin Notices: Call the Editor by 5:00pm Thursday

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 8:30am, Wednesday 9:00am, Thursday 8:30am

Friday 8:30am {Exposition 9-10:00am}

Saturday 8:30am {Rosary & Cenacle 9:00am}

### RECONCILIATION

MUNDARING Saturday 9:00am

CHIDLOW 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 12noon - 1:00pm

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm (Sacred Heart Mundaring)

Sunday – 7:30am – {Rosary 7:00am} (Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)  
9:30am (Sacred Heart Mundaring)

### Why Be Catholic Event:

Catch one of the world's leading presenters and writers on the Old Testament in Perth for a special conference on the family. Dr John Bergsma is heading a talented lineup of presenters for a special Catholic Conference, this one being focused on the family. 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September: Thursday evening, Friday evening and Saturday.

Details at: [www.EvangelisationAustralia.com](http://www.EvangelisationAustralia.com)

### Parish Sacramental Preparation Classes

For our children from Year 3 and up, who are not part of a Catholic school sacrament program, please consider enrolling them in Parish Sacramental Preparation Classes as we help them prepare for various sacraments. Classes will begin mid-term on Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> 4:15pm until 5pm at the Church. The program will finish mid-term 4. Please contact Fr Stephen or Catherine Ledger to register your child.

## NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

### Parish Facebook Page

Our parish has a Facebook page!  
Sacred Heart Parish Mundaring



Each of us is called to share the Good News by nature of our Baptism and Confirmation. Bishop Don recently wrote in The Record that “*Pope Francis proposes that we ‘boldly become citizens of the digital world’*”

By liking and following our parish page, you not only stay up to date on parish news, but it helps other people in our community discover Christ and His Church. As well as inviting others.

It also helps people discover important events, such as our Parish Sacramental Classes. To be linked directly to the page, your phone camera can recognise and follow the QR code here.



SCAN ME

### Bishop Don - Installation Mass

New parish priests make an ‘Oath of Fidelity’ to their Bishop, publicly professing belief in the Catholic faith and promising to teach it faithfully. Most Reverend Donald Sproxtton, who is the Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, is planning to attend the 9:30am Sunday Mass on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Sacred Heart Church to witness this and to ‘Install’ Fr Stephen formally as the parish priest, which Archbishop Costelloe has asked to be initially for a period of 6 years.

### Going deeper into Ephesians 5:

“Why does the body matter? What is the ‘Theology of the Body’?”

Who am I? Why am I here? How can I be happy? Why do I have these longings in my heart? What does it mean to be a man? What does it mean to be a woman? What does it mean to be human?

This video by Dr Chris West is a good introduction to the inspiring teachings of St John Paul II and how readings like Ephesians 5 shed light on these deep questions about life and happiness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvFa7elKtkY>

## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

### FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Joshua. 24:1-2, 15-18.**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserve us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9.**

**R. 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. **R.**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked: those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

### SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 5:21-32.**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife: and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself, she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications, but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR B

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:63, 38**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 6:60-69.**

***Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.***

After hearing his doctrine, many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life and we believe, we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### 'LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?'

We come to the end of the five weeks with the Gospel of John, chapter 6. As it concludes we could imagine ourselves standing with the disciples complaining that the teaching was too difficult. The Judeans had twice confronted Jesus on this teaching. Now we hear, 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' If it is hard to understand these words, then for some it would be hard to believe, and is acknowledged by Jesus.

We are affirmed that, as the narrator advises, Jesus knew from the beginning that some would not believe and who would betray him. This is a crisis moment. We can remember that in the first part of this chapter, aligned to Passover and with the miracle of the loaves, the crowd was looking for signs. At this point, we can see that the reinterpretation of the Mosaic Law caused upset and division. With many disciples leaving. Jesus challenges the Twelve: 'Do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter speaks up as leader and representative of the Twelve. Those, called by Jesus, recognise that his words are 'spirit and life.' What about us? Do we find believing too hard? Or do we line up with Simon Peter affirming our faith and saying 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

We are in this for the long haul.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**