

SACRED HEART PARISH - MUNDARING

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



NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

NO Weekday Masses @ Sacred Heart Church

THIS WEEK Tues 10 th – Fri 13 th Sept

Fr Stephen will be on retreat Mon-Fri this week. Clergy are required to take a few days retreat annually to be with the Lord in focussed prayer and quiet reflection. As a result Masses and devotion Tuesday to Friday won't be held in Sacred Heart Church.

Weekday Mass times at St Anthony's Catholic Parish

96 Innamincka Rd

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00am ; Thursday: 7:00pm

Praying for you all while on retreat! :)

Thank You from Catholic Mission

The amount donated by the Mundaring Parish for the 2024 Catholic Mission appeal was \$1,365. Thank you for your generous response. The amount raised will go towards helping our missionaries in Mongolia to provide safe haven and support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness. If you are interested in volunteering, or leaving a bequest for the missions, please contact Francis Leong on 6234 1760 or at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

WEEKDAY MASSES:

NO MASSES THIS WEEK

FR STEPHEN IS ON RETREAT

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

RECONCILIATION

MUNDARING Saturday 9:00am

CHIDLOW 1st 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)

Emails

The Archdiocese of Perth provides both the service, security and support for email services of both clergy and parishes, making some of our historic email addresses more redundant. Rather than paying for an additional email service provider, we will be transitioning to the ones already provided and supported by the Archdiocese for many years:

Parish: mundaring@perthcatholic.org.au

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Interested In Setting Up Regular Transfers?

1 st Collection (Support of the Priest, groceries, car, health etc)

Account Name: Mundaring Parish 1st Collection

Acc No: 985196641 BSB: 086006

2 nd Collection (Parish maintenance, utilities, insurance)

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Mundaring

Acc No: 673418807 BSB: 086006

***Direct Debit is also available by emailing mundaring@perthcatholic.org.au for a Direct Debit Authorisation Form.**

***Planned Giving Envelopes are also available on request.**

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

FIRST READING Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

GOD WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

A myriad of images unfold God's restoration in Isaiah: God will come and save you. These images speak of restoration to wholeness both to people with impairments of sight, hearing or speech, and to a natural world ravaged by drought. This sounds like the Good News of God's salvation in the Gospels. As we hear from Mark, Jesus returns to Galilee, healing a man described as deaf and with an impediment to his speech. It is 'they' who brought the man to Jesus, beseeching him to lay his hand on him. Previously we have seen Jesus reach out his hand to touch and heal a leper and to ask the man with the withered hand to stretch it out to be healed. In this instance, Jesus is reported to take the man aside in private, that is, 'away from the crowd'. We see Jesus touch him, putting his fingers in his ears and on his tongue as well as looking up to heaven in a gesture of prayer to God saying 'Ephphatha' – be opened. The healing is instantaneous giving an impetus to the whole narrative, moving it forward towards the Passion. The people who witness this are filled with unbounded amazement. Even though urged not to tell anyone, they do so more and more. They acclaim Jesus in words akin to those we heard from Isaiah of the salvation of God. This public acclamation points to recognition of who Jesus is, a question Jesus will pose to the disciples.

Dr Rosemary Canavan