

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: John Waller, Thomas Glynn, Charlie Kirk, William Trend, Bishop Patrick Power

Anniversaries: Declan McAeown, Bill Fahey, Joseph Frasz, Barney Fernandes, Cesare Ferrara, Todd Bennett, Harry Jones

Sick: Ken Metcalf, Beula Reddy, Joan Travers, Alan, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Peter McEvoy, Stephen Hill, Marie Hebble, Sr Deidre Brown IBVM, Celine Williams, Joseph Sheahan, Peter Costelloe, Catherine, Bart Welten, Mimi Epstein, Marilyn Mirabella, Archbishop Barry James Hickey, Kaja, Mal Lamond

CHRISTENDOM’S OLDEST ORGAN PIPES SOUND AGAIN AFTER 800 YEARS

By Judith Sudilovsky, OSV News via Catholic Review

After 800 years of silence, the pipes from the oldest organ in Christendom played again at Jerusalem’s Franciscan Monastery of St Saviour, showcasing the unique sound of an 11th-century liturgical chant. *Benedicamus Domino Flos Filius* was performed by Spanish researcher and organist David Catalunya, marking the highlight of a five-year international research project sparked by his discovery of 222 ancient bronze pipes.

Sounding unlike any modern organ, the notes elicited from the 16 selected pipes – six of which were original – displayed on a wind-chest constructed specifically for them by master organ maker Winold van der Putten, were a rich combination of three different registers at Catalunya’s performance during a press presentation of the organ pipes on 9 September.

“It’s very, very like celestial music,” Mr Catalunya said. “The emotion I felt when I heard the sound revealing itself after 800 years of silence was like ... opening the tomb of a pharaoh. It came to us as a surprise indeed. The following days, myself and my team were like floating inside a dream.

“We couldn’t really believe it. I spent the following nights without sleeping,” he added. “It is the oldest organ in Christendom, possibly the oldest musical instrument in the world maintaining its original sound.”

The organ was originally built in France in the 11th century and was used for nearly a century in a church in France, possibly near Paris or the Abbey of Fleury, said Catalunya. It was transported to the Holy Land and Bethlehem by the Crusaders a century later, where it sounded for another century. Then it was painstakingly dismantled and the pipes buried underground along with a set of bells to protect them on the eve of the invasion of the Muslim Khwarezmian Turks in 1244, known as the Siege of Jerusalem.

Dubbed the Bethlehem Organ, it is believed to have been located in the chancel of the Nativity Church in Bethlehem, an area now under the jurisdiction of the Armenian Church, he said. It consists of 18 pipes for every note, something very different from modern organs, which normally have only five or six pipes for every note, he said. To experience the full sound of the entire instrument, a replica needs to be built, which is the next stage of the project, Mr Catalunya added.

The research project is supported by the Complutense Institute of Musical Sciences of Madrid, in collaboration with the Franciscan Terra Sancta Museum and the Custody of the Holy Land.

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Read more at catholicreview.org/

UTHANA MISSION

In the lead up to this year’s Uthana Appeal on 4 & 5 October founder Rod Pereira shares some uplifting stories.

Rick and I once visited Cheryl at her home with our local Team Manager, Lloyd. She and her parents wanted to personally thank us for sponsoring her through the Teacher Training Course. The first thing we noticed when we entered was that their basement room, which they called home, had no windows. It was just three by three metres in size - small and dimly lit - yet the family welcomed us with such warmth and gratitude.

Two years later, when we returned to Kolkata to carry out another audit of our Mission, Cheryl insisted we visit her home again. This time she had completed her training, graduated, and was working as a teacher. Lloyd led us two floors up in the same building we had visited before.

As soon as we entered, Cheryl beamed with pride and said with a big smile: “Look, windows! I can sit here and look out - and the light comes in.”

UNEARTHING OUR STORIES: NEW NORCIA LIBRARY LECTURE DAY

9am, Friday 17 October, St Gertrude’s New Norcia

The Library Lecture is back! This year the focus is on the **role of libraries in preserving local history and heritage**. The day will feature papers by Gareth Dixon (Manager Libraries and Heritage, City of Armadale), Janet Megarrity (Librarian, Victoria Park Public Library), Sue Lefroy (Local History Coordinator, City of Albany), Marta Perez-Rey (Lecturer, University of WA) and Ken Spillman (Australian writer). Geoffrey Coad’s (retired lawyer, historian) book on Abbot Torres will be launched as well as other book launches and the New Norcia Studies journal for 2025. The day concludes with a concert by Fr Robert Nixon and Allegra Giagu.

Tickets: Adult: \$100; Concession (seniors and students): \$85 with Morning and Afternoon Teas and Lunch included.

Registration and Morning Tea commences at 9am in St Gertrude's foyer.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit shop.newnorcia.com.au/collections/special-items/products/library-lecture-day

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WEEKLY HYMNS

9am & 5pm, Sunday 21 September

Lyrics are available on the Parish website via the QR code (right), or by visiting stjosephssubiaco.org.au/lyrics. Hymn books are also available at Church entrances. Please return them at the conclusion of Mass.

Mass	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	
9am & 5pm	Come as You Are (68)	The Beatitudes (45)	Seek Ye First (294) On Eagles’ Wings (268)	Glory and Praise to our God (127)	

Today we celebrate with all members of St Vincent de Paul from across the Perth region and congratulate new members and incoming Presidents.

ST JOSEPH’S UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Family Group
19 October

Youth Group
21 September

Faith Formation for Little Tots
19 October

MERCY DAY

24 September

On 24 September the Sisters of Mercy will celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the first ‘House of Mercy’ in Dublin, Ireland in 1827. We look forward to celebrating with the Sisters of our Parish, especially our Pastoral Associate, Sr Marie Fitzgerald.

PRESENTATION SISTERS WA MASS OF THANKSGIVING

10am, Thursday 9 October, Corpus Christi Church, Mosman Park

The Presentation Sisters WA warmly invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB to give thanks for the enduring spirit of Iona Convent and its unfolding into new life. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served at the Iona Convent, 36 Bayview Terrace Mosman Park . **RSVP essential by Monday 22 September to Gemma.Thomson@iona.wa.edu.au.**

ST CHARLES SEMINARY FAMILY FUN DAY

10am, Sunday 19 October, St Charles Seminary, 30 Meadow St, Guildford

Come and join the Seminary community for our inaugural Family Fun Day – a time to connect and celebrate alongside our future priests with laughter, food and fun for all ages. Bring your family, friends and your game face! BYO food (Sausage Sizzle for sale), drinks, picnic blanket and lots of energy. All proceeds go towards the Seminarians Fundraising program.

RSVP by 5 October 2025 on 9279 1310 or email to stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au

CATHOLIC SINGLES (20-35 YRS) QUIZ NIGHT

6.30pm, Wednesday 22 October, Como Hotel

Join us for a fun night of trivia with other Catholics from around Perth. This is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people to enjoy good conversation, food and drinks as you team up to put your knowledge to the test - all in a relaxed, social setting. See you there!

For tickets and more information, visit perthcatholicsingles.eventbrite.com or contact us at perthcatholicsingles@gmail.com.

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2025 KSC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Teachers working in Catholic Schools are invited to apply to the 2025 KSC Education Foundation Scholarship Program to study Religious Education and Theology Units at the University of Notre Dame in 2026. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and contribute meaningfully to their school communities, nurturing faith and academic excellence. Applications open on 1 September and close on 27 October 2025. For further information please contact office@kscwa.org.au or phone 9368 250. Online application forms will be available from 1 September at wa.ksca.org.au/KSC-Education-Foundation.html.

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)		PARISH CONTACT DETAILS	
Tuesday	5.30pm	Office	Tuesday - Friday: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am	Phone	9381 0400
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm	Postal	PO Box 568, Wembley 6913
Saturday Vigil	5pm	Email	enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au
Sunday	9am & 5pm	Website	www.stjosephssubiaco.org.au
PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details		
	Account Name:	St Joseph’s Presbytery Subiaco	
	BSB:	086 006	
	Account #:	887 970 525	
	Second Collection EFT Details		
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	BSB:	086 006	
	Account #:	564 990 302	
	Reference:	Name	

PARISH DIARY				MONSIGNOR KEVIN
Sunday 21 September	9.45am 11.30am 12.15pm 6pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Morning Tea</i> Baptism: <i>Harper Elle Tamigi</i> Baptism: <i>Belle Elizabeth Curtin</i> Upper Room: <i>Youth Group</i>	<i>Fr Oscar Aguilera</i> <i>Fr Joseph Laundry</i>	
Monday 22 September		Monday, Week 25 of Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 23 September	6pm	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest, Memorial Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>		
Wednesday 24 September	10am 5.30pm	Wednesday, Week 25 of Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>Ladies’ Prayer Group</i> Upper Room: <i>Centering Prayer</i>		
Thursday 25 September	5.30pm	Thursday, Week 25 of Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>Private Function</i>		
Friday 26 September		Friday, Week 25 of Ordinary Time <i>Optional: Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs</i>		
Saturday 27 September	11.15am 1pm	St Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial Baptism: <i>Jensen Mauro Arthur Andreotti</i> Nuptial Mass: <i>Leanne Nguyen & Jimmy Lac</i>	<i>Fr Christian Saminal</i> <i>Fr Minh-Thuy Nguyen</i>	
				<i>Mass with Christian Brothers</i>