

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: William Trend, Bishop Patrick Power, Blair Hendricks, Jaqueline Pastina

Anniversaries: Cesare Ferrara, Todd Bennett, Harry Jones, Martin Kemp, Jacinta Kemp

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

TAKE A STEP AWAY FROM YOUR ONLINE WORLDS By Dr Philippa Martyr, Catholic Weekly

Should Catholics have political and other kinds of opinions? Of course they should. I understand good Catholic people feel strongly about the war in Gaza from both sides. I know many of them also feel strongly about uncontrolled immigration, the war in Ukraine, COVID-19, and vaccination. Have as many opinions as you like. But remember none of this has anything to do with your mission to spread the gospel where you live and work. And if your strong opinions are causing you to fight with and cut off relationships with people who have done nothing wrong except politely disagree with you, I’d say it’s working in the opposite direction. The trouble begins when people high on dopamine from constant validation of their ideas start putting the world to rights. They forget how to interact politely with other people. Sometimes they go as far as shooting them. This brings me to those of you who think we should impose the gospel on people through a government run by the Catholic Church. Do you really think that this is what the Lord wants? Maybe check in with the four gospels and think again. Spoiler alert: It isn’t. And that’s because this Catholic fantasy – like all the others – involves us taking the easy way out. We want to be right all the time. We want to win our stupid online arguments. We want to see our pundits “destroy” their opponents (or in some cases, their interviewers). Jesus promised us the exact opposite. He told us we would be hated, persecuted, betrayed, hunted down, and killed – just like he was. He told us the only way to be a true follower of his was to take up our cross and carry it daily. He demonstrated this by losing himself in a painful public humiliation and death.

So if you are one of his followers, you must also be prepared to lose – whether it’s a stupid argument, or your entire life. Start making room for Jesus Christ in your life again by walking away from your precious online ‘debates’. Do it while you still can. I had never heard of Charlie Kirk before now, God rest his soul, because I’m working four days a week in an adult job that demands every crumb of my attention and effort. When I come home, I want my very active mind to power down, not up. On what is laughingly referred to as my ‘day off’, I also do other research. This is actual academic research – not watching online content from the Bigfoot community about yeti droppings. And on the weekends, I am doing all the things I don’t have a wife to do for me. I also go to Sunday Mass and worship with my fellow Catholics, many of whom have different political opinions from me. But that doesn’t matter. We’re not there to talk politics. We’re there to worship God together in the way he asked us to.

If you must live dramatically in the thick of an eternal war between good and evil, let me give you a realistic way of doing it. Your mission – should you choose to accept it – is to join a largely invisible army of resistance fighters in occupied territory. The war has already been won. We’re just part of the mopping-up operation. We must win as many souls as we can over to Jesus Christ. And we do this by living openly as good Catholics. How do you model Christianity to your non-Christian friends and neighbours? When they see you and interact with you, do they meet a sane, honest, and likeable person who is a good friend in need? Or do they meet a jeering, unhappy crank who is always arguing with everyone like the future of the world depended on it? But perhaps you prefer to live a double life and indulge your jeering and abuse behind an anonymous handle. Or perhaps you work hard to ensure you don’t have any non-Christian friends and neighbours. These are just more Catholic fantasies – always the easy way out, and never what Jesus wanted. You might need to think and pray about this now. We need you in the real resistance, not the pretend one.

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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 (City of Armadale), Janet Megarrity (Victoria Park Public Library), Sue Lefroy (City of Albany), Marta Perez-Rey (University of WA) and Ken Spillman (Australian writer). Geoffrey Coad's book on Abbot Torres will be launched as well as other book launches and the 2025 New Norcia Studies journal. The day concludes with a concert by Fr Robert Nixon and Allegra Giagu. Tickets are Adult: \$100; Concession (seniors and students): \$85 with Morning and Afternoon Teas and Lunch included. Registration and Morning Tea commences at 9am. To purchase tickets visit shop.newnorcia.com.au/collections/special-items/products/library-lecture-day

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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WEEKLY HYMNS 9am & 5pm, Sunday 28 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	All the Ends of the Earth (18)	Hosea (Come Back to Me) (167)	Open My Eyes As Gentle as Silence (26)	Sing to the Mountains (305)	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST JOSEPH’S

Young Family Group
19 October

Youth Group
26 October

Faith Formation for Little Tots
19 October



Blessing of the Animals
9.30am, Saturday 4 October

Come and join like-minded pet owners for this year’s Blessing of the Animals on the lawn area at St Joseph’s. Bring your pet/s (or a photo) along for this special annual event and take the opportunity to meet other parishioners, visitors and their pets. Pet treats will be provided after the blessings. All welcome.



UTHANA MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL & FUNDRAISER

Uthana Mission is a not-for-profit relief organisation committed to helping the under privileged in Kolkata, India. Since its inception in 2005, the good works of Uthana have been supported by the Parish as Uthana has fed, clothed, and educated hundreds of individuals. Founder, Rod Pereira, will be at all Masses on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October to briefly talk about Uthana.

A special collection will be held after all Masses next weekend.

*The name **Uthana Mission** was inspired by two of our very first graduating Teacher Training Course (TTC) students. Over the past 15 years, Calcutta Stations Mission has grown far beyond our original food program at Sealdah Station. What began as serving meals has expanded into educational sponsorships such as the TTC and our village school, along with programs dedicated to empowering women and children through education. With this growth, we felt it was time for our Mission’s name to evolve as well. When we asked two of our TTC graduates what our Mission meant to them — knowing the hardships they had overcome to reach this point — they told us it had “raised them up” and helped them rise above poverty. We then asked what the word for ‘rise’ or ‘to raise up’ would be in Hindi or Bengali. Without hesitation, both responded in unison: “**Uthana.**”That one word captured the very essence of what we strive to do — lifting lives through hope, opportunity, and education.*

This year the Friends of Uthana Mission are partnering with Hay Shed Hill to help raise funds for the continuing support of the Uthana Mission programs: 1) Food Program for the Elderly and Mentally Ill who are destitute; 2) Teacher and Higher Tertiary Course Sponsorship for Young Women from deprived backgrounds; and 3) Joihoripur Village School.

For every dozen sold, **\$30 is donated** to Uthana Mission. Order forms are available in the Church foyer, from the Parish Office or on the Uthana Mission website (uthanamission.org/wine-fundraiser).

NOTE: Orders must be received by 31 October and collected from the Parish on Saturday 8 November.

If you are not interested in purchasing wine, you can still help by sharing information about the fundraiser with family and friends. Alternatively you may like to make a **tax deductible donation** via the website at uthanamission.org.

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	
	Reference:	Name	
PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	Second Collection EFT Details		
	Account Name:	St Joseph's Church Subiaco	
	BSB:	086 006	
	Account #:	564 990 302	
	Reference:	Name	

PARISH DIARY				MONSIGNOR KEVIN
Sunday 28 September	10.30am 2pm	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism: <i>Harry & Heidi Eusden</i> Church: <i>Wedding Choir Rehearsal</i>	Monsignor Kevin	
Monday 29 September		Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, <i>Archangels</i> , Feast		
Tuesday 30 September	6pm	St Jerome, <i>Priest, Doctor</i> , Memorial Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>	Baptisms, Receptions and Confirmations	
Wednesday 1 October	5.30pm	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, <i>Virgin, Doctor</i> , Memorial Upper Room: <i>Centering Prayer</i>		
Thursday 2 October	3.30pm	The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Linda Nguyen & Timothy Han</i>	Lecturing at CEWA	
Friday 3 October		Friday, Week 26 of Ordinary Time	Lecturing at CEWA	
Saturday 4 October	9.30am 10.15am 1pm 4.15pm	St Francis of Assisi, Memorial Lawn: <i>Blessing of the Animals</i> Baptism: <i>Anna Elizabeth Curthoys</i> Wedding Service: <i>Linda Nguyen & Timothy Han</i> Interment of Ashes	Monsignor Kevin Monsignor Kevin Fr Quang Hong Pham Monsignor Kevin	