Let us remember in our prayers …

Recently deceased: Dr Dympna MacCauley, Roy Daniel, Fr Frank Moloney SDB

Anniversaries: Sr Ellen Moran IBVM, Mary Dillon, Fr Frank Birrell

Sick: Ken Metcalf, Beula Reddy, Joan Travers, Alan, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Peter McEvoy, Kaja, Marie Hebble, Sue, Kaye, Sr Deidre Brown IBVM, Celine Williams, Joseph Sheahan, Peter Costelloe, Catherine, Mimi Epstein, Marilyn Mirabella, Mal Lamond, Archbishop Barry James Hickey, Anunciata Alteri, Jan Hudson, Carlo Barbenente

November Intentions: During November we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died including all whose names are written in our November Book of Remembrance.

MARY WARD'S VISION FULFILLED AS TWO CONGREGATIONS MERGE

By Sr Christine Masivo CPS

In a historic moment for female religious life, two branches of Mary Ward's spiritual family, the Congregation of Jesus (CJ) and the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM), known as the Loreto Sisters, have merged into one congregation. The unification became official during Mass in Loyola, Spain, on 4 November 2025, fulfilling the 400-year-old vision of their foundress, Venerable Mary Ward (1585-1645). The canonical merger of the two congregations brings together approximately 1,880 sisters worldwide under the official name of the Congregation of Jesus (CJ). The Mass was presided by Fr Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, at the birthplace of St Ignatius Loyola, since both congregations were inspired by the founder of the Jesuits.

Mary Ward, a pioneering English woman born in 1585, dreamt of a different form of religious life devoted to education and empowered by the spirituality of the Jesuits, though her ideas were opposed in 17th-century Europe. The schools she established were supressed, and she was imprisoned. Yet, her vision endured and gave life to two congregations that spread around the globe to carry her legacy. "This moment is a profound act of healing and hope," said Sr Veronica Fuhrmann CJ, Superior General of the newly-formed congregation. "For centuries, we have shared the same charism and the same mission. Today, what has long been true in spirit is now also true in structure. We are one." Unlike many religious orders prompted to merge as a result of dwindling numbers, this union emerges not from necessity but rather from strong conviction, reflecting years of discernment and dialogue between the two congregations' leadership teams. "We are merging because we want to, not because we have to," said Sr Noelle Corscadden, former Superior General of the Loreto Sisters. "This is about effecting what Mary Ward began: a single institute of women who live and serve with liberty, sincerity, and joy." In 2016 the two congregations began formal conversations to merge, followed by extensive consultations among members worldwide and sisters voting in favour of uniting, a decision described as "a moment of grace and fulfilment." While the name Loreto will continue to identify the congregation's schools and ministries, especially in Ireland, India, Australia and East Africa, all members will belong to the global body: the Congregation of Jesus. "The name Loreto is part of our heritage and will always remain," Sr Corscadden emphasised. The former Superior General was pivotal, along with Sr Jane Livesey, the then Congregation of Jesus Superior General, in bringing about the merger. "But as one congregation, our mission becomes broader and our reach stronger." The sisters serve in more than 40 countries, in ministries ranging from education and healthcare to support for women and the marginalised. In South Sudan, for example, Loreto and CJ sisters already collaborate in schools and social outreach programs, a foretaste of the unity that the merger now makes official. "In a broken world, our members have freely chosen to become one," said Sr. Carmel Swords, former IBVM Superior General. "It is our witness to the Gospel message of peace, reconciliation, and communion. We move forward filled with gratitude and with a renewed desire to serve God's people."

The merger was followed by a symposium on 5 November in Loyola, as the religious sisters explored how Mary Ward's spirituality continues to inspire women religious today as educators, leaders, and advocates of justice. As Sr. Fuhrmann noted, "Mary Ward once said, 'There is no such difference between the men and the women that women may not do great things.' Today we honour her prophetic courage by stepping forward together, one body, one spirit, and one mission."

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IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

4pm to 7pm, Friday 28 November 2025, 33 Palmerston St Mosman Park

Iona College warmly invites you to their first Christmas Markets for a fun-filled celebration of the Christmas spirit. Bring your family, a picnic rug, and your favourite drinks, and settle in on the College Green to enjoy performances from talented students singing Christmas songs. There will be food trucks, local produce, craft stalls, raffles, an animal farm, disco, face painting, and plenty of activities — so much to see and enjoy! Look forward to seeing you there.

SJOG SUBIACO SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

SJOG is seeking volunteers who are available for approximately two hours per session, a couple of times a month to distribute Holy Communion to patients. If you are trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, prepared to or have completed Safeguarding requirements, be reasonably fit and are able to comply with the SJOG Volunteering policy please send your contact information to **Pastoral.Subiaco@sjog.org.au** or call 9382 6200 for more information.

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WEEKLY HYMNS

9am & 5pm, Sunday 16 November

Lyrics are available on the Parish website by using 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	Sing to the Mountains (305)	I Will Never Forget You My People *Isaiah 49* (192)	Refiner's Fire (289) On Eagle's Wings (268)	How Great Thou Art (170)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Young Family Group	Youth Group	Faith Formation for Little Tots
16 November	**16 November**	**16 November**

LIFELINK CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025

Donations can still be made to the 2025 Archbishop's Christmas appeal for LifeLink. Visit **youtu.be/WhNzH9Tvhy0** to listen to the Archbishop's Appeal message. Donations to support the valuable work of the Church's social service agencies can be made using envelopes located in the pews and Church foyer or securely online by credit card at **lifelink.com.au.**

ADVENT TALKS 2025: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Tuesday 25 November, 9 December; Wednesday 10 December, Parish Upper Room

Bookings are now open for this year's Parish Advent Talks. Please use the links below or contact the Parish Office on 9381 0400.

6pm	Tuesday 25 November	Growing Compassion in Caregiving, Dying and Grieving *Presenter: Professor Samar Aoun AM*	**trybooking.com/DHBGV**
6pm	Tuesday 9 December	Into the Light With Mary *Presenter: Mother Hilda Scott OSB*	**trybooking.com/DHBHQ**
9.45am	Wednesday 10 December		

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025

SVDP Subiaco Conference launch their Christmas Appeal this weekend. Columban Calendars, Christmas Cards and Little Books are for sale in the Church Foyer before and after weekend Mass. We have 70 Christmas Hampers to supply this year, so please take a tag from the tree and return items when you next attend Mass or take a copy of the entire list. Thank you for your generous support.

ST CECILIA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

6pm, Friday 21 November, St Cecilia's Church, Peebles Road Floreat

Come along for an evening of sacred music to commemorate the Feast of St Cecilia. Traditional and much loved patroness of music, musicians and poets, St Cecilia's witness of faith will be celebrated with a beautiful selection of music that invites the faithful to reflect on the beauty of our musical heritage and the grace it brings to the life of the Church. Please bring a plate to share at the communal meal in the Parish Hall after the celebration. The evening is free but donations are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, please visit **trybooking.com/DHFMG**, or contact the Parish Office: 9387 1158 or **floreat@perthcatholic.org.au**.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

7pm, Friday 5 December, St Joseph's Church

Celebrate the joy of the festive season with this performance of Handel's sublime and beloved oratorio 'Messiah', performed in the intimate ecclesiastical setting for which it was originally composed. Delight in the superb voices of fabulous young professional singers, accompanied by the wonderful orchestra of OpusWA Arts Orchestra and Chorale, conducted by the esteemed and experienced choral conductor Robert Braham. Tickets available at **trybooking.com/eventlist/opuswa**.

MASS TIMES (*Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information*)	
Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm
Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday	9am & 5pm

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Account #: 887 970 525
Reference: Name

Second Collection EFT Details

Account Name: St Joseph's Church Subiaco
BSB: 086 006
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Reference: Name

PARISH DIARY

				MONSIGNOR KEVIN
Sunday 16 November	11.30am 6pm	**Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** Baptism: *Charlotte Astrid Shaw* Upper Room: *Youth Group*	*Fr Oscar Aguilera*	
Monday 17 November	4pm	**St Elizabeth of Hungary, *Religious,*** *Memorial* Syrian Wedding: *Ashitta Silven & Winston Kurien*	*Fr Manoj Mathews*	*KOM Meeting*
Tuesday 18 November	8.30am 6pm	**Tuesday, Week 33 of Ordinary Time** ***Optional: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles*** Upper Room: *CEWA* Upper Room: *St Vincent de Paul Meeting*		*Reconciliation at John XXIII College*
Wednesday 19 November	10am 5.30pm	**Wednesday, Week 33 of Ordinary Time** Upper Room: *Ladies' Prayer Group* Tribune Chapel: *Centering Prayer*		
Thursday 20 November		**Thursday, Week 33 of Ordinary Time**		*Mass at Iona Presentation College*
Friday 21 November	8.30am	**The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary,** *Memorial* Upper Room: *Trinity College: Yr 12 Cadre Retreat*		
Saturday 22 November	1pm	**St Cecilia, *Virgin, Martyr,*** *Memorial* Nuptial Mass: *Edna Momo & Jerry Momo*	*Fr Leonard Guiang*	