Parish of Saint Joseph, Subiaco **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** **22 March 2026**

Let us remember in our prayers …
Recently deceased: Kevin Chidlow, Bill Dillon
Anniversaries: Sr Clare Sciesinski PBVM, Cassie Farrelly, Mark Audino, Tony Mendez
Sick: Beula Reddy, Ken Metcalf, Joan Travers, Alan, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Peter McEvoy, Kaja, Sue, Kaye, Anunciata Alteri, Sr Deidre Brown IBVM, Celine Williams, Catherine, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino, Liam Brady, Lachie Glasfurd, John Audino, Peter Foss, Pat Docherty, Abigail Fells, Anne Hutchins, Felice Jennings and baby Marcel

ST JOSEPH SHOWED THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PRESENT

By Courtney Mares

Pope Leo XIV has highlighted how St Joseph, who is never directly quoted in the Bible, is an example for Christians of the importance of "being present." A week before the Church celebrates the feast of St Joseph, Pope Leo reflected on Jesus' foster father's exemplary role as a responsible guardian for the Holy Family.

"This is exactly what Saint Joseph did in caring for the family entrusted to him by the Lord," Pope Leo told participants in a conference promoting a culture of solidarity and hospitality. "In him we recognise that welcoming is not only presence, but also guardianship. Guardianship means being attentive to others, respecting their choices and caring for them."

The pope noted this posture of watchful care reflects the very nature of God, who Scripture presents as the tireless guardian of his people, echoing the words of Psalm 121. "Joseph shows us that presence and guardianship are inseparable dimensions," the pope said. "It is not possible to guard without being present, and one is not present without assuming responsibility for the other."

Pope Leo turned to the Gospel of Luke, recalling the moment when Mary and Joseph lost the child Jesus and spent three anxious days searching for him before finding him in the Temple, saying this "teaches us that the presence of the other is not automatic, but the result of constant searching. It has happened to each of us to lose someone or something to which we were very attached. At that moment, we realised how precious that presence was," he said.

The same dynamic can play out in the interior life. "We take for granted the presence of Jesus in our existence, until unexpectedly it seems He is no longer where we left Him. We feel a sense of loss. In reality, it is not He who is lost, but we who have strayed. When this happens, we are called to seek him with confidence, with the courage to travel unexplored paths, looking at the world with new eyes, filled with hope. In this way, we will stop looking for a God who suits us and instead encounter Him where He dwells,".

The pope spoke in the Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace with participants at a cultural and educational event organised in collaboration with Rome's Pontifical Lateran University. Pope Leo encouraged the participants in the conference "to continue to create environments capable of promoting goodness and fraternity in the Christian community and in society. Cultivate the charism of welcome by listening to the Holy Spirit, whose fruit, as Saint Paul tells us, "is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" he said. "May Mary Most Holy and Saint Joseph watch over you and intercede for you."

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ST JOSEPH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Family Group	Faith Formation for Little Tots	Youth Group	Seniors Morning Tea
12 April	29 March	22 May	7 May

PROJECT COMPASSION FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21 & 22 March

Caritas AUSTRALIA — UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff have endured personal loss and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring the conflict. You can support Project Compassion 2026 via donation boxes or envelopes, calling 1800 024 413, scanning the QR code or at **projectcompassion.org.au/donate**.

EMMAUS WALK FOR MEN 2026

7.30am to 11am, Saturday 11 April

Grab a mate or your son, and join a group of likeminded blokes on this year's walk. The day commences with 7:30am mass at Carmelite Convent (Nedlands), followed by a leisurely 12km walk along the river via Crawley and Elizabeth Quay to St Mary's Cathedral, arriving circa 10:30am where refreshments and reconciliation will be available. For more information contact Kim Metcalf on 0414 537 023. Register at app.tickets.org.au/MA/Emmaus26

ST THOMAS MORE COLLEGE MARKET DAY

10am to 2pm, Sunday 22 March, St Thomas More College

You're invited to this fun community event for all ages. Start with freshly made coffee before checking out the sweet based goods, fresh native flowers and succulents, and the Op Shop hidden treasures. Grab a sausage sizzle for lunch. Free face painting for the children. Every dollar raised supports the vulnerable in Cambodia providing care, education and life skills to children with disabilities and those in vulnerable family situations. Bring your friends and family. We can't wait to see you there!

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WEEKLY HYMNS

5pm Saturday 21 March; 9am Sunday 22 March

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*
Sat 5pm	Forty Days & Forty Nights *(Verses 1, 2 & 3)*	Confitebor tibi, Domine *Psalm 118*	Videns Dominus My Loving Saviour (235)	Forty Days & Forty Nights *(Verses 4 & 5)*
Sun 9am		The Lord is My Shepherd (328)	Come Thou Font of Every Blessing In Christ Alone (189)	

ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN PROGRAM 2026

PARISH RETREAT: ENTERING INTO HOLY WEEK **9am, Saturday 28 March, Parish Upper Room**

Presenter Mother Hilda OSB will assist us to rediscover God's dream for our salvation. Dreaming is an essential part of our biblical, theological and cultural inheritance. It's a dream of invitation, not accusation, the acceptance of which He has left to you and me. In this retreat day, we hope, through input, interaction, reflection, silence and prayer, to embrace this dream, this invitation and the unconditional love of God in Jesus. The day will conclude with the Parish Vigil Mass. Bookings at **trybooking.com/DJJIF** or via the QR code on the right.

PARISH RECONCILIATION: 5.15pm, Monday 30 March (*Visiting Priests*)

EASTER LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH'S

Holy Thursday	7pm	**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** **Altar of Repose (*Until 10pm*)**	**Holy Saturday**	7pm	**Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord**
Good Friday	10am 3pm	**Stations of the Cross** **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**	**Easter Sunday**	9am	**Mass of the Resurrection** ***Please note : NO 5pm Mass***

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

113 Tyler St, Tuart Hill

St Catherine's, a retreat and conference centre, is seeking volunteers to assist in keeping the centre affordable for those who need it. Opportunities for volunteering include hospitality, cooking and gardening. If you can offer a few hours a month we would love to hear from you.Social information sessions will be held at **10am** on **Monday 23 March** and **1pm** on **Tuesday 31 March.**
For information contact Sr Elizabeth RSM at **stcatherines@westnet.com.au** or on 9443 9020.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Suitably qualified persons are invited to join the team. For details and how to apply, refer to **perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm**.

- Recruitment Officer, People and Culture (Six weeks, Full-time)
- Advocate, Daydawn Advocacy Centre (Permanent, Part-time)
- Pastoral Assistant, Aboriginal Ministry (Permanent, Full-time)
- Vocal Tutor, St Mary's Cathedral (Part-time)
- Liaison, Deaf Support, Personal Advocacy Service (Casual)
- Team Leader, Parish Finance (Permanent, Full-time)

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

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS	
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First Collection EFT Details
Account Name: St Joseph's Presbytery Subiaco
BSB: 086 006
Account #: 887 970 525
Reference: Name

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 22 March	9.45am	**Fifth Sunday of Lent** Baptism: *Lily Parker, Leuwin Wheeler & Sophie Parker*	*Monsignor Kevin*	
Monday 23 March		**Monday, Week 5 of Lent**		
Tuesday 24 March	6pm	**Tuesday, Week 5 of Lent** Upper Room: *St Vincent de Paul Meeting*		
Wednesday 25 March	9.30am 4pm 5pm	**The Annunciation of the Lord,** *Solemnity* Upper Room: *Ladies Prayer Group* Upper Room: *Confirmation Parent-Child Workshop* Tribune Chapel: *Centering Prayer*		
Thursday 26 March		**Thursday, Week 5 of Lent**		
Friday 27 March	5pm 5pm	**Friday, Week 5 of Lent** Church: *Stations of the Cross* Upper Room: *rClyp (Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People)*		
Saturday 28 March	9am 11am 3pm	**Saturday, Week 5 of Lent** Upper Room: *Parish Retreat* Board Room: *Salvado Trail Meeting* Upper Room: *Confirmation Preparation Class*		