Let us remember in our prayers …
Recently deceased: Jan Franks, Stephen Hill, Jill Owens, Kathryn Slater
Anniversaries: Claire Long, Elizabeth Ferrar, Fr Bill Durkin, Glen Lewis, Georgia Lewis
Sick: Beula Reddy, Ken Metcalf, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Sr Deidre Brown CJ, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino, Liam Brady, John Audino, Pat Docherty, Abigail Fells, Cate, Anne Hutchins, Veronica Kong, Jason, Helen Hawkes, Paddy Walker, Danielle Hewitt, Sr Veronica OSB, Noreen Willett, Marcelle Ranasinghe, Noreen Willcocks, Greg Gee, Sr Terri Emslie PBVM

SECULARIST GROUPS ACCUED OF TRYING TO SKEW CENSUS RESULTS

A row has flared over the religion question in next week's Census as secularist groups are accused of trying to skew results by advising Australians how to answer the country's most important national survey.

Christian leaders and a top demographer have claimed the campaign, led by the Rationalist Society and the National Secular Lobby, is actively trying to influence the 2026 Census by circulating a questionnaire instructing people how to fill out their response on religion.

The quiz, run under the 'Census – Not religious? Mark no religion' campaign, promises a free, fast and personalised result to "help you choose the most accurate response on the Australian Census question".

Anglican Bishop Michael Stead said the mock survey was "deliberately distorting" what the religion question was meant to be assessing by encouraging people to select "no religion" if they do not actively practise their faith.

And demographer Mark McCrindle also raised concerns the campaign was trying to skew the Census data as the question is meant to record religious affiliation, and not test how often Australians attend their place of worship.

The stoush is the latest issue to face the Census after Jewish groups flagged they were not listed on the form, and the "no religion" box was left at the top of the options available for Australians to choose from, fuelling concerns it would lead to an inaccurate result.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics previously considered changing the faith question in this year's Census from "what is the person's religion" to "does the person have a religion?" due to concerns the current wording assumed people were religious.

This was abandoned amid concerns about a lack of data, alongside a push in 2024 from religious leaders directly to Anthony Albanese, and pro-secular groups vehemently opposed the decision to keep the question unchanged.

Although the "tick no religion" campaign has been run in the past, this is the first time a questionnaire has been shared with the public.

The Rationalist Society denied it was instructing people but president Victor Franco suggested the quiz was circulated as a result of the failed bid to change the Census. He argued the current question would lead to biased data.

In June, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference encouraged Catholics to identify themselves in the national Census.

National Centre for Pastoral Research director Trudy Dantis said data from the religion question was crucial to helping Catholic parishes, schools, dioceses and organisations understand their communities and plan for ministry and mission.

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **11.30am, Saturday 15 August 2026**

As it is a Holy Day of Obligation a special Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held at 11.30am on Saturday 15 August.

ST JOSEPH'S SVDP SUBIACO CONFERENCE UPDATE

We are delighted to share that **Steve Nalty** has been elected as our new Conference President. We are grateful to Steve for accepting this important leadership role.

St Vincent de Paul meets every Tuesday evening between 6pm and 7pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Steve on subiaco.president@svdpwa.org.au for more information.

2026 ORCHESTRAL MASS **9am, Sunday 23 August, St Joseph's Subiaco**

Camerata de Immaculata warmly invites you join this eleven year tradition as the orchestra leads our Sunday worship through beautiful music. All welcome.

30 YEAR CELEBRATION OF PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE **10.30am, 31 October 2026, All Saints Catholic Church Greenwood**

The Board of Pregnancy Assistance Inc. warmly invite you to join them in celebrating three decades of hope, life and service. Since its establishment in 1996, Pregnancy Assistance has continued to serve women and their families by providing compassionate care, professional counselling, emotional and practical support to those impacted by pregnancy and pregnancy loss. Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am, followed by a 12 noon catered lunch in the Parish Centre. Registration by 5 September is essential.

To register please visit **30YearsofPA.eventbrite.com** or phone 9328 2929.

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WEEKLY HYMNS **9am & 5pm, Sunday 9 August**

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*
Sun 9am	We Walk By Faith (356)	Be Still In the Presence of the Lord	Ave Verum Corpus I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (182)	Hail Redeemer King Divine! (148)
Sun 5pm	Be Not Afraid (36)	The Lord is My Shepherd (328)	How Great is Our God (169) Peace is Flowing Like a River (277)	How Great Thou Art (170)

ST JOSEPH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Family Group	Faith Formation for Little Tots	Youth Group	Seniors' Morning Tea
30 August	16 August	23 August	3 September

THIS WEEKEND is the annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Your gift will assist a variety of Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by visiting **catholicmission.org.au/united** or using the appeal envelope. If you are keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at ***fleong@catholicmission.org.au*** to explore possibilities.

IT'S GAME TIME! **9.45am, Sunday 30 August 2026**

Calling all St Joseph's little kids! Join us for an exciting morning of fun, games, and soccer skills after the 9am Mass. It's a wonderful opportunity for children to learn, play, make new friends, and enjoy an active morning together. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring a plate to share.

KNIGHT'S LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST **23 September, Fraser's Kings Park**

The Knights of the Southern Cross WA invite all over 18 to join them for a **Leadership Breakfast.** Your ticket includes a hot breakfast & bottomless coffee. Register at **go.kscwa.au/223sept26** and use the code FAITH1 for a special discount. Discount offer ends 19 August.

CALLING ALL ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH **6pm, Sunday 23 August**

What's your idea of a great Youth Community? Come along and join our Youth Group session @ St Joseph's for a relaxed Sunday evening aimed at young people in Years 7 to 12, as well as TAFE and University students. Enjoy food, fun, games and conversation as we explore what the St Joseph's Youth Community could be. Come alone or bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Cost: $5.

ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES: CENTRE FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT **Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview**

- Rediscovering the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, 11am Thursdays, 6-27 August, Rev. Dr Christian Irdi
- From Encounter to Mission: Living the Joy of the Gospel: 10.30am, Thursdays, 3-24 September, Mrs Laura Firth

ONLINE

- Faith Seeking Understanding: Introduction to Theology: 7.30pm, Wednesdays, 14 October - 18 November, Ms Natalie Thomas

For registration and further information about all courses, visit **cfe.org.au**, **email: cfe@perthcatholic.org.au** or phone 9278 0261.

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
Account #: 564 990 302
Reference: Name

PARISH DIARY

				MONSIGNOR KEVIN
Sunday 9 August	11.30am	**Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time** Baptism: *Ailbhe Grace Tobin*	*Fr Oscar Aguiliera*	
Monday 10 August		**St Lawrence, *Deacon, Martyr,*** *Feast*		
Tuesday 11 August	6pm	**St Clare, *Virgin,*** *Memorial* Upper Room: *St Vincent de Paul Meeting*		
Wednesday 12 August	9.30am 2pm 5.30pm	**Wednesday, Week 19 of Ordinary Time** ***Optional: St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*** Upper Room: *Ladies Prayer Group* Funeral Service: *Stephen Hill* Upper Room: *Centering Prayer*	*Fr John Piumatti*	
Thursday 13 August	10.15am 3.30pm 4.30pm	**Thursday, Week 19 of Ordinary Time** **Optional: *Sts Pontain, Pope, & Hippoloytus, Priest, Martyrs*** Memorial Service: *Debbie Brosnan* Requiem Mass: *Kathryn Slater* Upper Room: *Private Function*	*Monsignor Kevin*	*Student Conference Mass at Iona College*
Friday 14 August	5pm	**St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, *Priest, Martyr,*** *Memorial* Upper Room*: Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People*		
Saturday 15 August	11.30am	**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** *Solemnity* Church: *Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*		