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**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:** Masses are Saturday Vigil at 6pm and Sunday at 7.30am and 9.30am. Weekdays Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 10am. Wednesday and Thursday at 5pm.

**ST COLUMBA'S PARISH, SOUTH PERTH**

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**BAPTISM ENQUIRIES:** Celebrated at 11am on the first Sunday of month

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Presenters needed, except in the school holidays.

**COLUMBA CARE:** Convenor Shaun Maton [admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au)

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**RECONCILIATION or CONFESSION:** **Saturday 5:00-5:30pm**

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AFTER SCHOOL FOR FIRST EUCHARIST, PRE CONFIRMATION,**

**CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION:** Contact Catechist Helen on 0401 329 479 or email

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*V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.*

*R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. **Hail Mary***

*V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.*

*R. Be it done unto me according to your word. **Hail Mary***

*V. And the Word was made flesh.*

*R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary***

*V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.*

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Masses for the faithful departed offered; Michelle Garratt, requested by Chrissy Lally, Mass to be offered for 9:30am Mass; Parishioner's intentions at 7:30am.



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED** Please

pray for all the sick and housebound of our parish especially residents of Concorde and Aegis Balmoral Nursing Homes where Mass and Anointing will be offered this coming Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 and

3pm respectively, Shaun Maton's mother, Bianca, is now a resident of Aegis Balmoral and he may well attend along with his mother; Joan Edwards, now in care in Queenslea in Claremont and for the terminally ill of our Parish.



**BEHOLD EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE:** At Sacred Heart Catholic Pastoral Centre, Highgate. October 12-14. For further details please see the leaflets on either porch table or the posters on the notice board [www.evangelisationaustralia.com](http://www.evangelisationaustralia.com)

**MIRACLE. PRAYERS AND HEALING SERVICE:**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of September at 7.30pm. 67 Howe St, Osborne Park. Enquires: 0404 028 298 or visit: [www.facebook.com/miracleprayersperth](http://www.facebook.com/miracleprayersperth) Samuel Clear is the Director of Youth Evangelisation for the Hobart Archdiocese. Between 2006-2008, he walked 15,600km around the world. Come and hear about his thrilling adventure of the wisdom he has gained in "Overcoming Downheartedness." Our weekday Mass Parishoner's Yanni and Reg Firth highly recommend Samuel, the speaker as he has attended many World Youth Days.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** **We thank all those who have collected their pack of envelopes. Also, those who joined the program last weekend.** Inviting new members to join the

program by signing up via email at: [admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au) may also give by direct debit to the Parish Account, **BSB 086006 A/c number 458 53 7299**, or you can donate to the tax deductible St. Columba's School Building Fund **BSB 086006 A/c 87662 5427**. For those who wish to contribute to the first collection, the **BSB 086006** and the **A/c Number is 18136 3635**. Please consider. Thank you to those who have recently joined the Planned Giving Program.

**ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:** Born in 349 in Antioch, John received a fine education and then spent some time in uninterrupted contemplation of the Word of God as a hermit. He eventually found his true calling as a priest in Antioch and then as a bishop of Constantinople. According to Pope Benedict XVI, John's "perfectly pastoral theology" addressed everyday problems with doctrinal depth and clarity. His homilies on marriage and family life spoke to perennial issues faced by husbands and wives. "There is nothing which so welds our life together as the love of man and wife," he wrote. John died at Comana in Pontus in 407.

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. So said by bystanders after they saw Jesus' healing of the deaf man with a speech impediment.

We are meant to share their amazement in the measure that Jesus continues to heal us, deaf to the Word of God, and hence unable to speak it clearly.

Sadly, secularism continues to assert itself in our once strongly religious culture.

Around twenty-six percent of our countrymen say that they practice no religion, and among those thirty years of age and younger, that number climbs to forty percent.

The secular person, by definition is one who hears only the voices that echo around the public square, in the popular and the high culture, and perhaps especially in social media. These are voices that, almost exclusively, trumpet the importance of wealth, of power, of pleasure, of fame, of worldly success.

So powerful and insistent are these voices that they drown out, easily enough, the tiny whispering voice of God.

How crucially relevant for our time that Saint John referred to Jesus as the Incarnation of the Word of God. In his voice, we are able to hear the voice of God; through his ministrations, our deafness to God is overcome.

Now those who are deaf indeed find it difficult to speak clearly, and this principle holds in the spiritual order as well.

Precisely because the secularised person cannot hear God's word, he or she cannot convey it persuasively and beautifully to the wider culture. Once again, attunement to the voice of Jesus is the key to becoming an articulate evangelizer. Thus, the Lord continues, even now, to do all things well: he cures our deafness to the divine word and causes us to speak it with confidence.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right: treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

*Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 451-454*

**First Reading:** A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Psalms:** 94 *Response:* O that today, you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself: and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Next Week's Readings: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.

*Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 454-458*

**First Reading:** A reading from the Prophet Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

**Psalms:** 102 *Response:* The Lord is king and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

*Or*

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> of September 2023

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** To give hearing and speech back to a deaf and mute man restores his ability to enter fully into human communication; to hear a voice of a friend and to express himself with ease. But, his many years of suffering, lead to an incomparable privileged; the first voice he hears is Christ's. The first person he speaks to is Jesus. Hear is your God, "Oh once a deaf and mute man, he comes with divine recompense, he comes to save you." If we "adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ" we will be healed of every infirmity and be "heirs of the Kingdom that he promised to those who loved him".

**THE NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE:** Contains indents for each book, explanatory notes and commentary. Available for \$19.95 per copy. This Bible makes an ideal gift for those preparing for Reconciliation into the Church, or members of the RCIA.

**KSC EDUCATION FOUNDATION – SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023;** Opens 28 August and closes 1 November 2023. The scholarship program is open to all Catholic teachers to enable them to undertake further studies in Theology or Religious Education Studies at Notre Dame University to attain qualification to teach Religious Education in the Catholic Schools.

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK:** Tuesday: Anticipated Mass of Saints Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs; Wednesday: St John Chrysostom; Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows →

**BE OPENED:** We should note that before our Lord touched the ears and tongue of the disabled man who was to be healed, he took him and led him aside from the crowd. The first hope of salvation for anyone is to desert those with vicious habits, and the commotion of the crowds and so humbly bow his head to receive the gift of healing. We must not in any way suppose that salvation is possible as long as one is not afraid to cling to his disordered habits, to be delighted by pointless words, [or] to be impaired by disturbing thoughts. But there lies in store for a person who, with God's mercy and aid, has changed the disturbed was of his former life, who has conceived in his heart the inspiration of divine grace, who has learned from the word of heavenly teaching to confess the true faith, to secure immediately the longed for joys of good health. Hence it is appropriate that, after our Lord separates the disabled man from the crowd, after he puts his fingers into his ears, after he touches his tongue with his spittle, there is added: *And looking up towards heaven he groaned and said "be opened."* And at once his ears were opened and the ligament of his tongue was loosened. It was proper that, as he was about to heal the disabled man, our Lord looked up toward heaven and groaned. This was to indicate from where healing was to be hoped for, and with what zeal for consumption and tears it was to be sought after and reached out for. He looked up towards heaven and groaned because he grieved that we, whom he had created to part heavenly things, were cast far away, [entangled] in earthly matters. He looked up toward heaven and groaned to suggest to us, who had withdrawn from the joys of heaven through being gratified by earthly things, that our return to these joys must be accomplished by groaning and sighing. Saint Bede the Venerable (+735) was an English Benedictine monk, a biblical scholar, and the first English historian. – Taken from the Magnificat



**SAFE GUARDING WEEKEND:** The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

