

# The Living Word

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**17 August 2025**

## **First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10**

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14**

**(R.) Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. (R.)

2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay! (R.)

## **Second Reading Heb 12:1-4**

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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**16TH/17TH OF AUGUST  
2025**



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**

If you would like a Mass intention or Prayer for the Sick to be listed in the bulletin and/or Prayer of the Faithful, please email or call Isabella.

**THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS**

**Wednesday:** 10:30am to 12:00pm

**Friday:** 10:30am to 12:00pm

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**WEEKLY TIMETABLE**

**Saturday**

11:30 am

Reconciliation

6:00 pm

Vigil Mass

**Sunday**

7:30am

Mass

9:30 am

Mass

**Monday, Tuesday and Friday**

10:00am

Mass

**Wednesday and Thursday**

5:00pm

Mass

**SUNDAY CONNECT**

Please join us for morning tea, borrow books from our Parish Library and purchase something from our piety stall - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, following the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Children's liturgy is held on Sunday's during the 9:30am Mass throughout the school term. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome.

**SEND US MAIL**

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**BAPTISM:** Celebrated every second Sunday of the month at 11am

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**MARRIAGE:** Celebrated at 1pm and 3:30pm on Saturday's. Other days by arrangement:

Enquires to: [admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au)

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, PRE-CONFIRMATION, & FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Contact our Catechist Helen by phone/text on 0401 329 479

## MASS INTENTIONS

**6pm Vigil:** Parishioner's intentions.

**7:30am:** Parishioner's intentions.

**9:30am:** Mass offered for our First Holy Communion candidates.

## DAYDAWN CATHOLIC ADVOCACY CENTRE

Please join us in donating blankets, clothes, socks, disposable heat packs for the homeless who are sleeping rough throughout the winter, in collaboration with The Daydawn Catholic Advocacy group (DCA). Please leave your donations in the tubs, located at the main porch entrance. DCA was established in 2007 by Archbishop Barry Hickey.

During the past week, our Parishioners, Hedley and Lyn, handed out more of your generous donations to those who have been suffering homelessness! Thank you so much for your kind donations - every bit helps!

Below is both Lyn and Hedley, handing out donations to the Indigenous homeless throughout Perth, thanks to your generosity.



## UPCOMING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. COLUMBA'S

First Holy Communion will be celebrated during our 9:30am Masses on the 17th, 24th, and 31st of August. These Masses will proceed as usual and will include Children's Liturgy.

## COLUMBAN CALENDAR - 2026

Would you like to purchase a Columban Calendar for 2026? Please express your interest on the sign-up sheets at either entrance to the Church.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION

We do not take up a collection during Mass. However, as you enter the church, there are Eftpos machines available along with the option for cash contributions. We greatly appreciate any financial support you can contribute towards our Parish.

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection – For the Priest	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – For the Parish Expenses
Bank: NAB BSB: 086 006 ACC: 72646 1615	Bank: NAB BSB: 086 006 ACC: 45853 7299

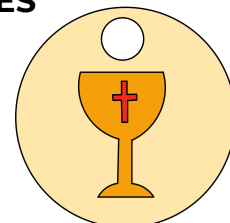
## RESTORATION DONATIONS

Envelopes are available near the Eftpos machines at either entrance. All donations are appreciated as we slowly restore the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre.

– Fr. Nino Vinciguerra

## CONGRAULATIONS TO OUR HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

We extend our warmest congratulations to both our external preparation candidates and the children of St. Columba's



Primary School who received their First Holy Communion during the 9:30am Mass this Sunday.

This sacred milestone marks a significant step in their faith journey, and we celebrate their commitment, reverence, and joy on this special occasion. A heartfelt thank you to the families, teachers, and parish community who have supported and guided them along the way.

May the grace of this sacrament continue to bless and inspire them in the years to come.

– Fr. Nino Vinciguerra

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Lk 12:49-53

*I have not come to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

### PARENTING WITH PURPOSE SEMINAR

Join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) for an inspiring and practical seminar presented by the Spiritual Renewal Ministry. This seminar invites parents at every stage of their journey—whether you're expecting, raising toddlers, or guiding teens—to rediscover God's design for intentional, grace-filled parenting. Come, be refreshed, equipped, and connected with other parents as we grow together in honoring God through our parenting.

**Date:** Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2025

**Time:** 10:30am to 1:30pm

**Venue:** Queen of Apostles Parish House, 55 Tudor Ave, Riverton.

### MORNING TEA

Following the 9:30am Mass, please join us in the Parish Centre for morning tea. All are welcome!



The Craft & Fellowship Group has sparked some interest in our community and will soon be launching. The first session is scheduled for the 2nd of September 2025.

#### Weekly Day/Time

**Day:** Tuesday's

**Time:** 10:30am to 12pm [following Mass]

**Cost:** 50c - for tea/coffee and a biscuit

Feel free to bring along a craft project you're currently working on!

### CATHOLIC SINGLES ARCADE NIGHT - 20 TO 35 YEAR OLDS

Join the Catholic Youth Singles Club for a fun night of arcade games with other Catholics



from around Perth! Whether you're a dance-battle pro or just in it for the air hockey, this event is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and enjoy some friendly competition in a relaxed, social setting.

**Date:** Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2025

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Venue:** Varsity Cannington - 1525 Albany Highway, Beckenham, W.A. 6107

**Tickets:** Purchase via the link below

<https://perthcatholicsingles.eventbrite.com>

### COME AND BE SPIRITUALLY RENEWED - A ONE-DAY EVENT WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BUCE DOWNES

Are you longing for more in your spiritual life? Do you need space to breathe, reflect, and hear from God? Join The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes, for a powerful afternoon of encouragement, prayer and personal spiritual renewal.

**Date:** 30 August, 2025

**Time:** 12pm to 4pm

**Location:** Impacters Centre, 17 Gibberd Road, Balcatta

**Registration:** Register via the link below [www.bruce-downes.org/auevents](http://www.bruce-downes.org/auevents)

