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### *This Week's Liturgy*

Mon	9.00am	
Tue	9.00am	
Wed	5.00pm	Holy Hour
	6.00pm	
Thu	9.00am	
Fri	9.00am	
Sat	5-5:30pm	Reconciliation
	6.00pm	
Sun	8.00am	10.00am 5.00pm

We welcome the children throughout the parish who will be receiving the **Sacrament of Penance** this year to the **6pm and 10am Commitment Masses** this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they are preparing to receive this important healing Sacrament. Parents, please remember that the **Reconciliation Parent/Child workshops** are this coming **Tuesday or Wednesday** in the Parish Centre– refer to your note for your attendance day and time.

*Attending to our own Reconciliation helps us to ensure that we are not being lazy in our relationship with God.*

*Thank you to Father Cyprian who celebrated our weekday Masses throughout last week while Father Dat was on retreat. Welcome back Father Dat!*

### **Willetton Parish is hosting a talk and Q&A on the issue of same-sex attraction and the push for “Marriage Equality”.**

**Sunday 17 September, 7-9pm, Willetton Catholic Parish, 5 Ingham Court, Willetton.**

There will be time set aside for Q&A. Topics covered will include: *What does the Church teach about love and same sex attraction? What can I do if I, a family member, or a friend experience same sex attraction? Is the Church bigoted in objecting to same-sex marriage? Should I believe in “Marriage Equality”?*

*Come and find out more, and also how best to respond to these issues facing today's society.*

***No RSVP required! Further info: [Ichthys@y7mail.com](mailto:Ichthys@y7mail.com) or [admin@willettoncatholicparish.org.au](mailto:admin@willettoncatholicparish.org.au)***

## **SAFEGUARDING MATTERS**

As Child Protection Week draws to a close we must not lose sight of the purpose behind the celebration, that God has given all children the right to feel safe at all times. To this end Child Protection Week highlighted the role everyone plays in keeping our children safe by recognizing the Safeguarding Program at the Child Protection Breakfast on Tuesday and through the Protective Behaviours Workshops run in 14 Parishes across the Perth Archdiocese.

At the Child Protection Breakfast the Archbishop launched the new Catholic Parent Handbook, written by Andrea Musulin. Titled “Protecting God’s Children – A Catholic Parent’s Guide to Keeping Their Kids Safe”, the handbook provides 10 resources focused on the prevention of child sexual abuse. As Andrea explains “*In order to increase your child’s safety it is imperative that we fill their baskets of knowledge with age appropriate and developmentally appropriate information.*” Topics range from the theme “God gave all children the right to feel safe at all times” to discussion of “My Helping Hand”, those adults who children can go to if they have a problem.

At the Breakfast, the winners of the Poster Competition were announced. Of the hundreds of entries across the Archdiocese, Mater Christi Parish had TWO prize winners!. The winner of the Upper Primary Competition was **Genevieve Heinzle** from Mater Christi Catholic Primary School and the winner of the Senior Competition was **Isabella Mann** from Emmanuel Catholic College. Congratulations to both girls.

On Thursday the Parish hosted the last Protective Behaviours Workshop with over 50 people attending the presentation by Andrea Musulin and receiving their copy of the Parent Handbook. Extra copies of this Handbook will be made available this weekend at Mass along with the “Helping Hand” resource for children and a special Children’s Liturgy on Sunday.

The Parish Safeguarding Officers wish to thank all those who supported and showed interest in these activities and wish God’s blessings on all parents as they strive to keep their children safe in a sometimes confronting world.



## RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS AT MATER CHRISTI

Requests for reception of the following Sacraments in the parish need to be made through the Mater Christi Parish Office. This includes **Baptism**, first **Reconciliation**, **Eucharist**, **Confirmation** and **Marriage** (Holy Matrimony).  
The best method of contact is the parish email address: [materchristi@westnet.com.au](mailto:materchristi@westnet.com.au)

We welcome into our Family of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism

**Callum Derry**, son of Darren and Leah

**Lexi Rose Hillman**, daughter of Reece and Liza

*Please pray for the newly baptized, their parents & godparents*



## CALLING ALTAR SERVERS!

The next Altar Servers training will be held on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm**  
All Altar Servers are encouraged to attend.



## FATHER'S DAY DOUBLES TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Thank you very much to all those who participated in the Father's Day Doubles Tennis Tournament held last Saturday morning. It was a real fun and an enjoyable event clubbing it with a sausage sizzle and refreshments very well managed by Glynis, Bernadette and Marie. There was good competition & sportsmanship shown throughout the tournament and congratulations to the winners of the tournament Stephen Tan and Baptist Mendonca.



It was suggested by all the participants & Fr.Dat to conduct these indoor games regularly which will be given further consideration.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 4:00pm** come along to **St Mary's Cathedral**, Victoria Square, Perth for a celebration of **Mass followed by Rosary** lead by Monsignor Michael Keating in celebration of **St Pio of Pietrelcina's Feast Day**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC) will launch the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2017–2018 entitled, *'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'* on **Sunday 24 September**. In this year's Statement, the Catholic Bishops of Australia consider the economic priorities of Australia. They draw from the teachings of Pope Francis and his predecessors to highlight how the exclusion of poor and vulnerable citizens from the benefits of economic growth, reveal a lack of justice in the economic system itself. They draw on new understandings of development in the spheres of social and economic policy to highlight how the wellbeing of humans and all of creation must be an economy's central purpose. The statement calls for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and engages all people as dignified contributors to sustainable and economic growth. **Further info:** John Ferguson, [admin@acsjc.org.au](mailto:admin@acsjc.org.au)

## Australian Catholic Marriage & Family Council. An Advisory to Australian Catholic Bishops Month of Prayer and Fasting October 2017

Scripture and the Church's history give us many examples of the miraculous impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together. Join us for a month of prayer and fasting to be held in parishes, schools and homes across the nation during the month of October 2017 because all families need our prayers and need God's Grace. We pray for our nation's understanding of the importance of marriage: that we will act to protect God's plan for marriage and family life. We also pray for the well-being of marriages and families, and in a particular way for people who are same-sex attracted or gender questioning.