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This Week's Liturgy

Mon	9.00am	
Tue	9.00am	
Wed	9.00am	Holy Day - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	5.00pm	Holy Hour
	6.00pm	Mass
Thu	9.00am	
Fri	9.00am	
Sat	5-5:30pm	Reconciliation
	6.00pm	
Sun	8.00am	
	10.00am	
	5.00pm	

This weekend we welcome
the final group of
43 children of the 125 who this
Year, are receiving their
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.



As they gather around
the Table of the Lord, please keep them
with their families in your prayers.

We thank all of the teachers and catechists
who have been instrumental in the children being
prepared so well to receive the Sacrament.

Mater Youth is on this Sunday 12th
commencing at 6pm (straight after the 5pm Mass!)
until 7:30pm. Would love to see you there!

Safeguarding Project Director, Andrea Musulin, refers to the three ingredients in the recipe for crime: Motivation, knowledge and opportunity. The Safeguarding Project targets opportunity through Safeguarding Officers and through educational programs such as Protective Behaviours.



Protective Behaviours acknowledges children are vulnerable as they don't have the knowledge and skills to defend themselves. "They lack knowledge on sexual issues (but it is not about) ... learning about sex, ... it is to ... (provide) a range of strategies to increase ... personal safety ... (while) not giving them sexual knowledge beyond their years." It involves ... (so called) 'Baskets of Knowledge'. A child of six would have a full basket of knowledge about stealing but an empty basket about sex. "If asked to steal a chocolate bar they could draw on their basket to "push back" against doing that, ... (but) if asked to take part in a sexual "game" they wouldn't have anything to draw on." Protective Behaviours provides the "pushback" by teaching how "it's not okay to play games with your private parts ... or to touch it ... or touch others' ... or to have it photographed".⁽¹⁾

To learn how parents can teach their children Protective Behaviours, refer to the Safeguarding page on the Parish website, the Parent handbook on "Protecting God's Children" or the workshop during **Child Protection Week**. Workshops include: "Protecting God's Children"; "Cyber Safety"; "Love, Sex and Relationships for Teenagers".

The Child Protection Breakfast is on **Tuesday 4 September at 7:30am** at the Duxton Hotel and don't forget **the Safeguarding Competition** for school children. The overall winner receives a \$500 gift voucher. **Entries due Sunday August 19**. Entry forms are available in the Church Foyer or from the Catholic schools.

1. Quotes from the Protective Behaviours video at <http://www.materchristiparish.com/Content/safeguarding>

EUTHANASIA WEBSITE

As WA debates euthanasia in 2018, the LJ Goody Bioethics Centre has helped launch a dedicated "Care for Life" website www.careforlife.net.au to keep you informed and give you a chance to have your voice heard. The website includes relevant articles, opinions and research.

Use the Contact page to let us know what you think.

We welcome into our
Family of Faith
through the Sacrament of Baptism
Cale Gatland,
son of Ruth & Robert

Please pray for the newly baptised,

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS AT MATER CHRISTI

Requests for reception of **Baptism** need to be made to baptism.mc@westnet.com.au

All **other Sacraments** enquiries can be made to the Parish Office.

RCIA enquiries should be directed to rcia.mc@westnet.com.au

The best method of contact is the parish email address: materchristi@westnet.com.au

RCIA

Mater Christi's second group of RCIA pre-catechumens have completed their fourth week of RCIA sharing on the topic "**Who is Jesus**". Frs Dat and Joseph call on the congregation of Mater Christi Catholic Parish to actively welcome, support and pray for these pre-catechumens in their journey of faith formation.



WHAT IS A PLENARY COUNCIL?

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.



WHY ARE WE HAVING A PLENARY COUNCIL IN 2020?

There are many reasons for having a Plenary Council for the Catholic Church in Australia: Pope Francis has invited the local church to dialogue; the contemporary society of Australia has changed significantly, and the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse has been a significant and influential event that requires deep consideration and response.

When the Australian Catholic Bishops announced the decision to hold a Plenary Council, Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge said that "the Church is not the presence in our society it once was. We need to take a measure of that and make decisions accordingly. The culture in which we have to proclaim the Gospel is very different to what it was even 20 or 30 years ago."

It is being held in 2020 in order to give the Catholic community in Australia time to listen, dialogue and discern with one another and, guided by the Holy Spirit, about the future, the role and relevance of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Remember to check up on what's happening with the Plenary Council by visiting the website – it is being updated regularly: plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 5-12 August

The Church in Perth needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this.

Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Especially in this Year for Youth and Vocational Discernment, we can pray for the young people of our parish and family – that our prayers and support will assist them to discern God's plan for their life. **Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others.** Lend your voice to the call of the Lord.

5-A-SIDE WALKING SOCCER MINI WORLD CUP COMPETITION

Date : Saturday 15 Sep 2018
Time : 8.30am to 1.30pm
Venue : Mater Christi Oval
Format : Team Knock Out Challenge



Form a team and SIGN UP at the Church foyer after Mass today! 10 full teams have already registered and we want 6 more teams. Entry is free but Registration is required. See competition poster for further details. Join us and play walking soccer on Saturday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. Contact Stephen for further information (steokh38@gmail.com or 0412494084)

INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA – VISIT

One of the statues of Our Lady of Fatima blessed by Pope Francis will visit **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**, 82 Collick Street Hilton. **Thursday 23 August from 8am till 6pm.** All are welcome to receive the blessings. **Further info: 9314 7733**