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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (PREP)

Enrolments for the Parish Religious Education Classes (aka After School Classes) is **this coming Wednesday – 7th February.**

Please come along THIS WEEK to enrol your children for the year. Classes run 3:45-4:45pm each Wednesday afternoon of the school terms (excluding Week 1). **These classes are offered for all children in our parish from year 1 – year 6 who attend non-Catholic schools.** If you are new to the programme, please bring along a copy of your child's baptism certificate for enrolment. All enquiries can be forwarded to Greg at: gregore.lopez@gmail.com



Thank you to our parishioners who responded to the call for more Catechists for the delivery of the PREP – the response was overwhelming and we are extremely excited to be starting the new year with such a fabulous, well-resourced team. God bless you all!

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS AT MATER CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH, YANGETBUP

In keeping with the Archdiocesan Policy for the proper preparation of children for the Sacraments, Mater Christi encourages this to be **Family Focussed, Parish Based** and **School Supported**. The need for these experiences is important for catechesis.

Family Focussed:

The responsibility for this preparation belongs firstly with parents. This reflects the teaching of the church which is, that children being initiated into the Church should be able primarily, to look to their parents and family for the necessary nurturing of their faith (cf Canon 914).

Parish Based:

It should be noted "the pre-eminent place for catechesis" is the parish (Catechesi Tradendae 67). The parish is the place where people learn to live as a faith community.

School Supported:

The role of the Catholic schools in supporting Sacramental programmes for young people is to nurture strong partnerships between family and parishes (Catholic School Mandate para 80). In the same way the Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP) is designed to support children who attend non-Catholic schools with their preparation.

Therefore, **regardless of which school your children attend, all children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, in our parish will register with the Parish at the start of the school year.** Families are required to attend Mass [here](#) at Mater Christi Parish on the week-end of **17/18 February** in order to collect an Enrolment Form for the Sacramental Programme. Forms will be available at the conclusion of each of the 4 masses. These forms need to be completed and **returned during Mass** on the **Sacrament Enrolment Mass week-end** which is **24/25 February.**

It is imperative that the children are enrolled at the commencement of the year so their Sacramental preparation can be full and complete. Should you have any queries regarding your children's reception of the Sacraments, please phone the Sacramental Coordinator on: 041 204 4075.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB is going to The Dome in Coogee,
on **Wednesday 7th February, for lunch at 12.**
Hope to see you all there. Contact Jean 0401 311 944.



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	

BAPTISM

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



Gideon Gabriel,
son of Tiffany & Jilbert

Cody Bayne,
son of Jessica & Matthew

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

Getting to know our new Assistant Priest a little better...

It was fantastic to meet you at the weekend Masses. So that we can get to know each other a bit better here's a snapshot of who am I.

I was born in Perth and grew up in the northern suburb of Ocean Reef in a family of 9. Running amuck, climbing trees, building stuff, playing board games, making noise was part of the everyday family life of five boys and two girls. My parents, were I guess you could say quite 'itinerant' and travelled around the state and abroad for work purposes; each time hauling the cohort of kids with them. Places like Meekatharra, Geraldton, Darwin, Karratha and finally Perth! When I was about eight, I distinctly remember the day mum and dad walked into the room and announced we were moving to Saudi Arabia. They had got jobs in a hospital. When we arrived, it was literally a hospital with a few apartments *in the middle of the desert*. With nowhere else to go, we had to make our own fun and friends or else we perished from boredom. However, the novelty of feeding wild camels bread while on desert safari was an experience.

Family life was immersed in Catholicism - Holy Mass, rosary, celebrating saint days were all part of family life.

After school, I decided I wanted to get into the science field so after completing a diploma in laboratory science I got a job as a research assistant at UWA involved in a muscle project. The experience of a 'gap year' was just what I needed after too many years of study! It was at this time that the idea of priesthood really came to the fore partly due to the influence of a good Catholic priest I regularly met and also involvement in a Catholic youth group. Being involved in that youth group mixing with other young Catholics made a deep impression on me as I started asking what I was going to do with my life and more importantly, *what does God want for my life?*

More studies later and after a great job offer, I found myself working for a big laboratory in their cancer department. My career was on track, the money was coming in, the social life was booming - I was 23 and loving life. Or was I? There was still an unanswered question of priesthood looming in the back of my mind. During prayer time, it kept coming up time and time again. I had a great life, but ultimately unhappy and unfulfilled - *there was something missing*. I explained it to a good priest and kept telling him my fears of 'throwing it all away' for the priesthood. You know what, he said something that was so simple and practical. He said "well, why don't you join the seminary (priest training school) and see how it goes?" Yeah - why not?

So after a bit more time journeying, praying and discerning I resigned from my job, packed up my bags, and went on a second 'gap year' backpacking around the world. It was kind-of a last-minute pitch before entering into a gruelling six-year spiritual and academic boot camp at St Charles Borromeo Seminary in Guildford. The experience of communal seminary life with other men of God was enriching, it was full-on and the perfect way to intensify the discernment process.

After finishing the philosophical and theological studies I was ordained a deacon which is kind of a priest on L-plates. I served in the parish of Banksia Grove, a very new and developing suburb 40km north of Perth - literally the northern equivalent of Hammond Park - it didn't have a church and Mass was celebrated in the school hall. I enjoyed my time there and it was fantastic to be part of a new faith community.

So, what do I do in my spare time? I love swimming, running, playing chess, fishing, reading history and eating. I've been a priest for two months now, so please be patient with me - I'm still learning - but it's amazing to be here and I feel blessed to be among you. Chao!

Father Joseph

YEAR OF YOUTH NETWORKING NIGHT- Fremantle Zone

Catholic Youth Ministry will be hosting the 2nd Year of Youth Networking night for the Fremantle Zone. We invite all parents, teachers, parishioners and young people who are interested in fostering the total personal & spiritual growth of young people.

The meeting will be held **at Mater Christi on Thursday the 8th February 2018 at 7pm.**



If have any questions regarding the night, please contact Matt on 9422 7912. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP to admin@cym.com.au by Wednesday 7th February 2018.