

# THE SPIRE



St Joseph Pignatelli

17 September 2017

FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

[attadale.org](http://attadale.org)

## Sunday Mass

Saturday	6pm
Sunday	8am 9am

*A Welcoming Parish Family*



## Penance

Tuesday	-
Saturday	9.20 - 9.30am 5.30 - 5.50pm

## Weekday Mass and other services

Monday	8am Mass
Tuesday	-
Wednesday	9am Mass
Thursday	9am Mass - Mel Maria School Mass
Friday	9am Mass
Saturday	9am Mass 9.30am - Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help



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Tuesday - Friday

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The Attadale Parish acknowledges the Nyungar people, the Traditional Owners who walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Bernadette Dell (chair)

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## **From the Parish Priest**

Congratulations to our two young parishioners, **Alana and Alissa**, who are being confirmed this weekend. As you know our Archbishop's Pastoral Letter continues to be available and is very pastoral in character. Another bishop whose letter on this has impressed me is Bishop Long of Parramatta. He writes: *'I invite all Catholics in our Diocese to exercise our responsibility as citizens to engage in this community discernment. It should not be a matter of a simple answer Yes or No to the postal survey. It should be an opportunity for us to witness to our deep commitment to the ideal of Christian marriage. But it should also be an opportunity for us to listen to what the Spirit is saying through the signs of the times. Throughout much of history, our gay and lesbian (or LGBTI) brothers and sisters have often not been treated with respect, sensitivity and compassion. Regrettably, the Church has not always been a place where they have felt welcomed, accepted and loved. Thus, regardless of the outcome of the survey, we must commit ourselves to the task of reaching out to our LGBTI brothers and sisters, affirming their dignity and accompanying them on our common journey towards the fullness of life and love in God.'*

*Let us pray, discern and act with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Catholics, in keeping with the tradition of the Church, are asked to exercise their consciences, ensuring that they are informed as they come to exercise their democratic rights in the coming postal survey.*

The Australian bishops' web site asks us to think about some important questions as we discern. Here are a few. Perhaps they are questions we should put to our federal members of parliament.

*Will people of faith be compelled by law to be involved in activities or ceremonies that are contrary to their beliefs?*

*Will religious organisations or agencies continue to be free to employ staff who abide by the ethos of those organisations regarding marriage?*

*Will religious organisations or agencies be free to bid for government contracts or other funding without being forced to endorse same-sex marriage?*

*Will faith-based schools, with a responsibility to pass on the faith, be free to teach that marriage according to their religion is only between a woman and a man and be free to employ staff who support those teachings?*

## **Prayer Intentions**

**Pope's General Intentions** That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**The suffering church:** **We give thanks to God for Fr Tom Uzhunnalil SDB's liberation;** Fr Tom had been kidnapped by the terrorists who killed the four Missionaries of Charity; Fr Tom has thanked everyone who prayed for him.

Please pray for Fr Teresito Suganob and 70 parishioners (including 2 who are pregnant) who were kidnapped in Marawi, Philippines; for the protection of the St Catherine Monastery in the Sinai; for Sr Cecilia Argoti Narvaez who was kidnapped on 7 February from her community in Mali, for Asia Bibi who is facing the death penalty for blasphemy in Pakistan; Archbishop Mor Gregorius Yohanna Ibrahim of the Syrian Orthodox Church, Bishop Boulos Yazigi of the Greek Orthodox Church, Fr Michel Kayal, Fr Maher Mahfouz, Fr Paolo Dall'Oglio missing since 2013; for Frs Shao Yunquan and Cao Jianyou; Bishops Su Zhimin, Stephen Li Side, Julius Jia Zhiguo persecuted in China for their fidelity to Rome; for Christians who suffer in Myanmar, Crimea, Ethiopia, Turkey, Nigeria, Pakistan, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Tanzania, Syria, Egypt, China, Malaysia, Central African Republic, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, North Korea, Vietnam and South Sudan.

**Parish:** For the completion of our new church

**Sick List:** Of your charity please pray for the following people on our sick list: Baby Lucia D'Souza, Iris Rankin, Cindy Wihardja, Jimmy Watson, Win Froude, Don Goligher, Fiori Rinaldi, Dawn France, Vlad Kania, Rosa and Umberto Celenza, Regina Pass, Emar Robertson, Monica Angelucci, Joanna Langton, Charlotte C-Jordan Ella Harris and Clare Trainor.

**Deceased:**

Recent: Brittany Nicholas  
Other: Doug and Beulah King.

**Over 55's Outing** Join us on Wednesday 27 September. We will leave the Church at 10am after Mass and stop for Morning Tea by the River then head to Mason Mill Gardens on Mason Mill Road Carmel (previously known as the Rose Gardens) We will have time to walk around the gardens before lunch at 1pm in the Restaurant. Cost approximately \$30. We will be home around 3.30pm. Please RSVP as we need to make a booking for lunch and the bus. You may call Stephanie on 0410457095 or Jenny on 0407381549.

**Catholic Women's League** meeting on Wednesday 20 September 10 am at the Church followed by morning tea. All parishioners and friends are welcome. For more details you may contact Pauline Marlborough on 0419956392.

### Praying today's Psalm

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

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### Today's Gospel

Peter said to Jesus "Lord how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times". The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. Out of pity the lord forgave a debt. But that same slave refused to forgive one of his fellow slaves and threw him into prison. The lord said I forgave you that debt because you pleaded with me. The lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his debt. So also my Heavenly Father will do to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

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### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

**First Reading: Sir 27:30 – 28:7**

**Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9**

**Gospel: Mt 18:21-35**

*Laudato Si' (199)* It cannot be maintained that empirical science provides a complete explanation of life, the interplay of all creatures and the whole of reality. This would be to breach the limits imposed by its own methodology. If we reason only within the confines of the latter, little room would be left for aesthetic sensibility, poetry, or even reason's ability to grasp the ultimate meaning and purpose of things. I would add that "religious classics can prove meaningful in every age; they have an enduring power to open new horizons... Is it reasonable and enlightened to dismiss certain writings simply because they arose in the context of religious belief?" It would be quite simplistic to think that ethical principles present themselves purely in the abstract, detached from any context. Nor does the fact that they may be couched in religious language detract from their value in public debate. The ethical principles capable of being apprehended by reason can always reappear in different guise and find expression in a variety of languages, including religious language.

*Amoris Laetitia (92)* "Love is patient"

Being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other people to use us. We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families will become battlegrounds. That is why the word of God tells us: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, with all malice" (Eph 4:31). Patience takes root when I recognize that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like.

### *Invitation*

It is with a sense of excitement that the St Joseph Pignatelli Fundraising Committee is planning a guided tour of our new Church so you can see what has been achieved.

***All parishioners and friends are cordially invited to attend***

The tour, which will take place after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday September 17th will be followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.

As there is still a need to raise a further \$300,000 to complete the internal fitout and external landscaping, it is the Committee's hope that seeing the dream become a reality may encourage your generous financial support for this important Parish project.

Please come along and hear our Project Manager explain what remains to be done and what the final church will look like. We know you will be delighted.



Roster for 24 September 2017 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A				Upcoming Events	
	Sat. 6pm	Sun. 8am	Sun. 9am	Wednesday 20 September 6pm	First Penance
Acolytes	Ray Palermo	Ross Perrigo	Rino Trolio		
Extraordinary Ministers	Judy Carter Brian Cant	Peter Yensch Lisa Yensch	Amanda Della Bona Lisa Cargeeg		
Readers	Helene Rodari Dianne Sivewright	Una Coetze Jacinta Hewett	Tony Middleton Francine Middleton		
Projectionists	Pauline Mascarenhas	Charles Johnson	Stephanie Carne		
Greeters	Clara Ferguson-Smith	Syl Lane	Joe Caruso		
Chaperone	Mirelle Henderson	-----	Elizabeth Curtis		
Cleaning	Smithies Family, Nikki and Matthew Whibley				
Flowers	Mary Lane				
Morning Tea	Pauline Ash, Pauline Marlborough and Kirstie Hardbottle				



## Have you thought?

*The parable sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison 'until he paid back the debt'. This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone's debt was to 'redeem' them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a 'Redeemer' were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.*

**Living Eucharistically** workshop on Wednesday 4 October 7-9.30pm at Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre) The Eucharist is the source and summit of the faith life. This workshop examines how the Mass sustains us in our mission as Catholics by providing nourishment for the journey of discipleship. It will explore Eucharistic theology and how receiving the Eucharist enables us to remember Christ and unite in communion. For further information or to register visit [www.cfe.org.au](http://www.cfe.org.au) or you may Phone: 0425 453 335 or Email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au)

**Australian Pastoral Musicians Network Conference** will be held at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough from 5 to 7 October. Theme of the conference is "*Sing with Joy! United in Diversity*". Keynote address by American pre-eminent contemporary composer of Liturgical Music David Haas. For further information please contact Angela Gorman on 0407 389 751.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Nollamara** All past parishioners are invited to the 50th Anniversary of the Blessing and Opening of our Church, to be celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Timothy Costelloe on Sunday 24 September 2017, at the 9am Mass, followed by morning tea in the Father Kelly Hall. For more information please contact Carmel Ryan, Parish Secretary.

**Praying our Experiences** is about recognizing and inviting God in our everyday. This is a directed contemplative gathering followed by personal reflection time. On Friday 29 September, Mary MacKillop Centre, York Street, South Perth 10.30 - 12pm Theme: "Angels" On this feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael we review the role of the angels. RSVP essential by Tuesday 26 September. For any further information call Ph 9334 0999 or Email: [prayingourexperiences@gmail.com](mailto:prayingourexperiences@gmail.com)

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