

# THE SPIRE



St Joseph Pignatelli

12 November 2017

FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

**attadale.org**

## Sunday Mass

Saturday	6pm
Sunday	8am 9am

## Penance

Tuesday	-
Saturday	5.30 - 5.50pm

*A Welcoming Parish Family*



## Weekday Mass and other services

Monday	-
Tuesday	-
Wednesday	-
Thursday	-
Friday	-
Saturday	-



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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

Welcome to Fr Vincent Conroy. I hope that he is gentle with you and vice-versa! I shall soon be on retreat so please do keep me in your prayers. In the Record magazine which you received last week you will have read inspiring accounts of the work our Archdiocesan agencies are doing with some of the most disadvantaged members of our community. The Church has been doing this work since its beginnings. In the fourth century a Roman Emperor Julian the Apostate rejected Christianity and sought to return the Romans to paganism. He saw that what made the Christian faith so attractive was its humanity – its care for the weak and poor, in his own words; he said that his pagan coreligionists would have to imitate the Christians in their 'humanity to strangers, care in burying the dead, and pretended sanctity of life' if they were to succeed. He obviously did not. The Church and our Christian faith has brought charity to the poor and weak into societies and has done this in cultures from Ancient Rome to modern India. The world would be a crueller place without the Gospel of Christ. It is a tradition of care inspired by Christ which we continue.

### **Prayer Intentions**

**Pope's General Intentions** That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**The suffering church**: Please pray for Fr Fei Joshing who has been imprisoned in northeast China; Fr Samuel Okwuidegbe SJ who was kidnapped in April remains missing; for a community of Trappist nuns in Murhesa, DRC, who live with violence and insecurity on daily basis. Please pray for Frs Jean-Pierre Akilimali and Charles Kipasa who were kidnapped in the Congo in July and who remain missing; 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 to the greater glory of God and to the honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph and St Joseph Pignatelli.

**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, Rosa and Umberto Celenza, Regina Pass, Emar Robertson, Monica Angelucci, Joanna Langton, Charlotte C-Jordan, Ella Harris, Clare Trainor and Phylis McKenna

### **Deceased**:

Recent: Victor Taseff

Anniversary:

Other: Doug and Beulah King. All souls in the Book of Remembrance.

**Adult confirmation** We are starting a program for adults who have not been confirmed and would like to complete their Christian Initiation. We would meet every week (apart from school holidays) and aim at celebrating the confirmation around Easter next year. Catholics who would like to know more about their faith would also be welcome. Please see Fr Sean or email him at [pp@attadale.org](mailto:pp@attadale.org) for more details.



**Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink** will be held next weekend on 18/19 November. Please collect your copy of Archbishop Costelloe's personal letter at Mass this weekend, read his message during the week and give generously to support the valuable work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies. You can mail your donation directly in the reply paid envelope provided, or return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Mass next weekend. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card at [www.lifelink.com.au](http://www.lifelink.com.au)



**Volunteers Sundowner** on Friday, 24 November 6 to 8pm. All volunteers are welcome to join us for our Volunteers Sundowner in the Bourhill Hall. We have David Leake talking to us about wine making and it will be a chance to sample some fine wines and ports from Lake Charlotte wines. There will be an opportunity to purchase wines on the night and David has very kindly agreed to pass these on to us for a bargain price as a fundraiser for the fit out for the New Church. Please pass on to anyone who has been a volunteer as Fr Sean and the parish council would like to say thank you to all our volunteers. Kindly RSVP to Jenny Cogin on 0407381549 or Amy at the office.

### Praying today's Psalm

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

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### Today's Gospel

The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish took no oil but the wise took flasks of oil. At midnight the bridegroom came and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet and the door was shut. Other bridesmaids came later and said "Lord open to us". But he replied "Keep awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour".

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## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18

Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

*Laudato Si' (207)* The Earth Charter asked us to leave behind a period of self-destruction and make a new start, but we have not as yet developed a universal awareness needed to achieve this. Here, I would echo that courageous challenge: "As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life".

### *Amoris Laetitia (100)* Love is not rude

To be open to a genuine encounter with others, "a kind look" is essential. This is incompatible with a negative attitude that readily points out other people's shortcomings while overlooking one's own. A kind look helps us to see beyond our own limitations, to be patient and to cooperate with others, despite our differences. Loving kindness builds bonds, cultivates relationships, creates new networks of integration and knits a firm social fabric. In this way, it grows ever stronger, for without a sense of belonging we cannot sustain a commitment to others; we end up seeking our convenience alone and life in common becomes impossible. Antisocial persons think that others exist only for the satisfaction of their own needs. Consequently, there is no room for the gentleness of love and its expression. Those who love are capable of speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation, and encouragement. These were the words that Jesus himself spoke: "Take heart, my son!" (Mt 9:2); "Great is your faith!" (Mt 15:28); "Arise!" (Mk 5:41); "Go in peace" (Lk 7:50); "Be not afraid" (Mt 14:27). These are not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn. In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus' own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another.



### **New Church**

There is a lot of work happening on the site and if you came along for a tour of our new church you will have seen a lot of progress since we were last in the church.

It was a delight to see the excitement and wonder in the faces of the children in the new church. They are certainly looking forward to being in it.

We are so close to bringing our project to completion and are looking for sponsors for various items for the new church. Donations of any size would be very welcome.

All donations and sponsorships will be acknowledged for this generation and future generations to see.

Roster for 19 November 2017 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A				Upcoming Events	
	Sat. 6pm	Sun. 8am	Sun. 9am	Friday 24 November 6-8pm	Volunteers' Sundowner
Acolytes	Michael Corrie	Indiran Rajadurai	Adrian Wilkes		
Extraordinary Ministers	Teresa Collins Kathie O'Connor	Shannon Ball Tania Hicks	Des Andreone Amanda Della Bona		
Readers	Pat Berry Pauline Mascarenhas	Pauline Marlborough Jocelyn Hansen	Aithne Dell Tony Middleton		
Projectionists	Ross Bowden	Charles Johnson	Francine Middleton	Wednesday 29 November	Senior's Christmas Lunch
Greeters	Clara Ferguson-Smith	Syl Lane	Joe Caruso		
Chaperone	Kathie O'Connor	_____	Jennifer Wilkes		
Cleaning	Cheryl and Anthony Barich				
Flowers	Louise Robinson				
Morning Tea	Jenny Cogin, Bernadette Dell, Stephanie Carne and Gloria Rawlings				



**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** As Christmas approaches we turn our thoughts to the vulnerable in our society and the great work of the St Vincent de Paul. You may drop off non-perishable foodstuff and Christmas presents for children at the altar. The presents should be wrapped and have a label attached indicating age and gender. The basket will remain till 26 November. Thank you for your generosity over the years.

**Over 55's X'Mas** lunch on Wednesday 29 November. We are meeting at Charisma Cafe at 12 noon. Cost approximately \$30 per head. Please bring a small \$10 wrapped Xmas gift. All over 55's and above and friends are welcome. You must RSVP Jenny on 0407381549 or Stephanie on 0410457095.

**2018 Columban Calendars** are available for \$9 each. Please place your money in the small envelopes provided and drop it in the large cream locked box on the counter.

**CWL Raffle** Congratulations to the winners of the Raffle: Annie Salter, Emily Sadler, Jacinta Perrigo, Diane Farrell, Tina Franscesca, Isabella Tinley and Baickdeli family. Sincere thanks to all Parishioners for supporting the raffle. \$620 was raised.

**Catholic Women's League** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 November at 10am at the Church. All parishioners are welcome.

**Summer Prayer Day** Come join us and experience a gentle, prayerful day. Theme: Finding Healing and Hope, women in the Scriptures on Wednesday 15 November at 10.00am – 1:00pm (9.30am morning tea, and light lunch ovided) Mary MacKillop Centre. Cost: by Donation RSVP as soon as possible- important for catering), For further details please contact Laura on Phone: 9334 0999 or Email: [laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au](mailto:laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au).

**Praying Our Experiences** – growing awareness of God in my everyday. This is a directed contemplative gathering, followed by personal reflection time. Theme: Seeking and Finding the Lord. On Friday 24 November 10.30am to 12 noon at Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. RSVP Essential by Tuesday 21 November. For further information please Phone 9334 0999 or Email: [prayingourexperiences@gmail.com](mailto:prayingourexperiences@gmail.com). Public transport: Take Bus 34 from Esplanade Busport to King Edward Street, stopping at the bus stop closest to York Street (Stop number 11868).

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### Where was the bride?

*It may seem a little odd that the bridegroom was travelling to the wedding hall by himself. What appears to have been the custom is that the bridesmaids escorted the bride to the hall whilst the groom remained behind to settle matters with the bride's family. Whilst the bride price, or dowry, would have been agreed well before the wedding, the family would emphasise and even haggle over the value of gifts to further reinforce the great value of the bride and the wise choice that the groom and his family had made.*

