Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11\textsuperscript{th} & 12\textsuperscript{th} February 2017 (Year A)

Responsorial Psalm
HAPPY ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD.

1. They are happy whose life is blameless who follow God’s law!
   They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.
   \textbf{R.}

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
   May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.
   \textbf{R.}

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
   Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.
   \textbf{R.}

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
   Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.
   \textbf{R.}

\textbf{- Gospel Acclamation -}

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

\textbf{GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-27}
Welcome Back!

Fr Xavier!

We hope you had a great holiday!
You were missed.

A warm welcome to Mandurah
and to our Parish,
Fr Albin!

We're delighted to have you
in our community.
Sr. Kathleen Around the Parish

My good friends, we thank God for bringing Fr Xavier safely back home, and we truly trust that Fr Albin will feel at home with us in time. May the deepest desires of his Priesthood and personhood be fulfilled.

We welcome new Parishioners and pray they will be happy and share their friendship and love.

It was a privilege to be present at Mandurah Catholic College’s opening Mass for the school year. There were 1600 students and teachers, staff and parents gathered in the gymnasium. Fr Tony Chiera, Vicar General of our Diocese, presided and somehow united us a family journeying together in and through Christ with our failures and successes. Congratulations to the wonderful Staff who through the years have brought the students to seek Truth and Respect. One mum was saying when her children are naughty she reminds them of their school motto! Parents, together with Principal and Teachers sharing the vision, is most effective in bringing forth the best in each other. I came away feeling ‘truly God is among His people’.

Remembering our unwell friends: Harry Meuleners awaits his call Home. He has been much loved by the Special Ministers and Legionaries. John Gilbertson is home and his son’s family is with to care for him. Visitors are encouraged. He hopes to come to Vigil Mass and looks forward to meeting Chloe and older friends! John Martin is happy to be back in Mercy Care. Jean Best is home after her fall and will have more tests. Met Marie Aide with her daughter, Francine. Going to visit Lola Rosair, and she looked great. Lora Shannon has six weeks more in a heavy boot as her bone has not healed. Beryl Fitzgerald is having her knee done again next week and needs heavenly intervention!

Dear Barbara Terele now in the arms of her God, loved coming to Mass here through the week when well from Pinjarra. We had the privilege of visiting her at Peel. Deepest sympathy to her family and friends. A woman of great faith.

At our Pre-Baptism evening, a lovely mum sang “Be still and know that I am God”. Life is full of surprises.

Happy St Valentine’s Day….say it with roses!

Shower of blessings for peace in all hearts.

-Sister Kathleen
Beginning 11 February, all Mass times will be back as normal.

**Calling for more Church Guardians.**

We warmly welcome our new Guardians: Julie, Mary, Carol, Pauline and Aaron. Thank you so much for joining this important Ministry of our Church.

Roster will be updated regularly and a copy is displayed on the noticeboard. Vacancy notice will be published in the bulletin. If you are able to offer an hour of reflection or praying time in the church, please let us know the parish office at 9581 2061.

These are the hours that needed Guardians:

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▲ Guardians needed. Nobody in roster.
※ To cover Guardians who are currently not available.
○ Additional Guardians needed.

Note: Please notify us if someone rostered on your time is no longer attending.

**New Roster** Copies are available at the church entrance.

**Special Ministers of Holy Communion. February to May 2017 Roster**
If any changes are needed, please contact Bernadette Scharf or the Parish Office.

**Lectors and Commentators. March-June 2017 Roster**
For notification of adjustments/changes, please contact Colin Purcell or the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to these ministries. God bless.

**Friendship Club**
The Friendship Club will be meeting on last Thursday of February, 23/2/17. at 10 am. New members are welcome. Membership is free.

Come play cards..... board games .. or simply have a chat.

Join us and cook your national dish while meeting other friends.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL LORA ON 0416 116 440.
Mandurah Catholic College

- Year 8 Mass on 15 February at 8:30 am at the Lecture Theatre
- Staff Commissioning Mass on 17 February at 5 pm in our Church. (Everyone is welcome to join the 5 pm Mass)

OUR LADY’S ASSUMPTION PARISH MANDURAH CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SEMESTER 1

We currently have 20 students enrolled with a few more to come.

Last day of ENROLMENT is on 22 FEBRUARY.

Reconciliation - Yr 3 and upwards
Eucharist - Yr 4 and up
Pre Confirmation - Yr5
Confirmation - Yr 6 and up

*Lessons are held every Wednesday from 4pm – 4.45 pm in the Parish Centre.
*Cost: $15 per child to cover booklet and certificates.
*Please bring a copy of Baptismal Certificate to enrolment (if not already given.)

Sacramental Programs will be completed in Semester 1 2017.
In Semester 2 we will hold General Catechism Lessons for all school children.

Maria Assumpta Legion of Mary

Thanksgiving Mass & Luncheon
Thursday, 16 February 2017 at 11am
Our Lady’s Assumption Church

Members of the Legion of Mary invite their Auxiliaries and Parishioners to a Mass in thanksgiving for their support and prayers. Light Luncheon to follow in the Parish Centre. If transport needed, please phone Rosemary at 9535 9054 or Cindy at 0422 155 418.

SCHOOL MASSES

Mandurah Catholic College
- Year 8 Mass on 15 February at 8:30 am at the Lecture Theatre
- Staff Commissioning Mass on 17 February at 5 pm in our Church. (Everyone is welcome to join the 5 pm Mass)

GUARDIANS ROSTER WILL BE CANCELLED on Thursday, 16 February, at 11am due to Thanksgiving Mass.
Proceeds of $ 484.25 were presented to Vinnies for the Christmas Raffle organised by our Special Minister, Shane Baker. A huge thank you to Bunnings for its kind donation and support to Fr Xavier and Assumption parishioners and also for a large donation received from Tyrone Developments to get to such a fantastic figure. WELL DONE FOLKS!

P.S. Be prepared for the winter appeal raffle currently being organised so hang on to your small change. Many thanks for your support. God Bless - Shane R Baker

Note: The 3RD prize has still to be claimed. The ticket has number A 013 (red) with name Margaret Trenordar. Please contact Shane Baker at 0408 006 023.

The Legionaries and morning Mass goers enjoyed a simple brekkie with Fr Concord last week.
Thank you again, Fr Con, for your time and help in our Parish.
Deacon Michael! God bless and best wishes!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
PHILIPPINES

Am I being unfair to you?

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017

You are cordially invited to this prayer event on

March 3, 2017 at 1:30 pm in our Church.

Afternoon tea will follow after the service. Please write your name on the list provided in the church if you are attending.

This year’s service was written by the women of the Philippines. On this day, Christians in more than 170 countries and communities across the country will gather to learn, pray and celebrate in solidarity with these women through the World Day of Prayer.

Please join and invite your family and friends.

For inquiries please contact Cindy Bovell-0422 155 418 / Rosemary Rana-0438 916 165.

The Saturday evening choir sang and played with great vigour and enthusiasm. Huge thanks to all our Music Groups.

Fr Pierre during the weekend Mass.

Our prayerful wishes for you Fr Pierre. We thank you once again for all your help and dedication to our Parish and Diocese.
COMPANION TRAINING FOR SEASONS
FOR GROWTH ADULT PROGRAM - BUNBURY WA

**Description**: Train to become a Companion to deliver the Seasons for Growth Adult Program. **16 & 17 March 2017. Bunbury WA.**

**Location**: Cathedral Parish Hall, 11 Money Street, Bunbury WA 6230

**Start Date**: 16/03/2017 09:00 AM
**End Date**: 17/03/2017 03:30 PM

**SKU**: AW170303

**Cost**: $550.00   The two days will be catered for.

Please email Sister Pauline on Pauline.dundon@bunburycatholic.org.au or phone 97917302

*Please note that participating in this will help you in your ministry with those who are being challenged by grief and change.*

*There will be people who would love to do this but cannot afford the money.*

*There may be a parishioner/s who could sponsor a person.*

*Thank you for considering this by placing it in your email please.*

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**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Are you looking for a weekend where you can spend time with your spouse, free from the usual distractions and focus on just the two of you. Remember the early days of your marriage? Just being together was most important.

The worldwide marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centres entirely on your relationship. It is a positive private experience between you and your spouse, that assists you to see again these loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. There is NO GROUP sharing on the weekend. We invite you to join us on a weekend. Weekend dates are: **March 3rd-4th, August 11th-13th; October 13th-15th** at the Atrium Mandurah. Contact: George and Monica 0424 220 625 or WAbookings@wwme.org.au Website-www.wwme.org.au

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**THE LENTEN JOURNEY**

**PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES** - growing awareness of God in my everyday

An invitation to look deeper in to being a Christian. Lent is an opportunity to review one's commitment to living and giving witness to Gospel values.

You are invited to be part of this prayer experience.

**When**: **Friday 24th February 2017.** RSVP Essential by Tuesday 21st

Time: 10.30am -12.00noon   Repeated 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Contact: Secretary:  Phone (08) 9334 0999 Email: laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth
In Lourdes, France, in 1844 a girl named Bernadette Soubirous was born. Bernadette’s family was very poor, and Bernadette was responsible for looking after and caring for her brothers and sisters. The only education Bernadette received was the Catholic teachings which she studied faithfully in the evenings.

At the age of 13, Bernadette was preparing for her First Holy Communion. One of Bernadette’s chores was to collect wood for the fire. On a cold day in February 1858, Bernadette and 2 companions headed off to the Gave River to collect pieces of wood. The 2 companions ran ahead and left Bernadette struggling to keep up. As Bernadette was taking off her shoes to make her way through the river, she was startled by a peculiar wind and rustling sound.

Bernadette looked up towards the grotto and the caves on the riverbank. Near the opening of the grotto, Bernadette glanced and noticed the cave was suddenly filled with golden light. Lifting up her eyes, she saw a lady of great beauty, dressed in a pure white robe with a blue sash, a veil over her head, a rosary clasped in her hands and yellow roses at her feet. Bernadette rubbed her eyes. What a beautiful lady! But where did she come from? And what was she doing here?

The beautiful lady smiled at Bernadette and asked her to say her rosary. Bernadette said her prayers and when she was finished she looked up, the lady had vanished. Bernadette caught up to her 2 friends and discovered that they were upset with her. What have you been doing? Playing in the river, while we are out here collecting wood? Bernadette told them about the vision she had just witnessed. The girls told Bernadette she was silly and probably just seeing things.

Bernadette felt drawn to the grotto and returned there on the next Sunday. Again Bernadette saw the beautiful lady. The third time Bernadette went to the grotto, the lady spoke to her. The beautiful lady asked Bernadette to come here every day for fifteen days. She said that she wanted Bernadette to tell the priests to build a chapel there. She told her to drink water from the stream. The lady also told Bernadette to pray for the conversion of sinners. Bernadette followed the requests.

On March 25, the Lady finally told Bernadette that she was Mary, the mother of Jesus, and that her purpose in appearing to Bernadette was to warn her to pray and make sacrifices for sinners. The miracles of body and soul performed at Lourdes are the proof that this message was a true warning from the queen of heaven to her children and that she was deeply interested in their welfare.

Bernadette’s daily visits to the grotto caused quite a stir in the countryside. Crowds of people began to gather and watch Bernadette as she examined the cave and obediently did the things the lady asked of her. They watched Bernadette scrape away soil beside the grotto until a spring of water started to trickle out. Would you believe this spring still provides 27,000 gallons of water everyday!

This is the sacred Lourdes water which heals all! At first, the priests, the town’s folk, and the families doubted Bernadette’s visions and the purpose in her activities. But Bernadette was stubborn and determined to follow Mary’s plans for her. Eventually everyone did believe Bernadette and the grotto at Lourdes became a place of worship and the Lourdes holy water was sacred for performing miracles.

At the age of 22, Bernadette became a nun and devoted her life to Mary, to praying for the conversion of sinners and to the service of God. Bernadette died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 36.

She will be remembered for believing in the greater glory of God as she was faithful to her mission, she was humble in glory and she was valiant in her sufferings. Today, Lourdes remains one of the most frequented Christian shrines in the world. More than 3 million visitors, pilgrims and tourists come each year to the Grotto of Massabielle, where the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette 18 times in 1858.

Source: Catholic News Agency
Frank O’Driscoll, Alysha Carboni, John Gilbertson, Joan Orchard, Joan McKay, Joan Marshall, Brian Mills, George Tacey, Terry Dwyer, Jenny Stokic, Sue Short, Sheila Pearce, Joanne Ford, Leah Hardie, Lil Eves, Ricky Lee, Lesley Mertens, Sean Mahoney, Jodie Donnelly, Mikayla Wilton, Ruth Vary, Peter Young, Roy & Jan Payne, Grace Moore, Aldine Wheldon, Daryl Winters, Merle Johnson, Trish Mulcahy, Cheryl Bishop, Maria Van Baren, Oliver, Norma Hales, David Naughton, Dulcie Kent, Anita Doran, Herbert Lenard, Christopher Chandler, Taylor Green, Margaret McGuiness, Les Pearson, Beryl Fitzgerald, Marion Sullivan, Louisa & Luigi Bove, Fr Russell Hardiman, Anne-Marie Fliegener, Ray Polglase, Bill Kociaruba, Sergio Fiore, John Martin, Raffy Guillermo, June Vee Navarro, Chris Santiago, Johnson Joseph, Fiona & Veronica Davies, Les Burns, Sophie, Roma Hare, Margaret Worthington, Andrew Hegenus Sr, Honorio Edano, Todd McKay, Irene Pini, Kate Whooley, Harry Meuleners, Fr Chris Warnock, Joshua Cherhoff, Ron Nichols, Barbara Padua, Marie Aide, Raeleen Sutton, Jessica Amphlett, Raegis Farrell, Barbara, Philip Giuffre, Liz Evans, Jim Conroy. **Please advise the office if any of the above names need to be removed.**

**Columban Art and Josephite Calendars now on discounted price at $6.00 each.** Few pieces left....please see us at the office.

**Attention:** Bishop’s Statement regarding the Royal Commission Findings is displayed on our church noticeboard.

Parish Piety Stall in the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 8am-4pm. We have pyx for sale from $11.00. Cards also available: Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation, Sympathy, Mass Intention, Mass Intention for Deceased, Get Well, and General Religious Cards. Various Saints Medals and Holy Rosary Beads starting from $5. There are children’s books: God Speaks to His Children, The Australian Children’s Mass Book, Prayers I Pray.

**Lost and Found:** Sunday Missal (green cover), spectacles-reading glasses, eyeglasses, sunnies found in the church will be displayed near the church entrance. There are also some plates and cookwares left in the parish hall kitchen from previous events. Kindly check for uncollected items as we will donate them to Vinnies after at the end of February.

The Mass intention envelopes are available at the church entrance and parish office. You may put the envelope in the collection basket during Mass. You may also submit it to the Parish Office (during weekdays). Please remember to write the date and time of the Mass you wish your intention to be said.

**The Legion of Mary members and Assumption Angels will be holding a Book Borrow on Sunday, 5 February. Please see them near the church entrance after the 8 am and 9:30 am Mass. There are free prayer pamphlets and a few religious items for sale.**

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Special Ministers of Holy Communion Roster

Saturday 11 February 2017
6.00pm – E Coverley, G Hunt, M Jones, A Le Tessier, K Merritt

Sunday 12 February 2017
8:00am—A Ringrose, S Baker, S Finlay, J Hazebroek, A Masters
9.30am—V Schou, D Hall, M Howie, C Iannetta, G Lazaroo
6.00pm— Volunteers

Saturday 18 February 2017
6.00pm – V Dicker, D Pettit, T Wilkinson, J Court, M Mander

Sunday 19 February 2017
8:00am—S Baker, Volunteer, A Ringrose, S Finlay, J Hazebroek
9.30am—M Sullivan, J Lazaroo, M Naughton, M Ryan, V Schou
6.00pm— Volunteers

Lectors & Commentators Roster

Saturday 11 February 2017
6:00pm—M Lowry, P Cormack

Sunday 12 February 2017
8:00am—D Chown, L Butson
9.30am—G Lazaroo, D Ajero
   Vivienne Bautista, Maye Bautista
6.00pm—Youth Group

Saturday 18 February 2017
6:00pm—M Almond, S McDonald

Sunday 19 February 2017
8:00am—A Ringrose, J Hazebroek
9.30am—A Dimacali, M Wild
   Mili Babu, Elijah Diaz de Rivera
6.00pm—Youth Group

Next Week’s Readings
19 February 2017—Yr A
7th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18;
1 Cor 3:16-23;
Mt 5:38-48

Altar Servers
12 Feb—Darryl Teo
   Daniel Teo
   Dillon Teo
19 Feb—Antony Masar
   Devota Niyikiza
   Elle Aninahazu

Cleaning Roster
17 Feb—John & Val Mulholland

Morning Tea
12 Feb—Filipino Group
19 Feb—Legion of Mary

Pilgrim Statue
This week the Pilgrim statue will be at the home of:
12 Feb  Mary McAleer
19 Feb  Dawn Chown
26 Feb  Margaret Ardagh
If anyone would like the Pilgrim Statue for Anniversaries, birthdays, etc. please ring Rosemary Rana on 0438 916 165.

Mass Times

REGULAR MASS, ADORATION & RECONCILIATION TIMES
Monday 7.30am
Tuesday 7.30am
   Wed 7.30am
Thursday 7.30am
   Friday 7.30am
Saturday 7.30am,
   Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am &
   6.00pm

Continuous Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
Mon. Tues. & Thurs
8am-4pm.
Wed 8am - 4.45pm
Friday 12noon- 4.45pm.

Reconciliation:
Before and after Weekly Masses & 5.30pm Saturday

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