

THE BETTER PART

Entrance Antiphon Ps 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading GEN 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. ‘My Lord,’ he said ‘I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant’s direction.’ They replied, ‘Do as you say.’ Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. ‘Hurry,’ he said ‘knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.’ Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ he asked him. ‘She is in the tent’ he replied. Then his guest said, ‘I shall visit you again next

year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.’

Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
Ps 14:2-5

RESPONSE: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. R/

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. R/

He who keeps his pledge come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. R/

2nd Reading COL 1:24-28  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God’s message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his

saints. It was God’s purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION CF.  
Lk 8: 15

Alléluia, alléluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alléluia!

GOSPEL Lk 10:38-42  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord’s feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.’ But the Lord answered: ‘Martha, Martha,’ he said, ‘you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary time /Year C

20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm  
**Reconciliations:** Only by Appointment  
**Weddings/Baptism:**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025  
8:00am Mass

Percy Wilfred Pereira RIP 38 yrs  
Justin Pereira RIP 32 yrs

9:30am Mass

\*Arlene Cokiangko Dagman  
For healing and fast recovery  
\*Patrick Ryan RIP  
\*Vernon Henry Wells RIP  
\*Robert Charles Holt RIP  
\*Sr Veronica Ryan RIP  
\*Harry Sydney Odgers RIP  
\*Marion Sands RIP

6:00pm Mass

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2025

8:00am Mass

Sheila Sampson RIP 6 yrs

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2025

St Mary Magdalene

8:00am Mass

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2025

9:30am Mass

Mass  
Schedule



11:30am St John of God Hospital  
Mass

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

8:00am Mass

10:00 am Funeral Service for  
Roma Rakich

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

St James, apostle

9:30am Mass

Golden Oldies Morning Tea after mass

6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025

Sts Joachim and Anne,  
parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Mass

11:00am Confessions  
5:00pm Confessions  
6:30pm Mass  
8:00pm Mass -Parish Hall  
Neocatechumenal Way

Sacramental Dates 2025

Parent & Child  
Sacramental Workshop  
at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall  
Confirmation

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, Tues at 3:30pm-4:30pm

Sacramental Retreat  
at St Brigid's Mackillop Hall  
Confirmation

3<sup>rd</sup> September, Wednesday  
Sacramental Ceremony  
at St Brigid's Church  
Confirmation

21<sup>st</sup> September, Sunday at 11:00am



## MARTHA WELCOMED JESUS INTO HER HOUSE. MARY HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART.

Everything our Savior did was full of sacred teaching. In every situation his actions were meant to point beyond themselves. For example, his outward actions in the hillside village of Bethany ~re repeated every day in his holy church. Daily the Lord Jesus enters, not thinking frequent visits beneath his dignity. There he is welcomed by Martha, who takes him into her home. Let us see then what Martha stands for, and what Mary symbolizes. Each of them denotes something important, for these two make up the entire Church. One of them, namely Martha, symbolizes the active life; the other, Mary, the contemplative. That is why scripture says it was Martha, not Mary, who received Christ into her house. Mary, of course, does not own a house since the contemplative life entails the renunciation of all worldly possessions. All that contemplatives want to do is to sit at the feet of the Lord-to read, pray, and give themselves up to contemplating God is

their whole desire. It is enough for them to be always listening to the word of God and feeding their minds rather than their stomachs. Such as these were the apostles and prophets; such are many others who, leaving everything, flee from the world and cling to the Lord. They seem to possess nothing, yet they have everything. Only good people can live this kind of life, whereas both good and bad alike can lead active lives. Now the reason the active life is so called is because it consists of constant activity, weariness, and toil, so that scarcely a moment's quiet can be found in it. We are not referring here though to that kind of active life that occupies thieves, impels tyrants, tempts misers, stirs up adulterers, and incites all wicked people to commit evil deeds. For just as we speak only of one Martha who was Mary's sister, so we are referring only to that type of active life, which is most closely related to the contemplative life, that is, an active life that is

pure and blameless. When the apostle preached and baptized, worked with his hands to gain a livelihood, journeyed from city to city, and showed solicitude for all the churches, was he not living the active life? In the same way then our text says of Martha that she was *busy with much serving*. In fact, tight down to the present day we see prelates in charge of the churches and the other clergy devotedly hurrying to and for about their work, hot and bothered, sweating over the needs of their brothers and sisters in various ways, so that we may rightly describe them also as *busy with much serving*. The contemplative life then is superior to the active because it is free from anxiety and will never end. Nevertheless, the active life is so indispensable that in this world the contemplative life itself cannot exist without it.

*Gospel:* Luke 10:38-42

*Commentary:* Bruno of Segni

**Donations** Please note of collections during the mass;

**First Collection** go towards the priest in the parish and to support priests across the Archdiocese who are retired, sick and for those who are in remote areas.

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### Parish Communities

			
Mary Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotion Fridays 6 PM Benediction 1st Friday of the Month	Legion of Mary Wednesdays 10:30 AM	Neocatechumenal Way Mass (Everyone is invited) Saturdays 8:00 PM

**Next Sunday Readings: 27 July 2025 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**1st Reading** Gen 18:20-32 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3,6-8 **Lord, on the day I called help, you answered me.**

**2nd Reading** Col 2:12-14 **Gospel Acclamation** Rom 8:15 **Gospel** Luke 11:1-13

### Sunday 27 July is World Day for Grandparents

The first Message of Pope Leo XIV for the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, whose fifth edition will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 July 2025, was published today. The theme of the Message is "**Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)**" and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognize the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

### Reader's Roster

#### This week

Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
Valita Vince Natalie	A Woodland	Declan Vanessa Bjel	Charlotte Melissa Christina

#### Next Weekend

Saturday 6:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM (St Michael's)	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 6:00 PM
Vince Justin Natalie	Di Ritchie	Fe Mari Vanessa Farida	Maria Liz Sandro

## PARISH NEWS

### Pilgrimage Invitation

We warmly invite you to accompany us on a pilgrimage to Schoenstatt Shrine as part of our Jubilee Year celebration. This journey will offer a wonderful opportunity for spiritual reflection, prayer, and deepening your faith.

#### Details

**Where:** Schoenstatt Shrine  
9 Talus Dr, Mount Richon WA 6112

**Date:** 23rd August, Saturday

**Time:** 9:00 am—leaves in parish  
10:00 am—arrival in the shrine  
3:00pm—arrive back at the parish

**Activities:** Morning tea, reflection, mass, lunch and more.  
Please bring a plate to share.

**Registration:** Registration is ongoing and will continue until the end of July only. Please take a moment to fill out the form located at the back of the church.

For individuals who have chosen not to bring their own transportation, the parish is organizing a bus. However, it is essential for us to ascertain the number of passengers who will utilize the bus service. Please let us know the number of individuals by completing the form provided.



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### Golden Oldies

Join other senior parishioners from our parish for our next Golden Oldies morning next Friday July 25th. Mass at 9:30 am at St. Brigid's followed by a delicious morning tea( supplied) in the hall and then join us for quizzes, cards and games. Come along and have some fun.



**Our Sick**  
Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners in our prayers:  
John Hardy, Caty Jones, Phyllis Lee, Maureen Kenny, Kevin Kenny, Caren Maitland, Malcolm McPherson, Robin Nola Rae and Michael Caputo  
**Requiescat in Pace**  
Patrick "Pat" Ryan, Tasha Scala, Marion Sands, & All souls in purgatory  
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