

## SACRED HEART PARISH - MUNDARING

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**WEEKDAY Mass Times: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
Tuesday 8:30am; Wednesday 9am; Friday 8:30am-followed by Adoration;  
Saturday 8.30am followed by Reconciliation.

**WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm (Sacred Heart Mundaring)**  
Sunday - 7:30am (Our Lady of Good Counsel Chidlow)  
9:30am (Sacred Heart Mundaring)

### MORNING TEA AFTER MASS

Please join us after Mass to avail yourself of hospitality given and chat with people you either have or haven't met.

### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES STUDY GROUP

This week we are looking at Session 11  
'St Paul's First Missionary Journey'

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES (PREP)

We begin Classes this coming Wednesday.

**The Confirmation Class** will begin at 3.45pm-4.30pm (in the Church)

**The Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes** will start at 4.00pm-4.45pm (in the Parish Meeting Room)

**The Shallows:** How the Internet is changing the way we think, read and remember  
Nicholas Carr

**The Yield:** Tara June Winch (A Novel introducing us to a deeper understanding of the Indigenous people of this land.)

**Twelve Rules for Life:** An antidote to Chaos  
Jordan B. Peterson

**The Gulag Archipelago:** Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (Nobel Laureate)  
More ideas about books and random thoughts to come...in the future!

## NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

### SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

**Feast Day was last Friday July 30**

St Peter was born at the end of the Fourth century and went on to become the Bishop of Ravenna, Italy. The name 'Chrysologus' was given as a compliment which means Peter of the Golden Words. The compliment was about his short, but beautifully crafted, homilies (*which would have been considered extensive by us today*). Peter believed that learning was not an opportunity, but an obligation: He firmly believed that learning gave substance to exhortation (*an address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something*). He was renowned for saying: To be fully human is to expand our knowledge whether sacred or secular-according to our talent and opportunity.

I remember during my years in India that some of the priests exhorted me to read only 'religious works' (*Books about the Bible, Spirituality, Church History, Lives of the Saints*). However, I like St Peter Chrysologus, feel that it's important to develop our understanding across many disciplines. It is crucial for us as Catholics to know and love the scriptures (*The Bible*); in fact, we cannot love something we don't know. To follow Christ more closely in life, we must know about His Words and the Faith into which He himself was born. His words nourish us in ways we don't fully comprehend!

I would add to that, the importance of understanding other areas like Literature, Philosophy, Science, Mathematics, Language and even Psychology. We don't have to obtain a degree, but open ourselves to a deeper appreciation for these areas of learning as well. I find great insights come through reading widely and though they may not pertain directly to our faith, the insights are of enormous benefit to our faith journey. I often refer to books that I have read in my homilies. Here are a few that are worthy of consideration:

### WEDNESDAY IS THE FEAST OF ST JOHN MARIE VIANNEY

St John Vianney (1786-1859) is the patron saint of Parish Priests. Go to YouTube and enter his name, learn about his simple path and how God's grace led him to become much loved among the faithful...even though he challenged them enormously!

### WORD ON FIRE ONLINE MINISTRY

I draw your attention to **Word on Fire**, an online ministry.

**[www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)**

Go to 'resources' and enjoy developing your understanding of our shared faith.

An interesting podcast worth listening in the next week is:

**WOF294**

**Bishop Barron talking to Dr Jason Blakely (professor of Political Science)**

Always guaranteed to nourish on so many levels

**PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK – Peter & Cathy GHOUSE**

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

**FIRST READING** Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15 A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." ' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24  
**R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Eph 4: 17, 20-24 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 4: 4

**Alleluia, alleluia!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

**GOSPEL** Jn 6: 24-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### SHORT MEMORIES AND DEEPEST HUNGERS

God must surely wonder at our capacity to quickly forget how we have been blessed. The people of Israel wasted no time in complaining to Moses about having been brought out of slavery in Egypt! It was not enough that they had seen the army of Pharaoh drowned, or the plagues sent as signs that God was working through Moses. In a similar fashion the people who had seen Jesus heal so many who suffered from sickness, and then feed the multitude, will demand a further sign from Jesus in order that they would believe in him and trust in him as the bread of life! There is a tremendous tension in these readings between the patience and generosity of God on one hand, and on the other, the ways in which we can fail to appreciate and accept what God is offering us. In time the people in the desert tired even of the quail and manna, just as many of Jesus' contemporaries were unable to accept that he was the bread of life, and the answer to their deepest hunger and needs. As Paul knew all too well the process of conversion is an ongoing one, a challenge to leave behind our old selves, that is, that which does not answer our most heartfelt needs or engender life. Even though we may recognise that Jesus is the source of our life it can still be a struggle to nurture the new life of Jesus within us because of old patterns of acting or perceiving