

## PARISH TEAMS

**Parish Council** Tony Summers  
**Finance Committee** Michael Winters  
**Liturgy Committee** Iwona Kazmierczak  
**Social Committee** Veronica Scully  
**Youth Ambassadors** Vacant

## LITURGICAL COMMITTEES

**Acolytes** Errol Raftos  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** -  
**Communion to the Sick & House-bound** Michele Pierre  
**Readers** Kathy McGurk  
**Altar Servers** Tony Summers  
**Ambience Group** Gail Finch Shirley Blackwell  
**Music Liturgy** Munashe Chaita  
**Saturday Night Choir** (6pm Sat) Paulette Pettitt  
**St Andrew's Angels Choir** (9am Sun) Munashe Chaita Cathy Leon  
**Cantores Christi Choir** (5pm Sun) Edward Amante Marilyn Ball  
**Eucharistic Adoration** Beryl Rahman

## PARISH GROUPS

**African Community Group** Christine Dominic  
**Children Classes (PREP)** Tammy Sparks  
**Children's Liturgy** Tanya Vandermark  
**Church Cleaning** Ney Enriquez

**RCIA** Gail Finch  
**Sunday Morning Tea Group** Veronica Scully  
**St Vincent de Paul Society** Tony Ratcliffe  
**Craft Group** Bev Macri  
**Piety Stall** Ronnie Oborn  
**Gardening** Armando Romanelli

## SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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## PARISH SCHOOLS

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# St Andrew's Catholic Parish

## SERVED BY THE SALVATORIAN FATHERS



Fr Darek Krzysztalowicz SDS, PP & Fr Marian Brzozowski SDS, APP

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

19/20 AUG 2023

### Mass Times

#### WEEKEND

Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm

#### WEEKDAYS

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 8.00am

#### THURSDAYS

3, 17 & 31 Aug 10am - RAAFA Estate Chapel  
(Hughie Edwards Dr, Merriwa)  
10 & 24 Aug 10am - Cambrai Village Chapel  
(Hester Ave, Merriwa)

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

1st Thursday of the month at Mass.

**RECONCILIATION** Sat 5.00 - 5.45pm

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8.30am - 4pm followed by Benediction.

### Contact Us

#### PRESBYTERY

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#### HOUSE BLESSING OR IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

Please contact Fr Darek and Fr Marian on  
(08) 9407 7512.

#### BAPTISM, MARRIAGE\*

Please contact the Parish Office.

\*Marriage: 6 months notice

#### PARISH SECRETARY

Mrs Tanya Vandermark

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**Office hours:** Tues & Wed: 9am - 1.30pm

Fri: 9am - 12pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

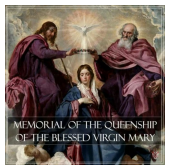
### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - Matthew 15:21 - 28

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions - what comes out of us - make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean. Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.  
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### Feast & Memorial Days this week

#### Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Tuesday 22 August

At the end of the Marian Year in 1954, Pope Pius XII established this feast with his encyclical, 'Ad Caeli Reginam'. Mary is Queen because of her divine maternity and because of her association with Jesus' redemptive mission. The Feast is linked with that of the Assumption, celebrated eight days earlier, and it highlights Mary's spiritual motherhood in the Church. Her queenship is one of love, exercised in hearts, and reminds us that 'if we persevere, we also shall reign with him' (2 Tim2:12) as members of Christ's 'royal priesthood' (1 Pet 2:9). Mary as queen is the eschatological icon of the Church in glory.



#### Feast of St Bartholomew, apostle - Thursday 24 August

One of the twelve foundation stones of the Church, this apostle was from Cana in Galilee. Because the lists of the Twelve differ, Bartholomew is usually identified with the Nathaniel described in the fourth Gospel. Tradition holds that after the Ascension he preached the Gospel in India or Armenia and suffered martyrdom there.

### Thank You

Thank you to the staff from St Andrew's CPS, St Francis of Assisi CPS, PREP Catechists and the Liturgy Committee for the organisation and preparation that went into the Confirmation Masses this past week. Both Masses were a wonderful celebration for the children and their families.



### Eucharistic Adoration



Every Friday from 8.30am - 4pm, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3pm.

Please join us to worship Jesus.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

**Pre-Baptismal Class**  
16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 11am.

This class is for all parents who would like to baptise their child and whose children are younger than 7 years of age. The class will take place in the Church.



**Respectful Silence in the Church**  
Knowing that Jesus is really present in the tabernacle, please maintain a **respectful silence** in the Church at **all times**. Also, let us be mindful that many people are making their spiritual preparation and thanksgiving before and after Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

Please take a bulletin home with you to keep informed with what is happening in the parish and for more information visit our website: [www.clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au)

