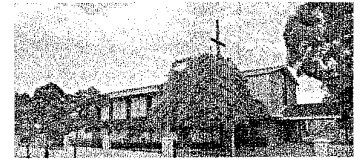




ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

84 Keightley Road, Shenton Park
Archdiocese of Perth Australia



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Through our worship and our daily living, we strive to follow faithfully the way of Jesus Christ, tell courageously the truth of Jesus Christ and live joyfully the life of Jesus Christ

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Sunday 23rd February 2020



Project Compassion Sunday 23rd February 2020



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Go Further Together**". Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

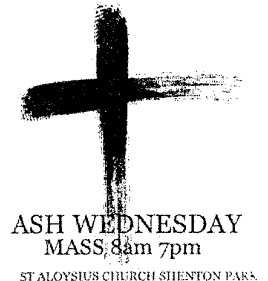
You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. You can bring back the boxes close to Easter.

Ash Wednesday and Lent 2020

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. There will be two masses, the first at 8.00am and the second at 7.00pm. Afterwards, all night Adoration (see below). **Lenten Devotions**

During lent, the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* will be recited before Mass Monday to Thursday at 7.40am. On each Friday, the *Stations of the Cross* will be held at 7.30am, followed by Mass at 8.00am.

Lent: This is a time of Review, Renewal and Growth. A time for Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, fasting on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. We focus not on 'what we can give up' but on 'what we can take up'. What extra can we undertake which leads to growth in our nearness to Christ, in our concern with Christ in others. It could be a rosary, daily Mass, adoration, or attending one of the courses, retreats or conversations as offered in the Panorama list of events, in the Church foyer.



Hour of Grace – All Night Adoration. Ash Wednesday 26 February 2020.



Jesus Youth is an International Association within the Catholic Church with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. Active in Perth since 2009, Jesus Youth is backed by the Bishops. "*The Hours of Grace initiative of Jesus Youth Australia, provides our catholic people with the opportunity to spend precious time with the Lord in adoration...Let the hours of grace become a blessing in our lives*" Bishop Don Sproston, Perth.



There will be an Hour of Grace exposition and adoration at St Aloysius' on the evening of Ash Wednesday from 8.30pm to 7.00am. Please commit by choosing a time to attend on the Roster.

MASS TIMES


SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	6.00pm
SUNDAY MASS & Children's Liturgy	9.30am
WEEKDAY MASS	8:00am
RECONCILIATION	5.30pm Saturday / by appointment
BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES	by Appointment

Welcome to all who worship with our parish community Morning tea is shared on Sundays after 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre. Newly arrived and not registered? Please fill in a Parish advisory in the porch.

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 24 February	TUESDAY 25 February	WEDNESDAY 26 February	THURSDAY 27 February	FRIDAY 28 February	SATURDAY 29 February	SUNDAY 1 March
3.00am Mass	8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass 	7:40am Divine Mercy Chaplet 8.00am Mass	7:30am Stations of the Cross 8.00am Mass	5.30 Confession 6pm Mass	9:30am Mass Children's Liturgy 

ROSTER

TIME / DATE	READERS	EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
22 February 6 pm Mass	Readings: L Schiavitti Prayers: L Schiavitti	M Pithers P Edwards	Glen & Georgy	Lydia Kilcullen 
23 February 9.30 am Mass	1st Reading: S Stack 2nd Reading: L Fernandes Prayers: P Meehan	S Elkington R Elkington	Tuan Tran, Ben Emily and Henry	

Extract from Pope Francis' homily for Ash Wednesday 2019.

Lent is the time to free ourselves from the illusion of chasing after dust. Lent is for rediscovering that we are created for the inextinguishable flame, not for ashes that immediately disappear; for God, not for the world; for the eternity of heaven, not for earthly deceit; for the freedom of the children of God, not for slavery to things. We should ask ourselves today: Where do I stand? Do I live for fire or for ash?

On this Lenten journey, back to what is essential, the Gospel proposes three steps which the Lord invites us to undertake without hypocrisy and pretence: almsgiving, prayer, fasting. What are they for? Almsgiving, prayer and fasting bring us back to the three realities that do not fade away. Prayer reunites us to God; charity, to our neighbour; fasting, to ourselves. God, my neighbour, my life: these are the realities that do not fade away and in which we must invest. Lent, therefore, invites us to focus, first of all *on the Almighty*, in prayer, which frees us from that horizontal and mundane life where we find time for *self* but forget God. It then invites us to focus *on others*, with the charity that frees us from the vanity of acquiring and of thinking that things are only good if they are good for me. Finally, Lent invites us to *look inside our heart*, with fasting, which frees us from attachment to things and from the worldliness that numbs the heart. Prayer, charity, fasting: three investments for a treasure that endures.

Happy Birthday – Fr Manoj – Friday 28th February

Fr Manoj celebrates of his birthday this Friday. May God bless you with peace and joy on your birthday. Thank you for another year of faithful service to our Parish. Please remember Father's family in your prayers.

Sacramental Program 2020

Details to the 2020 Sacramental program will be published soon. Reconciliation will be held in the 1st Term, Holy Communion during 2nd Term with Confirmation later in the year Contact: John Edwards 0438 527 050.

Martin Cahill – Art Exhibition:

Our Martin Cahill is holding an Art Exhibition at the Linton & Kay gallery, 11 Old Aberdeen Street, West Perth. Finishing today, you can still see the works until 4.00pm. Look for Martin's poster on the noticeboard, for details.

Your Offering Gift for last weekend: 1st Collection \$500.65. Second Collection \$589.10

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
22/23 February 2020

PRIEST

My dear friends, Christ has told us that when two or three people come together in his name, he is there with them. Let us pray to God in the name of Christ who is present with us.

PEOPLE

- 1 We thank the Holy Spirit for sending us Pope Francis. We pray for him and our three Australian Archbishops – including our own Timothy Costelloe – as they deliberate in the coming days and make important decisions concerning our Plenary Council..... **LORD HEAR US**

- 2 Our prayers are with our parish community. May we continue to love family, friends and neighbours and to do so with the humility and genuine love of humanity that Jesus asks of us..... **LORD HEAR US**

- 3 On this day when Jesus calls on all his followers to love their enemies, we pray for an end to war, violence and murder in our country and throughout the world – and we pray especially for an end to the plague of family violence.... **LORD HEAR US**

- 4 We pray for all those people in China and across the world who are suffering the appalling effects of the Corona Virus and we pray for their families and communities.... **LORD HEAR US**

- 5 We bow our heads and pray for our own special intentions(Pause)
LORD HEAR US

- 6 We pray for those who are nearing death, for those who died this week, for their loved ones and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time...**LORD HEAR US**
including Anthony Tambirasa

PRIEST

Lord God we ask you to give us the spirit of prayer that we may know you better and love you more. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN