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Mass Timings:

Saturday Evening: Mass 6pm
Sunday: Mass 7am, 9am
Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer, Rosary 6:45am
Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass
Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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2ND MARCH 2025 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ash Wednesday

Being Set Free for Love <https://mycatholic.life/>

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (see Psalm 51)

Mercy. That's what it's all about. As we begin Lent, a great place to start is with a better understanding of mercy.

Often when we think about Lent, we think of it with a sort of dread. "I have to give something up," we often think. But if that is our thought, then we are missing the point. Do I "have to" give something up? Well, yes and no. It's true that God wills this and has spoken this practice of self-denial and self-discipline to us through His Church. That is true. But it's much more of an invitation to grace than the imposition of a burden.

Giving something up is really all about entering into God's abundant mercy on a deeper level. It's about being freed from all that binds us, and it helps us experience the new life we so deeply seek. Giving something up could refer to something as simple as fasting from a food or drink. Or, it can be any intentional act that requires a certain self-denial. But this is good! Why? Because it strengthens us in our spirit and our will. It strengthens us to be more resolved to say "Yes" to God on that complete level.

So often in life we are controlled by our emotions and desires. We have an impulse for this or that or to do this or that, and we often let those impulses or desires control us. Entering into a practice of self-denial helps strengthen us to control our disordered tendencies rather than being controlled by them. And this applies to much more than just food and drink. It applies to many things in life including our life of virtue, especially our charity.

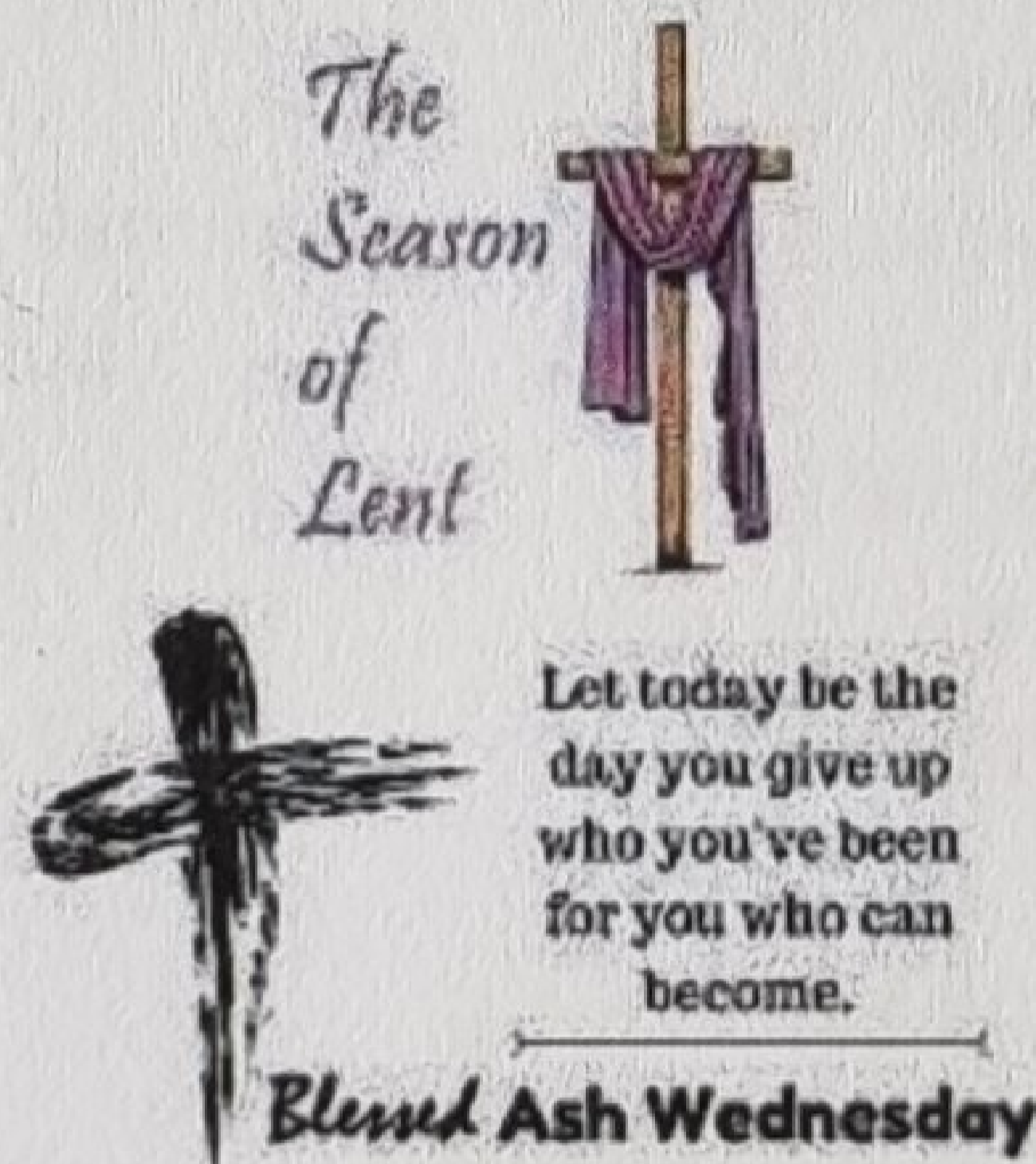
Mercy is all about charity. It's about love in the way God wants us to love. It's about being free to let love consume us and take us over so that, in the end, all we want to do is love. This can be a hard practice to establish in our lives but is the source of our joy and fulfillment.

Mercy, in particular, is an act of love that, in a sense, is not deserved by another. It's a free gift that is given purely from the motivation of love. And this is exactly the love God gives us. God's love is all mercy. And if we want to receive that mercy, then we also have to give it.

And if we want to give it, we need to properly dispose ourselves to giving mercy. This is accomplished, in part, by our little acts of self-denial.

So make this a great Lent, but don't get stuck thinking that the Lenten sacrifices are burdensome. They are one essential piece of the pathway to the life God wants to bestow upon us.

My sacrificial Lord, may this Lent be truly fruitful in my life. May it be a grace and a joy to embrace all that You wish to bestow upon me. Jesus, I do trust in You.



Dear Lord, As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent.

Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.



March

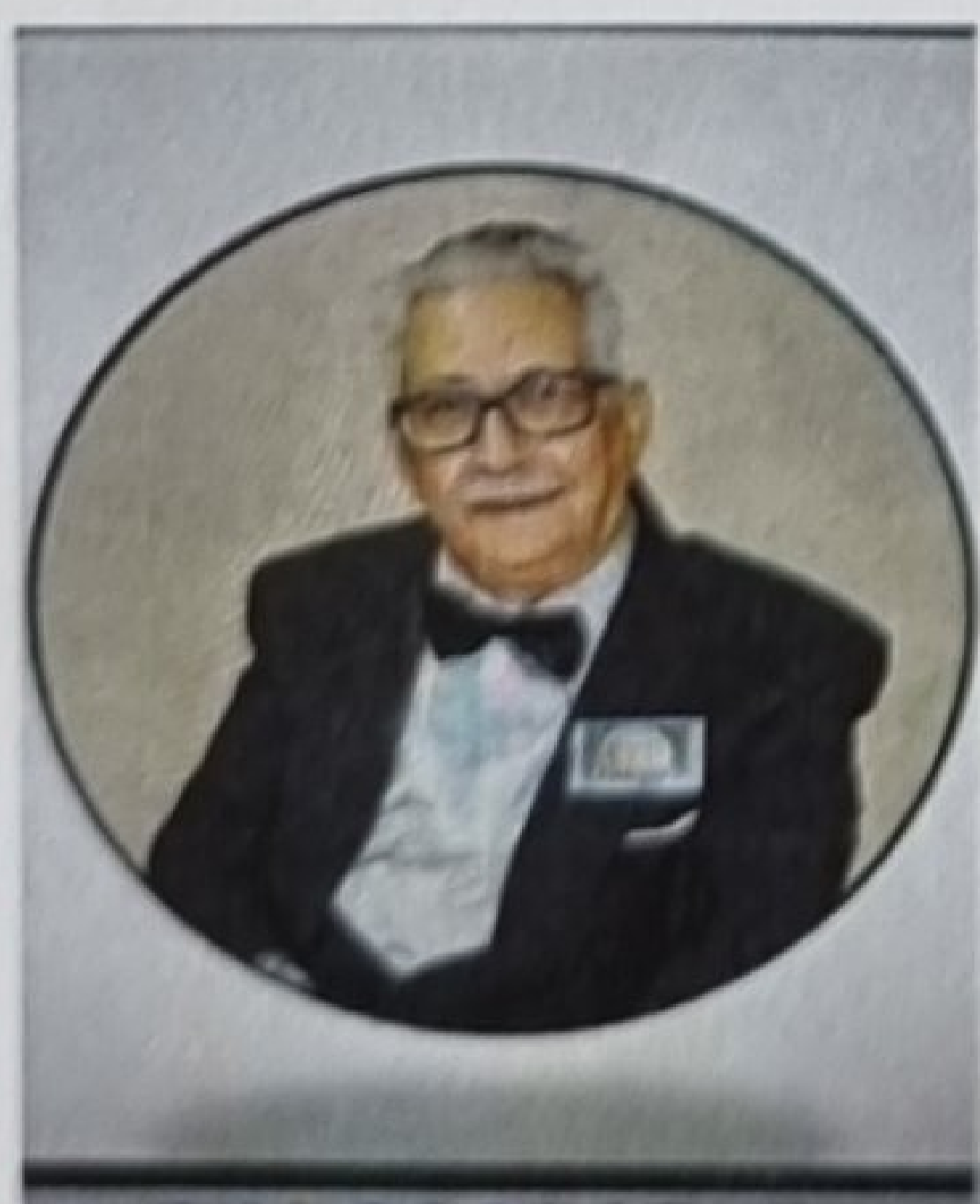
- Sun 2nd March Baptism of Layla Bell @ 10:30am & Alexander Mahe @ 11:15am
 Tue 4th March Legion of Mary mtg @9:00am
 DVD group @ 11:00am
 Ash Wed 5th March School Mass @ 9:00am
 Ash Wed Mass @ 6:30pm
 Fri 7th March Anointing of the sick @ 7:30am Mass
 Station of the Cross @ 7:00pm
 Sat 8th Mar Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 8th to 9th Mar 2025			
Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	J Lopez	A Dzieciol	C Anello; J Calleja
READERS:	M Benitez	A Greenfield	V Hall
COMMS:	G Redolatti		F Johnson
SERVERS:	M Palermo; V Rule		F & Fab Diraviam
Counters	Team 4 - A and M Fernandes		
Cleaners	R Foti-Cuzzola		

Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of souls /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

- SAT 1-Mar 6:00 PM RS- Rene L'Aimable, Carmelita
 SUN 2-Mar 7:00 AM RS-Charlie Cachia
 9:00 AM RS-Earl Daniels, Cesilio & Vanessa & Annina Delle Donne
 TG-Margaret Daniels, Pavy family
 TUE 4 --Mar 7:30 AM RS- Simon Foo, Charlie Cachia
 WED 5-Mar 9:00 AM RS- All Souls
 6:30 PMRS-Charlie Cachia
 THU 6-Mar 7:30 AM RS- Cecilia Praganza, Charlie Cachia
 FRI 7-Mar 7:30 AM SP-Olive Carvalho,
 RS-Charlie Cachia
 SAT 8-Mar 7:30 AM SP-Legion of Mary
 6:00 PMRS-Charlie Cachia
 SUN 9-Mar 7:00 AM SP-Jaxon, Harley, Madison & Bailey
 RS-Charlie Cachia
 9:00 AM SP-Van Hoek fam mbs
 TG-Vince & Josephine Algeri-50 wedd. ann



RIP-Doug Mathews
(18/8/34 - 16/2/25)

Updated funeral details :-
Requiem Mass: Fri March 7 @ 10.30am, Good Shepherd, Lockridge

Burial: Pinnaroo Cemetery @12:30pm

Overnight Vigil : The family extends an invitation to

all who wish to bid him farewell to a private viewing at 23 Smith St, Beechboro on Thursday 6th March from 2pm- 9am for an overnight vigil (Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm, Rosary at 6pm, Scripture reading at 8pm)

Active link Video start at Fri 7 March at 9am <https://vimeo.com/event/4937957>



Jubilee 2025 Indulgences

As a help to everyone in gaining indulgences during this gift from heaven – the Jubilee year. It has been strongly suggested that as we can obtain two – yes, **TWO plenary indulgences each day**, we give one to a deceased priest you know, or has given you the sacraments, or been your parish priest, etc and the other to whom you wish. - keeping in mind that these souls will pray for you and your intentions from Heaven. What a wonderful thought knowing we are covered by prayers of the saints in the presence of God and Our Mother!



The **2025 Jubilee Year** offers the faithful the opportunity to obtain a **plenary indulgence**, which is the full remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. To acquire this indulgence, the following conditions must

be met:

- 1. State of Grace:** Be free from mortal sin at the time of performing the indulgenced work.
- 2. Mass and Eucharistic Communion:** Partake in Mass and Holy Communion, preferably on the same day as the indulgenced act.
- 3. Sacramental Confession:** Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within about 20 days before or after completing the indulgenced act.
- 4. Prayer for the Pope's Intentions:** Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, typically fulfilled by reciting an *Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.*
- 5. Detachment from All Sin:** Maintain a sincere disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.

The indulgence can be applied either to oneself or offered for the souls in Purgatory.

Other Ways to Participate in this Jubilee Year:

(1) Pilgrimage to a Jubilee Site:

• **Rome, Holy Land, Local Dioceses,** in the Archdiocese of Perth- St Mary's Cathedral, Perth ,The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle, St John Paul II Parish, Banksia Grove, Schoenstatt Shrine, Mount Richon, Carmelite Monastery, Nedlands, Sacred Heart Parish, Highgate

During these pilgrimages, the faithful are encouraged to participate in sacred rites such as: Holy Mass ,Celebration of the Word of God, Liturgy of the Hours , Stations of the Cross, Marian Rosary, Penitential celebrations

(2) Acts of Mercy and Charity:- Perform corporal works of mercy: •Feeding the hungry, Giving drink to the thirsty, Clothing the naked, Sheltering the homeless,Visiting the sick, Visiting the imprisoned,Burying the dead

Engage in spiritual works of mercy: -Instructing the ignorant, Counselling the doubtful, Admonishing the sinner, Comforting the afflicted, Forgiving offenses, Bearing wrongs patiently, Praying for the living and the dead

For more detailed information, press.vatican.va



OUR PARISH FAMILY

ASH Wednesday Masses and laying of ashes Wed March 5 :



There will be two Masses at **9:00am (school Mass)** and **6:30pm**. Please observe Fasting and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed

their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal

**** Stations of the Cross with Benediction** during Lent every Friday @ 7:00pm, starting **Friday March 7.**

Acolytes who are serving at the weekend Masses are reminded to serve at the Stations.



STATIONS of the CROSS

**** Free - Metanoia Lenten Program 2025 for daily reflection** - The parish has ordered 120 Lenten booklets for parishioners to use during the Lent season for reflection.



Lent is an invitation to metanoia, to confront all that creates distance between God and us, and to embrace the path of mercy and hope. It is by God's

grace, that we turn towards God and are transformed. Booklets are at the back of the church, **please take one for each family only.**

**** Piety Stall** - Parish has replenished new religious and sacramental items in the piety stall at the parish foyer. Feel free to have a browse. For purchase, Sunday morning after 9am Mass with Nuccia De Luca or other times with Catherine from the parish office.

**** Legion of Mary** are earnestly seeking new members -there are many housebound & bedridden ex-parishioners who are missing the companionship of St. Joseph's. You could be doing Our Lady's work. If you feel Her call to join the Legion, call Norma 9279 8075.

Jubilee Lentent Retreat -Desert to Deliverance

Saturday, March 8, 2025 | Sacred Heart Church, 64 Mary Street Highgate.

Join us for a morning of prayer and reflection as we explore the transforming grace where Lent meets Jubilee. Beginning with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by breakfast. The retreat features two inspiring talks: "Desert to Deliverance: The Double Grace of Lent and the Jubilee" by Deacon Aaron Peters and "Hope's Horizon: Living the Jubilee Promise" by Fr Conor Steadman. The day includes morning tea and concludes with Confession, Adoration and Benediction (1:00 PM). Free admission, but registration essential for catering: bit.ly/JubileeLent25



Heavenly Father,
we pray for Pope Francis.

We ask for Your healing
hand to be on him.

Give him strength in his
body, mind, and spirit as he
recovers from his illness.

May Your grace surround him,
bringing comfort, peace, and restoration.

Protect him with Your love,
and may the light of Your wisdom
continue to guide him in his mission.

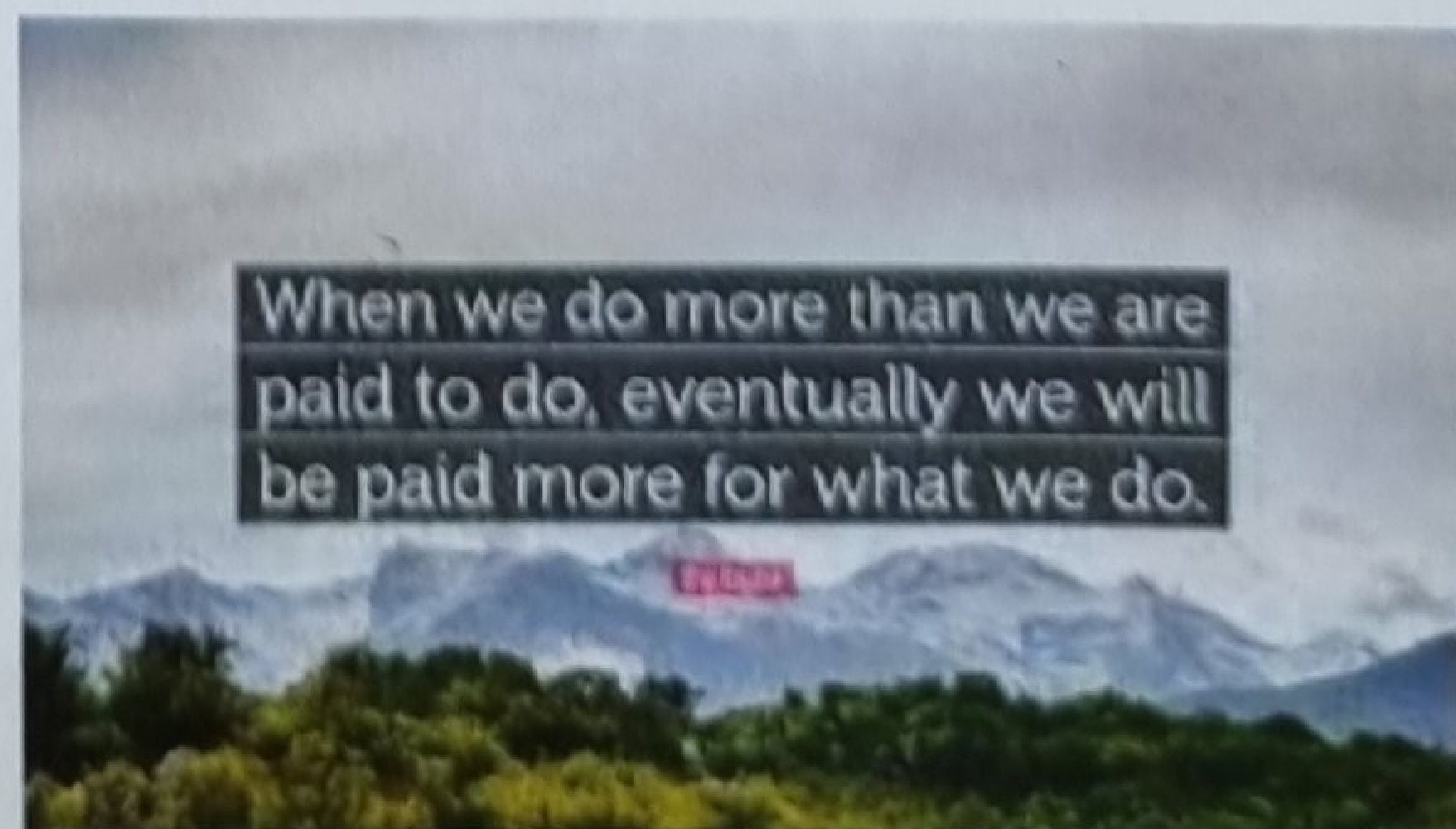


****Men's Mental Health with Derek Boylen**

We are pleased to offer two sessions on Men's Mental Health, facilitated by Derek Boylen. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights and support for mental well-being:

Day Session: Wed, 5 March at 10:30am, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. <https://go.kscwa.au/kscwa-mens-mental-health-5-march-2025>.

Evening Session: Mon, 17 March at 5:30pm, St. Mary's Cathedral – Parish Centre, Victoria Square, Perth. <https://go.kscwa.au/kscwa-mens-mental-health-17-march-2025>



The Living Word

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

2 March 2025

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A Greek word for an actor is *hypokrites*, and Jesus often uses it in a disparaging way. How often have we heard the sad, sometimes angry, remark by someone let down by a person they trusted: 'It was all a big act'. Eventually, the true character of the dishonest or manipulative person is revealed. All the acting in the world will not forever suppress what is bound to overflow from the heart.

This takes us to the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus pronounces a blessing on 'the pure in heart, for they will see God'. This does not describe those who are ritually or sexually pure, but those who, at the core of their being, are not actors. There is no duplicity or camouflage, no lie or deception clouding the heart. Because of this, Jesus says they are well prepared to see God because they do not have the great plank of acting in their eye.

Of course, we already see God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, so that we can pray with the clear-sighted Richard, Bishop of Chichester in 1253: 'O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.'

We could pause for a moment and resolve to make that prayer with a pure heart. Then, when we grace-fully share Christ's resurrection life in Heavenly Glory, in the embrace of Divine Love we shall truly see the Triune God face-to-face!

Disciples or Mask-Wearers?

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart - the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts our vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

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