

Bunuru– March 2017

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ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH, WA

“Helping our mob grow in faith and culture”

Bunuru (Feb – Mar)

The Second Summer.
Season of Adolescence. Children learn the art of tool-making.



In late summer and autumn of each year, families would traditionally get together in large numbers around freshwater sources along the coast, to hold their annual meetings and gatherings.

Coast living and fishing time.

The lifestyle for the Nyoongar communities during Bunuru.

Bunuru is the hottest time of the year with little to no rain. Hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons if you're close to the coast. Therefore, traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers and estuaries. Because of this, freshwater foods and seafood made up major parts of the diet during this time of year.

Bunuru is also a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums.



Another striking flower that is hard to go past is the female Zamia (*Macrozamia riedlei*). Being much larger than that of its male counterpart, the huge cones emerge from the centre of the plant with masses of a cotton wool like substance.



As the hot, dry weather continues the seed upon the cones change from green to bright red, indicating they're ripening and becoming more attractive to animals, particularly the emu, that will eat the toxic fleshy outer.



Did you know ACM is on the web?

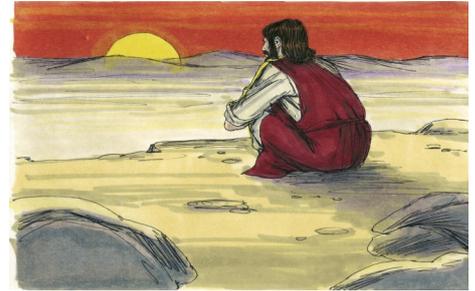
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Our Catholic Faith and our Aboriginal Culture

Luke 4:1-10

1. Jesus, came back from the River Jordan, full of the Holy Spirit. Then the Holy Spirit took him to the desert.
2. Satan tempted him in the desert for 40 days. All these days he ate no bread or meat, so was hungry after many days.
3. The Devil said to Jesus "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."
4. But Jesus said, "The Bible says, "People don't live only on bread.
5. The devil "took him up. In a moment he saw everything, all the countries of all the kings of the World.
6. The devil said to him, "I will give you all these things, great power and wealth. Now I own all this, I can give everything to the person I want.
7. You will have all these things if you kneel to me."
8. Jesus said, "The Scriptures say, 'Worship the Lord your God and only work for him.'"
9. Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem and stood Jesus up, very high on the Temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, then jump down,
10. because the bible says, God will send his angels and they will save you."



Noongar WARDA KWABBA LUKE-ANG

The Good News Translation taken from Warda kwabba Luke-Ang

1. Jesus korl-koorl Bilya Jordan-yen, moorart Kangya-Kooranyang. Karro Kangya- Kooranyi barrang baalany kwangkanal.
2. Djenak djona-karra baalany kwangkanal 40 kedelara. Mandang alidja-alidja kedelara, baal yoowart ngarn mereny wer djaadj, ngarl ngolonga boola kedelara Jesus koboori-wirt.
3. Djenak waangki Jesus,"Bayinya noonook Boolanga Yirakang Nop, waangki nidja boya mereny-biny."
4. Yalga Jesus waangki, Boordakiny-Kooranyi waangki, 'Moorta yoowart wining arda merenyal.
5. Karro Djenak yira-barrang baalany. Keny djiyal, baal djinang moodlooka, mandang boodjera mandang djelyibakang Boodjerang.
6. Djenak waangki baalany, "Ngany boorda yanga noonany mandang nidga-nidga noolonga,moorditj mardayin wer boola boya. Yeyi ngany kadak mandang nidga, kidji ngany kayar-yanga moodlooka moortak ngany koordook.
7. Noonook boorda-kadak mandang nidga-nidga noolonga, bayinya noonook boni-nanookawin nganyak".
8. Jesus waangki, "Boordakiny-Kooranyi waangki, Yanganan Birdiyar, noonang Boolanga-Yira, kidji arda yaka baalang."
9. Karro Djenak barrang Jesus Jerusalem-ak kidji baal yidja Jesus yira-djil Maya-maya-Kooranyikal, kidji waangki baalany, "Bayinya noonook Boolanga-Yirang Nop, karro ngarda-boordang,
10. 10. narla Boordakiny-Kooranyi waangki, "Boolanga-Yira boorda-waangki baalang djin-djina

Our Catholic Faith and our Aboriginal Culture



Reflection by Father Joseph & Reg Carnamah on Luke 14:1-13

LENT:

Desert Wilderness happens to be part of our Australian Landscape and our people understand better the importance and significance of Desert and the experience Jesus had in the Judean Desert, to teach us to have the same kind of experience in our spiritual journey.

PRAYER: *Jesus went into the desert to pray and was united with the Father in the Spirit. Prayer was his strength. So it should be for us.*



TESTS FOR JESUS: It was a challenge to the power of God. He overcame the test by the same power of the Word of God. The same Word of God will help us to overcome the various challenges of our life.

It was a challenge to the providence of God. God is always our provider. We need to trust in his providence, not in any of our human power.

It was a challenge to the Divinity of Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God and our Redeemer who suffered and died for our Salvation.

SISTER FRANCES WILSON. RNDM

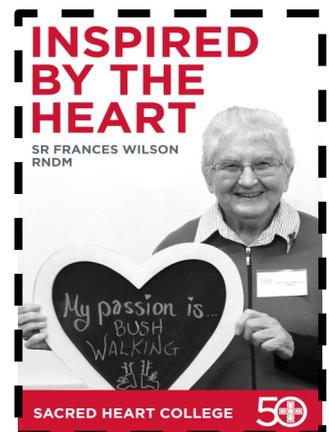
MY FAITH STORY

What is Faith? Faith is a free gift from God to enable us to trust in Him and love Him with our whole being. Everyone has been given this gift, so it depends on how individuals develop and strengthen their faith to lead them to God and life eternal.

I grew up in a faith-filled family so this was the start of developing and strengthening the Gift that had been given to me by God. From a young age I walked to the Church with my grandmother at 6.30 every morning to attend Mass. She would say her Prayers in Polish because that was the faith she had learnt in Poland before immigrating to New Zealand. I attended a Catholic Primary School, taught by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Inglewood, NZ. My faith was further developed in class through learning the Catechism questions, attending daily Mass, receiving the Sacraments, being a member of the Children of Mary, and finishing my education at a secondary school for girls who wished to join the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.

I vividly remember kneeling on the kitchen floor saying the Rosary with my family; my mother kneeling in front of our home altar of Our Lady saying her morning prayers before she went off to work; going to Confession in the Church on a Saturday afternoon at 3pm; attending Rosary and Benediction in the Church on a Sunday evening; attending Stations of the Cross in the Church during Lent; singing in the choir; playing the organ for Mass; visiting the Church whenever we passed by (always making sure we had our head covered with a hanky if we didn't have a hat!) So as you can see, Church and family played a very important role in the early development of my faith. I thank God for giving me the kind of family that nourished my gift of faith during a time in the Church when faith was regarded as a stepping stone to trust and love God deeply.

My faith was further strengthened when I joined the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. Since then I have spent 59 years teaching and encouraging others to develop and strengthen their faith. I find that now, after all these years, there is still a lot for me to learn in deepening my faith. We can never say "I have reached the goal!" It is not until we die can we know how deeply we have allowed our faith to grow. This is when we will hear God saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Come now and enjoy eternity with me."



A Lenten Cycle of Reflection by Elizabeth Pike

Perhaps when people can enjoy differences as a resource of cultural enrichment, we will become truly civilised, and then we will be the Land of the Holy Spirit.

The Lenten season presents us with an ideal time to listen with greater awareness and to pray more deeply through collective prayer within our various justice groups for the leaders of the country to bring our nation to a more dignified maturity.

We need a constitution that honours the Spirit of this land and the dignity of its First People, and respects all those who settle here. With this foundation, we will be a nation built on rock - otherwise we will be a nation built on sand and it will crumble.

March and April offers us some great opportunities to look at Lent through different eyes. Within the many special feast days of the season we can discern a cycle of life. To allow this image to flow, the following reflections are not in chronological sequence.



We begin with the **Annunciation of Mary of Nazareth**, the young peasant girl, who is brought a message from the Creator of all things through the Archangel Gabriel to become the Mother of Jesus. He would be named Jesus, a Child of the Spirit, the expected Messiah the Jewish people were waiting for. Naturally, Mary was very afraid and bewildered, but in great faith, her resounding 'Yes' has echoed down through the ages and **Hope for the world** was born. Later, when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, she gave us the wonderful prayer of the *Magnificat*. This is the great prayer for the promise of justice to come. A **reflection on** the *Magnificat* can begin our Lent.

In the Feast of **St Joseph**, we honour his response to a message given to him by an angel in a dream. He was not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. Joseph also accepted in trust that Mary's conception was of the Spirit. This feast also honours fatherhood: seeing Joseph as protector of the family through his love and care. Fr Brian McCoy sj works strongly with the men in Balgo. His book, *Holding Men* , contains a timely message, as many men have an ambiguous role in our society today and their traditional role is not clear. Wally Feijo, the first Aboriginal man to head Nungalinga College in Darwin, is doing great work now in Adelaide with young men who have lost their way. Our **reflection** here could be on holding men in prayer.

The celebration of **Caroline Chisholm** during Lent is a wonderful tribute to this amazing compassionate and zealous woman. She gave her life to the caring of needy children and convict women who were often abandoned, abused and homeless in those early days of the rough and lawless time of colonisation. Deprivation and hardship were made worse by the abuse of rum. Our **reflection** could be on the abuse of children and women and human trafficking, inspired by some reading on Caroline's life and work.

A Lenten of Reflection Cont.

Anzac Day is about remembering the spirit of self-sacrifice for the good of others. It is not about glorifying war. The nation recalls those men and women who died, suffering on horrific battlefields and in inhuman conditions, that we might live. Killing one another is not the answer, as the holy wars of the Maccabees in the Old Testament show us. They became caught up in military problems and political games of corruption, their descendants became materialistic and were opposed by true believers. Our **reflection** here could be praying for the carers of the injured and maimed and in particular the Aboriginal men who returned from the war and were refused benefits because they were not considered citizens of their own country.

The assassination of **Oscar Romero** as he was saying Mass did not stop the people from praying and pursuing justice for the poor in his country. His memory and his words of wisdom live on today. Justice without love is not the Gospel message. The recent hunting down last year of one man and the killing of family members and others, then rejoicing in his death, betrayed a strange attitude of the leaders who ordered the onslaught. The torture and killing of Jesus and later his followers did not stop his message of love going out to the world. Our **reflection**: helping the oppressed poor, asylum seekers and refugees.

St Patrick needs no introduction. He helped the people by showing how the shamrock was an example of understanding of how the Trinity was three in one. A hard question for some even today! In spite of the many criticisms of Irish Catholics, they kept the faith going in the beginning of this colony, in spite of the absence of priests, through the Rosary. A **reflection** on a decade of the Rosary would not go astray.

The feast of **St John of God** recalls the amazing work of the Sisters of St John of God at the leprosarium in Derby, WA, combating Hanson's Disease that afflicted many Aboriginal people at the time. I have sat with some of the women at Turkey Creek and listened to their stories of discovering the message of Jesus and their great love of the Rosary that they heard at the leprosarium. They took it all back to their community and began their 'Mother and Child' school. They saw education as very important. Our **reflection** could centre on the strength of these Aboriginal women and the St John of God Sisters.

We enter now into **Holy Week** and the agonising walk of Jesus to his death on Good Friday which was the completion of his own earthly life cycle. But the best was yet to come. As the great light of Easter Sunday dawned, so the darkness was overcome. Our **reflection** could be to walk with **Mary** as she followed her son, sharing deeply the agony and humiliation as only a mother can know.

Our work may be incomplete, just a step along the way. Let us allow grace to enter in, and then let God do the rest.



Meet one of our new Volunteers: Brendan Phillips

A little about who I am. I was born in Melbourne in 1963. My mother and Grandparents inherited land in Eaglehawk Bendigo in Victoria from their ancestors who squatted and appropriated land in the 19th Century. My ancestry is Koori, Chinese and Irish. This mixture of ancestry came about through the Gold Rush of the mid-19th century in which many came from all over the world to seek their fortunes groom the richest deposits of gold in the world.

As a child I travelled with the family all along the east coast of Australia from Melbourne to Cairns living in a caravan. Much of my schooling was self-taught as I loved learning new things. At 14 we came across to Perth and I excelled in running and school. At 16 I left school to do an electrical apprenticeship at Chamberlain John Deere in Welshpool. During my apprenticeship I represented Western Australia three times in cross country and middle distance running (800m and 1500m). After completing my apprenticeship, I went back to school and gained entry at Curtin University to study physiotherapy. On graduation I worked in private practice in Midland whilst studying for an MBA at ECU. Then I moved into healthcare management and management consulting with many companies like KPMG and Rio Tinto and taught marketing and strategy at ECU and Curtin.



I became a Christian at 10 years of age through a Scripture Union beach mission set up in a large tent in Scarborough Caravan Park outside of Brisbane. I loved the storytelling and singing as did many children in the caravan park. From then everywhere we travelled I sought out the church and was made an altar boy. My home life was dysfunctional but I found a sense of safety and belonging at the church and went to confirmation classes at 12 and commenced receiving the sacraments from then. At the age of 30 my first faith crisis hit me hard through the death of a very close friend at 33 years of age due to cancer. I left the church soon after and pursued my secular career without acknowledging God in my life. For most my 40's I hit another crisis in divorce and Family Court that took me deep into the dark night of the soul.

It was during this time I met my wife Share who saw something in me I did not see in myself. Share is the Daughter of a retired Anglican Priest in Mallorca turning 90 this year. Her mother who has passed away was a Church Missionary from California sent to India where she met her husband. It feels like a match made in heaven and my current life direction is greatly influenced by my relationship with Share, who has supported me in my journey of recovery and faith.

I have since completed the Graduate Diploma in Chaplaincy at Murdoch University and will complete my Master of Chaplaincy in 2017 with my research dissertation on 'sense of belonging' amongst refugees in Western Australia.

I am a mentor and chaplain for the Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre at Murdoch University, helping Aboriginal students overcome the fears and anxieties of study. I am a trained Sports Chaplain with Sports Chaplaincy Australia and currently completing my Street Chaplaincy training with Street Chaplains working alongside Police, Ambulances, Welfare agencies, Noongar Patrol, Security and business of Northbridge and Perth offering care, compassion and a loving presence to vulnerable people ensuring they get home safely or to a safe place for the night. I have also completed my Clinical Pastoral Education at Royal Perth Hospital and Mental Health Pastoral Care at Graylands Hospital.

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What's been happening over the past few months?

After a lovely summer break the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry have been back in action, continuing our regular ministry work of hospital visitations, funeral support and preparation, regular church services, home visitations, community referrals and support and prayer and spiritual guidance. We enjoy our work and love it when you in our community come and get involved in our activities. We are also excited about the new volunteers, interns and student placements we are now hosting.

Picnic Mass

On Sunday the 5th of March we held an outdoor picnic mass and lunch at Success Hill Reserve in Bassendean. It was a lovely occasion to be together out in nature and we are looking forward to the next one on Sunday the 2nd of April at Whiteman's Park. See later pages for more information

Presentation about Safeguarding and Child Protection.

On Sunday the 26th of February Andrea Musulin Coordinator of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth's Child Protection and Safeguarding Office came and presented to the Embleton Community about the work the Church is doing to protect children and how we can all be

part of this. Each community/Parish has a Safeguarding Officer who is trained up to help us create a safe environments for all children. Shirley Quaresimin is being trained over the next few months to be the representative for our community. If you would like more information about this program visit http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Organisations_and_Services-Safeguarding.htm



Meet one of our new Volunteers continued...

Now my life is dedicated to living out God's Kingdom on earth with guidance from the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. I see my life and the lives around me with new eyes, witnessing God's love all around me and also the evil that holds people down and cuts them off from being who God has intended them to be.

Jesuit Gerard W Hughes once wrote in his book 'God in All Things' that "love is seeing yourself in another, and appreciating what you see." I believe it is this love that provides the eyes of compassion and embrace of all others, especially the marginalized and grieving. And I hope to express this love in action through volunteering with the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.

What's been happening over the past few months?

Whadjuk Bibbulman Katijinin

The ACM Staff were invited to attend and sit on a panel at the Whadjuk Bibbulman Katijinin Conference on Saturday 18 February 2017, at Wollaston Conference Centre, Mt Claremont. The workshop was aimed at the Anglican community to encourage them to think about Aboriginal ministry and learn about Aboriginal spirituality. Donna Ryder from ACM sat on a panel and shared about the work of ACM. It was great to be invited to be part of this ecumenical space and to share our faith with other Aboriginal people trying to follow the way of Jesus.



Clontarf Faith Yarning Session



FEBRUARY: Sr Margaret Scharf OP shared about trust, our trust in God, trust in ourselves and trust in others.

MARCH: Brendan Phillips shared about Spirit of God, Spirit Within, Aboriginal Spirituality and the Holy Spirit.

MAY: You don't want to miss out on hearing from our very own **Sister Frances Wilson** in the Month of May, Mary's Month!



Connecting with Schools

Over the last six months ACM has been building a solid relationship with Clontarf Aboriginal College. This has seen us begin Sunday Session's where we have a faith yarning session, followed by Mass with students and then a dinner at the Boarding College. These occur on the 3rd Sunday of each month during school term. Father Joseph is also visiting the school to lead Masses and talk to students. On top of working with Clontarf we were invited to attend the Aranmore Catholic College Welcome BBQ for Aboriginal students and their families and later this month we will be meeting with their Aboriginal Education Team to look at ways to support their student leaders.



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Pastoral Care Workshop with Sr Joan

Listening to God - Preparing Your Heart to Hear Him

ACM Staff were delighted to have Sr Joan a Mercy Sister run a pastoral care workshop for ACM staff at the start of 2017. The workshop was on *Listening to the Word of God*, finding quiet time for prayer and about how we listen to God through those whom we do our ministry with. Listening to God is like listening to anyone-before you can hear Him, you must be ready to listen. Just as in a conversation, you cannot hear the other person if you are talking or if your mind is distracted. So it is with God. If you want to hear Him speak, you must be quiet and you must be focused on what He is saying. Regular conversation with God can transform your life! Consider identifying a place and time to meet with God every day.

Prayer is how you begin a conversation with God. Think of it as saying "hello."

Listening to God - How Can I Hear Him?

Listening to God requires a deliberate choice to shut out the chaos around you and focus your thoughts. Is God someone you can hear? The Bible says He is, and the Bible is one of the main tools through which He speaks.

We live in a world of noise. Almost everywhere we go, we find sounds competing with our minds, keeping us from letting our thoughts get below the surface level. Hearing God's voice means not listening to the noise of the world around us. It's not easy, but it can be done.

Do you want to hear God speak to you? Listening to God requires regular Bible reading, since the Bible is the Word of God.

The word LISTEN contains the same letters as the word SILENT.



Liturgy Meeting:

The ACM team meet with Sr Kerry Wilson to look at ways to support Parishes to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday!

Upcoming ACM Events and Special Days



Yarning about Faith and Culture followed by Mass

Come join us in yarnning with the Aboriginal community about our faith and culture.

Each month we will get a different guest presenter. This yarnning will be followed by Mass with the Clontarf Aboriginal College students. 285 Manning Rd Waterford.

21st May, 18th June, 20th Aug, 17th Sept, 15th Oct, 19th Nov, Faith Yarns at 3.30pm, Mass at 4.45pm and then dinner at 5.45pm.

Outdoor Picnic Masses

Next Picnic 2nd April at Whiteman Park Mussell Pool East meet at Carpark 23

Please see map following Pages.

They begin at 11am and we will have a picnic lunch. All are welcome, so bring along a friend.



CALLING ALL STRONG

WOMEN OF POWER!!

You are invited to the...

YOUNG YORGA'S CULTURE, FAITH & HEALING

Morning Tea

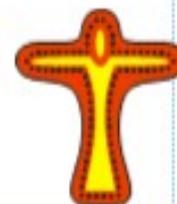
When: Friday, 7th April 2017, 10am to 12 noon



Where: ACM Office, 5 Baker Avenue, Perth

What: An opportunity to be inspired and energised by other Young Yorgas. This is hopefully the beginning of other gatherings. Children are welcome

Contact Vicky Burrows for further info on 041 2529656 or vicky.burrows@perthcatholic.org.au



Upcoming ACM Events and Special Days

Other Dates for Your Diary (Check over the page for full 2017 Calendar)

- ◆ Weekly Sunday 11am Mass at Embleton Parish
- ◆ Easter Sunday 16th April at Embleton Parish
- ◆ Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Suicide Prevention Workshop at Quest Rockingham – 22 Flinders Lane, Rockingham WA 6168 on Tuesday 28 March 2017 from 9am – 4 pm. There is no charge to attend the workshop. Morning Tea will be provided.
- ◆ Aboriginal Loss, Grief and Mental Health 3 Day Workshop, Perth: 4-6 April Australian Institute for Loss and Grief Pty Ltd c/- 10 Cowie Street, ETHELTON W: (08) 8341-5557 F: (08) 8242-2690 M: (04) 38203032 E: rosemary@lossandgrief.com.au W: www.lossandgrief.com.au



CHILDREN'S DAY

FUN | FAITH | CULTURE

A day for children (6 years old and above) to learn more about their culture and faith whilst having fun!

THURSDAY 20 APRIL
11am-2pm

There will be fun activities alongside yarning about our faith and culture.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
Office, 5 Baker Avenue, Perth

To help with catering and activities, it would be great if you could call Vicky on 9328 7529 or 0412 529656, or via email to acm@perthcatholic.org.au, to let us know if you will be attending.

Lunch provided.

FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID WITH ACM

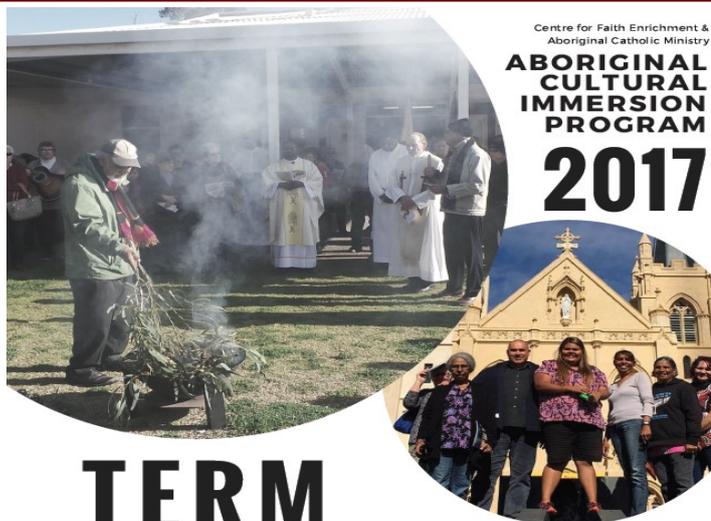
Would you like to be able to help family, friends and members of the community better when they approach you about their mental health? Do you sometimes not know what to do when people are in distress? Then maybe you would like to participate in some Mental Health First Aid Training. ACM has been offered an opportunity to participate in Mental Health First Aid Training. Times and Dates are still being confirmed but it would be 2 days. It is free and a great way to learn how we can better help each other. Contact Vicky at the office to register your interest.



ACM Key Dates for 2017 (as of 17/03/2017)

| Notes/Key | FEBRUARY 2017 | MARCH 2017 | APRIL 2017 |
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| <p>Embleton Mass Faith & Culture Yarning, Mass & Dinner @ Clontarf PICNIC MASS Other Community Events Children's Faith, Culture & Fun Day Training with Catholic Community & Aboriginal Community Coming Home Together Meeting (all welcome)</p> | <p>Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 12th, 26th of Feb Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 19th Feb.</p> | <p>PICNIC MASS (Success Hill, Ashfield)- 11am 5th of March Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 12th & 26th Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 19th March. Catholic Cultural Awareness Workshop with CFE- 10am-4pm Saturday 25th March Coming Home Together Network-10am-1pm, Tuesday 28th of March</p> | <p>PICNIC MASS)- 11am 2nd of April (Guildford) Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 9th, 23rd, 30th of April Easter Sunday 16th of April 11am Mass Children's Faith, Culture & Fun Day- 20th of April Women's Healing Camp- TBC Late April/Early May</p> |
| <p>MAY 2017 FAMILY MASS, Embleton 11am 7th of May Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am, 14th (Mothers Day) and 28th of May Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 21st of May Aboriginal Sunday Workshop with Liturgy Office Saturday 27th of May 2-4pm</p> | <p>JUNE 2017 Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 4th, 11th, 25th of June Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 18th of June Coming Home Together Network-10am-1pm, Tuesday 20th of June</p> | <p>JULY 2017 Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th of July NAIDOC Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 5pm Sunday 9th of July ACM Community Day- 4th of July 11am-3pm Children's Faith, Culture & Fun Day- July 12th NAIDOC Week</p> | <p>AUGUST 2017 Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 6th, 13th and 27th of August Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 20th of August Indigenous Spirituality Seminar 12th August, 2pm-4.30pm</p> |
| <p>SEPTEMBER 2017 Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 3rd (Fathers Day), 10th and 24th of September Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 17th of September Coming Home Together Network- 10am-1pm, Tuesday 19th of September Catholic EarthCare & ACM 'Noongar Country' Day Trip Saturday 24th 10-4</p> | <p>OCTOBER 2017 PICNIC MASS- 11am 1st of October) (Tomato Lake, Belmont) Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 8th, 22nd, 29th of October Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 15th of October Children's Faith, Culture & Fun Day-October the 4th Pinjarra Massacre Prayer Service Saturday 28th of October 1130am Workshop: Working with Aboriginal Community to enrich the faith life of your Parish 21st of October 10-4</p> | <p>NOVEMBER 2017 PICNIC MASS- 11am 5th of November (Kwinana) Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 12th and 26th of November Faith & Culture Yarning (4pm), Mass (5pm) & Dinner (6pm) at Clontarf –Sunday 19th of November All Saints Mass & Blessings of Graves- 10am 2nd of November Community Melbourne Cup Lunch 7th November, 11-2</p> | <p>DECEMBER 2017 PICNIC MASS- 11am 3rd of December (Kelmscott/Armadale) Sunday Embleton Mass- 11am 10th Mass and Christmas Celebration Sunday 11am 17th of December National Youth Retreat & Festival 5th-9th of December (Sydney)</p> |

2017 Cultural Immersion/Awareness Programs



Centre for Faith Enrichment & Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM

2017

TERM ONE

Co-facilitated by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Catholics, this workshop is an important foundation in understanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their experiences past, present and future. It begins a journey of reconciliation so that our communities can be beacons of light for justice and understanding.

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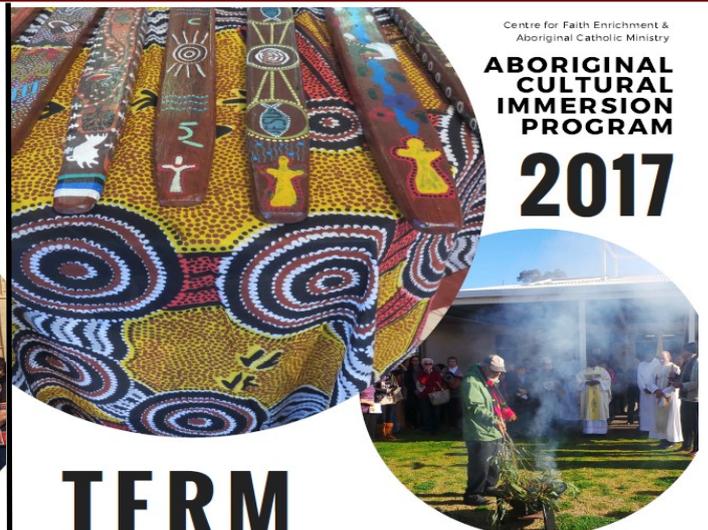
Centre for Faith Enrichment

OUR RELATIONSHIP TOGETHER

SATURDAY 25 MARCH
10am-4pm

Newman Siena Centre,
Doubleview

Morning Tea & Afternoon
Tea Provided. Bring own lunch.



Centre for Faith Enrichment & Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM

2017

TERM TWO

An afternoon workshop to prepare Parish Committees to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday (Sunday, 2 July) in their parishes..

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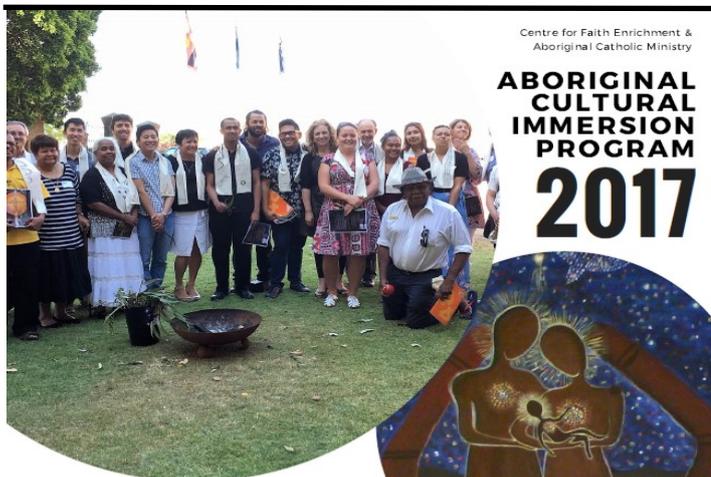
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ABORIGINAL CULTURE & LITURGY

SATURDAY 27 MAY
1.30-3.30pm

Newman Siena Centre,
Doubleview

Afternoon Tea Provided.



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ABORIGINAL CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM

2017

TERM THREE

A workshop to introduce participants to Indigenous Spirituality and its expression in our Catholic community.

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INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITY

SATURDAY 27 MAY
2pm-4.30pm

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2017

DAY TRIP

A trip exploring Whadjuk Noongar Country and exploring the interconnectedness and the Pope's Encyclical *Laudato Si*

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NOONGAR COUNTRY & CATHOLIC ECOLOGICAL CONNECTION

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
10am-4pm

Morning Tea & Afternoon
Tea Provided. Bring own
lunch.

Announcements



Volunteering with ACM

Do you want to contribute to your community? Do you want to gain and further develop your skills? Why don't you volunteer at the ACM today? The experience offered will allow volunteers to see what it is like to run events, work in an office environment, work with a diverse range of community members while having an enjoyable time.

We are keen to have people join the ministry team as volunteers and will help them to develop a diverse range of practical skills which will assist them with future employment opportunities. We need people to help with Administration, Gardening, Pastoral Care, Event Planning, running Women's and Men's groups and other jobs. Please contact Vicky Burrows on **9328 7529** if you or anyone you know wants to volunteer with the ACM!

Volunteer Bus Driver

ACM is looking for a Volunteer Bus driver to support community members attend funerals. This is a casual role and you will be called upon when funerals arise. If this interest you please contact Vicky at the office.



Would you like to send your child to a Catholic School?

Catholic Education is committed to increasing knowledge and understanding of the history, culture and experience of Aboriginal people as the first peoples of Australia within Catholic Schools. They also have policies to support Aboriginal students to be given enrolment preference wherever possible and practicable.

There are many Aboriginal Playgroups starting across Perth as well as new Primary Schools and High Schools. Many schools offer scholarships and other forms of financial assistance.

If you would like to learn more about how to get your child or grandchildren enrolled at a Catholic schools, please contact the ACM Office or Catholic Education on 08 6380 5200.



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OFFICE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Royal Commission Update

ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH

MEDIA RELEASE



09 February, 2017

ARCHBISHOP COSTELLOE SDB - STATEMENT ON ROYAL COMMISSION HEARINGS

The sense of shock and disgust in relation to the publication of the statistics concerning child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in Australia, and for us here in the West in our own state, and particularly in the Archdiocese of Perth, is palpable, justified and confronting. Both those within the Catholic Church and those outside it are asking how this revolting and insidious evil could have been so prevalent, so long unacknowledged, and so badly handled.

As the present Archbishop of Perth, I am asking the same questions and desperately looking for answers. It is for this reason that I, like so many others, am grateful that the Royal Commission is finally bringing this terrible scandal to light and probing, in a systematic and detailed way, into the possible causes of such a disaster. Equally importantly, the Commission will also be formulating recommendations for the future, and requiring the Church leadership, including myself, to demonstrate that our words of sorrow and apology are shown to be sincere by the actions we have taken so far, and will undertake in the future, to ensure that this evil is, as far as is humanly possible, eradicated from the Church.

The figures are confronting. The statistics published by the Royal Commission suggest that over a 60 year period, from the 1950's to 2010, a significant percentage of diocesan priests had allegations of sexual abuse made against them. In each substantiated case, this represents a child or young person who has had their innocence stolen from them, nearly always with devastating and long lasting effects on their lives. Each incidence of sexual abuse by a priest represents a chilling and destructive betrayal of everything the Catholic Church purports to stand for. Beyond the almost unimaginable suffering of the victims and survivors of this abuse, the circle of suffering widens out to include their families, their friends, and the wider community.

For those for whom the Church matters, their faith is challenged, their trust undermined, and their confidence that the Church can adequately respond to this tragedy diminished. I have never tried to justify or explain away the reprehensible and evil actions of those who committed the abuse. Nor have I tried to ignore or excuse the abject failure of so many Church leaders in their response to those who have come forward with great courage to tell their stories. In the face of the overwhelming pain of those who have suffered abuse, I may not always have been able to respond as they needed me to. For that I am deeply sorry. I have done and will continue to do my best.

In the light of the revelations coming out of the Royal Commission, the people of Western Australia have an absolute right to demand that the Church confront its appalling record in relation to the care and well-being of the young.

You have a right to expect that we will do everything we can to continue to support those who have been abused, in the way that they need that support. You have a right to insist that we show, not by words but by concrete and effective actions, that we are absolutely committed to doing everything we can to make every Catholic community, agency, and activity, a place of security and safety for the young.

To our deep shame this has not been the case in the past. We are working hard to change that, and some important and significant steps have already been taken here in this Archdiocese. New policies and procedures have and are being developed, new structures have been put in place and important initiatives including the Parish Safeguarding Project are already well established. Intensive training in professional standards and child protection are now deeply embedded in the formation of future priests, and workshops and training days are provided for all current clergy and for a wide range of Archdiocesan agencies and institutions.

There is still much to do. As the Archbishop of Perth, I once again pledge myself, and to the extent that I can the whole Catholic community, to continue to make this our absolute priority.

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Catholic Archbishop of Perth

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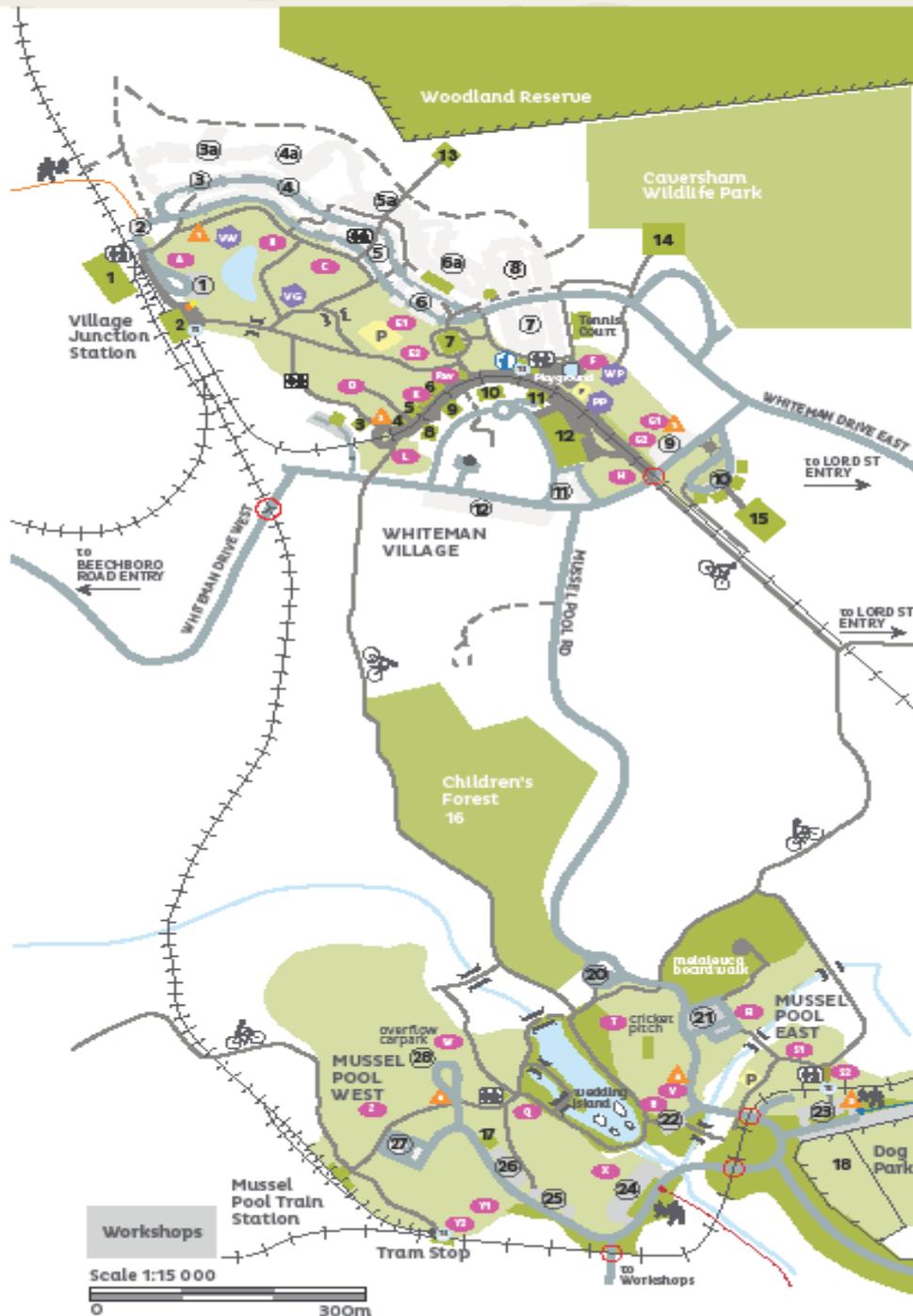
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Map for April 2nd Picnic Mass

RECREATION AREAS MAP



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KEY TO MAPS

- Bike/Walk Path
- Bushwalk Trails
- Car Parks
- Evacuation Points
- Level Crossing
- Picnic Shelters (A-Z)
- Playground
- Railway
- Shade Shelters
- Toilets
- Tramline
- Tram Stop

KEY TO BUILDINGS AND PARKS

- Visitor Information Centre
- 1** Revolutions Transport Museum
- 2** Village Junction Train Station
- 3** Old School House
- 4** The Lolly Stop
- 5** Village Art Gallery
- 6** Chariots of Hire
- 7** Whiteman Park Administration
- 8** Handcraft & Pottery Centres
- 9** Print Shop
- 10** under renovation
- 11** Village Cafe
- 12** Motor Museum of WA
- 13** Woodland Reserve Interpretive Centre
- 14** Caversham Wildlife Park
- 15** Tractor Museum of WA
- 16** Children's Forest
- 17** Mussel Pool Icecream Kiosk
- 18** Dog Park

Workshops

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Kids Corner

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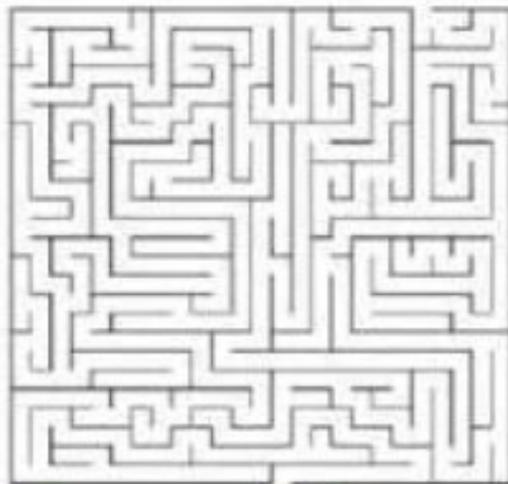


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Can you help the chick find his friend?



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 PEEPS



JOKES FOR KIDS

- Q. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
 A. A clock!
- Q. What is the easiest way to double your money?
 A. Put it in front of the mirror of course!
- Q. What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
 A. A glove.
- Q. What has to be broken before you can use it?
 A. An egg
- Q. What has a neck but no head?
 A. A bottle.
- Q. What do you get when you cross a cow with a trampoline?
 A. A milkshake!