OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKLY PARISH CREDO

3 KITCHENER STREET, NORTH BEACH, WA 6020

Welcome to Our Lady of Grace Parish - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Christ Obedient Unto Death

We celebrate Christ who obeyed his Father's will not only in word but also in deed. And Christ assures us that it is not too late to turn to God and to do his will.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?''The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

KNOW YOUR GOD

Mourning for our sins, or for sins of our country (in passive resistance), prompts conversion and renewal.

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Mass Times for Next Week

Tues: 6:45am & 9:00am

Wed: 6:45am & 9:00am

Thurs: 6:45am &
10:00am Trinity Village
(All Welcome)

Fri: 6:45am & 9:00am

Sat: 8am

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 6pm

Sun: 7:30am

9:30am

5:30pm

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RECONCILIATION

Sat: 5pm to 5.45pm

CATHOLIC CULTURE

STIGMATISTS: THOSE WHO BEAR THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST IN THEIR BODY.

Stigmata are physical marks provided to the suffering soul as both a reflection and participation in the sacrificial passion of Jesus Christ. The marks are bleeding wounds, bestowed upon the so-called "victim soul" as a spiritual gift to singular individuals who seem distinctly willing to surrender themselves for the sins of others, as their Lord did at Calvary.

"The stigmatic represents the Crucified Christ to a world continually in need of a loving sacrifice that atones for our sin," writes Deacon Albert Graham in his Compendium of the Miraculous. "The stigmata is not given to the stigmatic for his or her benefit but for the benefit of others." The stigmatic becomes a sacrifice unto himself or herself, "transformed into a living crucifix who shares in the Lord's Passion for the redemption of the world."

It is typically assumed that St. Francis of Assisi was the first Stigmatist. He received the stigmata 802 years ago, on Sept. 17, 1224. But aside from Francis, the first stigmatist might well have been St. Paul. Note Paul's words in Galatians 6:17: "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." We do not know, however, if Paul was referring to what we understand today as stigmata. He might have been speaking symbolically, noting that he suffered terribly, as Christ did.

From St. Paul to St. Francis is a long leap of more than 1,000 years. But since Francis in the 13th century, there have been several prominent stigmatists throughout history, who in every age astounded the faithful with their extraordinary Christian witness.

How many stigmatists have existed since the time of Christ? Truly, only God knows. The Vatican itself does not keep no running list of Stigmatists. To have a definitive list of authentic stigmatists would be impossible in retrospect because numerous alleged cases in centuries past were never investigated and would today require the Church to thoroughly investigate every claimed case. But we do have some data based on studies and a few books. Based on these, the best we can say is that there seem to have been hundreds of cases since the time of St. Francis, probably about 400 to 500. Interestingly, though the two most famous cases are men, Francis and Padre Pio, the vast majority of stigmatists (nearly 90%) have been women. Nearly all have been Catholic. And among countries, Italy has produced far more than half the entire number.

Among the stigmatists, there seems to be a period of trial and preparation by which the victim soul suffers physically and spiritually before receiving the marks. This might include hidden wounds at first. It can also include chilling attacks by demons and the devil, or even persecution by clergy who dismiss the stigmatists and accuse them of hypocrisy, fraud or worse. These trials seem almost like a test of their spiritual mettle, as if Christ is assessing whether they are ready to go still deeper.

Several stigmatists have subsisted on virtually no food at all, except for the Eucharist. It becomes their daily Bread. In some cases, the stigmatist vomits up any other form of nourishment. Incredibly, some stigmatists have lived on nothing but the Eucharist for decades, such as St. Angela of Foligno (1248-1309), who was only recently canonized by Pope Francis. I must note that this is different from anorexia.

Parish Notices

FUNERAL NOTICE

We are saddened to share that Kathleen Snow passed away on Saturday, 5th September 2026. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, North Beach commencing at 10:30am on Friday 25th September 2026.

FUNERAL NOTICE

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Maureen Harman, who died on Friday, 4th September 2026. We hold Maureen, her family and loved ones in our prayers at this time.

The family will be attending Mass at 9:30am on Sunday 4th October to pray for the repose of Maureen's soul along with the parish community. Following Mass, the family will have refreshements in the parish hall for those who knew Maureen and wish to gather in her memory.

Parish Notices

CRAFT GROUP

Socialise and improve your mental well-being by joining our very friendly Craft Group, held in the Parish Hall on the **second and fourth Tuesday of each month** at 9:30am.
Bring your own craft, or learn a new one.

COFFEE GROUP

If you would like to make new friend's, join our Coffee Club on the **first Tuesday of each month** at a local café for lots of chatter and laughter.

Text Lyn on 0433 802 049 and she will get back to you.

Everyone is welcome — we'd love to see you!

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A CATECHIST?

Catechists play a very important role in the life of a parish. If you have a desire to pass on your faith, a love of children and would like to work with some amazing like-minded people, perhaps the Catechist ministry is for you.

We work with school age children who do not attend a catholic school. We provide classes each week for children wishing to receive a sacrament.

If interested, there are some flyers at the back of the church which provide further information. Take a flyer home and pray about it. If you think you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact Clare Broad.

Email: sacramental.olg@ gmail.com.au

We would love you to come and join our team.

COME AND SEE

We are delighted to announce the commencement of the 2026–2027 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme at Our Lady of Grace Parish. RCIA is a special journey of faith for adults seeking to explore and deepen their relationship with God, culminating in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—at the Easter Vigil in 2027.

This year's RCIA journey will begin in November. If you are considering becoming Catholic, you are invited to register by contacting the parish office. Those baptised in another Christian tradition, as well as baptised Catholics seeking to deepen their faith, are also warmly invited to join us. The RCIA programme is also open to those who wish to accompany a friend or family member on their spiritual journey. Your presence, questions, and experiences are valued and enrich our parish community.

We believe that faith grows best in community. The RCIA programme is a welcoming space for people from all backgrounds and walks of life. Together, we support one another in exploring the richness of the Catholic faith and preparing for the joyful celebration of the Sacraments.

Details of the programme schedule and meeting times will be shared in the coming weeks. If you are interested, please contact the parish office:

- Email: north.beach@perthcatholic.org.au
- Phone: 08 9448 4888
- Visit us in person during office hours, Monday to Thursday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to the RCIA journey and sharing this time of discovery, growth, and community. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like more information.

SAVE THE DATE - 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Grace

Over the past few weeks, we have highlighted that we will soon be celebrating the 75th anniversary of Our Lady of Grace.

We will be celebrating this event on **Saturday 21st November**, starting with the Vigil mass at 3.00 pm, followed by celebrations in the Multi-Purpose Area of the school at the conclusion of mass.

Please save the date for this important event.

Note – there will be no mass at 6.00 pm on that day.

Our Lady of Grace School Weekly Message

Thank you, Parishioners

Thank you to all Parishioners who attended our annual Grandparent's Day last Friday and to Father Hyginus for his reverent Prayer Service. We are so grateful that you could join us in celebrating our wonderful grandparents and enjoy the students musical instrument and choir performances. It was a fabulous event shared by many.

Children's Liturgy - Sunday's from 9:15am in the Parish Hall

Want to share the values of Sunday morning mass with your children? Bring them along to Children's Liturgy in the Parish Hall every Sunday during the school term. The half hour session at the beginning of mass includes prayers and an activity to help the children better understand the mass.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Make Good Choices

Jesus asks us to make good choices. Circle the good choices and cross out the poor choices .

When my bedroom needs tidying, I should...

... go outside and play
... put some of my things away
... play with my computer
... sort out my rubbish

When I accidentally bump into someone, I should...

... tell them it was their fault
... say "I'm sorry"
... ask them if they are okay
... run away quickly

When someone new joins our class, I should...

... invite them to come and play
... look at them, but not talk to them
... ignore them completely
... welcome them to our class

Jesus says it is better to have a change of heart than pretend to do what is right. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that you know is the right thing to do.

I tell you, _____ will _____
the _____ of God before you!
For when _____ the _____
showed you how to do _____,
you did not _____ him.

right kingdom Baptist believe sinners enter John

Find out what Jesus said to the pharisees using the words to fill in the blanks.

Mt 21:28-32

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Parish Rosters

Acolyte/Senior Altar Server Roster - September 2026

Mass Times	Acolyte/Senior AltarServer
6pm Saturday	Paul Lusk, Irene Walker
7.30am Sunday	Ron Stapleton (27th)
9.30am Sunday	Fran Weston, Juliet Taylor (27th)
5.30pm Sunday	Carla Christou (27th)

Proclaimers of the Word

Date	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5.30pm
3rd & 4th October	Paul Forrestal	Bianca MacDonald	Brett Nguyen	Millie Kingston
	Terry Gardiner	Janet Vladich	Louisa Merry	Lina Marsland

Children's Liturgy

Date	Team
4th October	Term Three School Holidays - No Children's Liturgy
11th October	Term Three School Holidays - No Children's Liturgy

Cleaning Roster

Date	Team
2nd & 3rd October	Clare Broad, Rob Ramsay, Rennae & John Stapleton, Cassia Zafalon, Peter & Nicole Gellin, Pryce Dale, Chloe O'Sullivan
9th & 10th October	Clare Broad, Emma Hedges, Debra Rodrigues, Adele Tabet, Mark Misquitta
16th & 17th October	Tahnie Hales, Emma Madden, Michelle Farrell, Rebecca Panetta, Dwayne Corbett, Steele Carter, Emily Gibbs

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If you would like to advertise your business in this space, please contact Jo at the Parish Office on 9448 4888.

Your advertisement will also be featured on our website and displayed on the church notice board.

The cost is $360 for the calendar year, or $30.00 per month.

Our Lady of Grace Safeguarding Officers

The Safeguarding Program
Protecting Children and Adults in the Catholic Church

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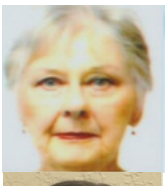

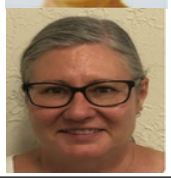

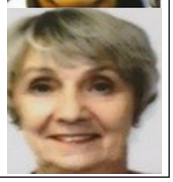

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AL-ANON
Fridays 9.30am in Room 1 - Pastoral Centre
p: 9325 7528
w: www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Tuesday's 10.30am - 12.00 noon
Room 1 - Pastoral Centre - Open Meeting

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP
Tuesday's at 9:30am, in the Pastoral Centre

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION
Stephen Halley-Wright
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CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY GROUP
Sue Wright
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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS
Wednesday's 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Linda p: 9448 2032
Thursday's 7:30pm to 8:30pm
Millie m: 0409 818 094 or Angela 0422 537 235

LEGION OF MARY
Wednesday's 10am in Room 1 - Pastoral Centre
1st Saturday of every month after the 8am Mass, you are all welcome to join to pray the Rosary for World Peace.
Regina P: 0411 540 733

REACHOUT - CARE & CONCERN
Freda (contact anytime)
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SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP
Alistair p: 94486779

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2nd & 4th Tuesday's 9.45am in Somers Lounge-Pastoral Centre

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Mary Croft
Thursday's 10:30am - 12:30pm in Somers Lounge - Pastoral Centre

WALKING GROUP
Meet Monday's at 9:30am, at the church.