

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he said. 'I am here,' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy,' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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Gospel Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer After Communion:

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Readings Next Sunday

3 MAR 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

First Reading Ex 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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Gospel Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.



In 1917 Our Lady at Fatima said, "Certain fashions will be introduced which will offend My Son very much." Please remember always to dress

respectfully for Sunday Mass. This applies especially to ladies who are reminded not to wear transparent or low-cut dresses, shorts or mini-skirts to Holy Mass. Other unsuitable clothing for people participating in Holy Mass would be the following: * Clothing made of spandex (skin-tight) and translucent (see-through) materials. * Clothing exposing the entire shoulder, chest, back or thighs. Clothing promoting violence and vices such as drug and alcohol consumption. * Sportswear and thongs. *



St Anne's, Bindoon



St Catherine's, Ginoin

The family that prays together, stays together. A family at prayer is a family at peace!



Welcome to: **OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH**
(Gingin, Bindoon, Bullsbrook & Lower Chittering)



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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange Gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

GINGIN (ST CATHERINE'S)	Holy Rosary SAT Vigil	4.30 pm 5.00 pm
BINDOON (ST ANNE'S)		7.30 am
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE) ("ADORATION & HOLY ROSARY" PRIOR TO MASS)	SAT Vigil	6.45 pm 9.30 am

COMING EVENTS & UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT Lower Chittering

Come! Sign up for Holy Hour - Roster inside main doors!

Weekly - Mon to Fri: IMMACULATA PRAYER WARRIORS

6pm - 7pm, Divine Mercy Shrine L/Chittering

FEBRUARY 2024

27 Saint Gregory of Narek

MARCH

1 The Friday Divine Will Prayer Group

- 1 First Friday of month Mass and Friday in the 2nd week of Lent
- 1 Stations of the Cross 7pm - Lower Chittering
- 2 First Saturday of month Mass.
- 3 Brief talk at end of 9.30am about WWME.
- 4 Saint Casimir

6 First Wednesday of month Mass

7 Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8 The Friday Divine Will Prayer Group

- 8 Stations of the Cross 7pm - Lower Chittering
- 8 Saint John of God, Religious
- 9 Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

15 The Friday Divine Will Prayer Group

- 15 Stations of the Cross 7pm - Lower Chittering
- 18 Saint Patrick, Bishop
- 19 Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

22 The Friday Divine Will Prayer Group

- 22 Stations of the Cross 7pm - Lower Chittering
- 23 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- 24 Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord
- 28 Holy Thursday and Chrism Mass
- 29 Good Friday

30 The Easter Vigil in The Holy Night Year B

31 Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

APRIL

1 Monday Within The Octave of Easter

5 The Friday Divine Will Prayer Group

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PRAYER! THE CROSSES
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TO OUR LADY.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Prayers precede daily 3.30 Mass from 3pm

Divine Mercy Shrine Lower Chittering

MONDAY	3.30 pm
TUESDAY	8.00 am & 3.30 pm
WEDNESDAY	3.30 pm
THURSDAY	8.00 am & 3.30 pm
FRIDAY	8.45 am (College Mass) & 3.30 pm
SATURDAY	9.00 am

St Anne's Bindoon
WEDNESDAY 4.30 PM ADORATION 5.00 PM MASS

FATIMA PRAYER Most Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly and I offer You the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is surrounded, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of all poor sinners. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen
St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited this prayer, it would release 1,000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in purgatory.

REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST

In the Mass the elements of bread and wine are changed through the words of Consecration and Jesus becomes fully present - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is the same Jesus as born of the Virgin, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven who is contained in the Sacrament.

"...Whoever eats the Bread or drinks the cup...in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord" (1 Cor 11:27). Anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the Body, eats and drinks judgement upon himself (1 Cor 11:29)

LOCAL NEWS: Message from Fr Paul.. Hi everyone. A dear parishioner, Justin Donnelly whom many will know and who has served the parish for many years in providing music for the Mass, had an accident last October and his foot was badly damaged, this has restricted his ability to walk and to work. We are having a Retiring Collection after Mass to assist Justin and family. Please be generous.

Stations of the Cross - 7 pm each Friday - during Lent at the DM Shrine Lower Chittering

Lent started 14th Feb - It is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and carrying out good deeds, days of fast and abstinence. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th yr & those who have completed their 18th yr until beginning of their 60th yr.

CONFESSION

Before Saturday Vigil Masses And Sunday Masses
Wednesdays 4.00-4.30pm *St Anne's Bindoon.*
Saturdays after 9am Mass. *DMShrine Lower Chittering*
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 Jn 1:8). The Church teaches that by frequent Confession "genuine self-knowledge is increased, Christian humility grows, bad habits are corrected, spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted, the conscience is purified, the will strengthens, a salutary self-control is attained, and grace increased in virtue of the Sacrament itself.



I GIVE YOU THE WEAPON AGAINST YOUR GOLIATH (THE DEVIL), - HERE ARE YOUR FIVE STONES
1. *Prayer* from the Heart (e.g. Rosary)
2. *Eucharist* - Holy Mass (as well as; during the week if you can)
3. *Holy Bible*
4. *Fasting* and 5. *Monthly Confession*

Parish Planned Giving (2nd Collection) (See Fr Paul)

Banking details: Direct pay –
Acc Name: Gingin-Chittering Parish
Bank: Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633 000
Acc No: 158396804 God Bless you!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come and spend an hour with the Lord Jesus!
He won't be outdone in generosity!!
Please sign up for a life-changing Holy Hour
Lower Chittering Divine Mercy Shrine

Roster is inside the main door! or in Our Lady's Chapel
St Anne's Bindoon **St Catherine's Gingin**

Divine Mercy Shrine
Wednesday 4.30pm - 4.55pm
Saturday 4.30 to 4.55 pm (before Mass)
34 St Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering
Sundays 9.00 am to 9.25 am (before Mass)
Daily **24 / 7**:(please see Fr Paul re access to the Church)
Weekly During Rosary after weekday Masses.

LEGION OF MARY Meet on the First, Third and Fifth Wednesday each month from 2.00 till-3.00pm In Our Lady's Chapel. All welcome.

THE SAFEGUARDING PROGRAM For more information or a copy of the Safeguarding Handbook, phone: 9221 7762

THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION Vatican II "Catechism of the Catholic Church" teaches about the Sunday Obligation and Holy Communion. 2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice, for this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation (e.g., Sundays, Assumption, Christmas), unless excused for a serious reason (e.g., illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave (mortal) sin. 1385 Anyone conscious of a grave(mortal) sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion. 1387 To prepare for worthy reception of...Communion., the faithful should observe the fast required (one hour). Water and medicine are permitted. *Whoever eats the Bread or drinks the Cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord (1 Cor 11:27).* **Canon Law 222** Christ's faithful have the obligation to provide for the needs of the Church, so that the Church has available to it those things which are necessary for divine worship, for works of the apostolate and of charity and for the worthy support of its ministers. **Sunday work** "Sunday is the property of the good God; it is His own day, the Lord's day. He made all the days of the week; He might have kept them all; He has given you six and has reserved only the seventh for Himself. What right have you to meddle with what does not belong to you? You know very well that stolen goods never yield any profit.... I know two infallible ways to become poor, and they are: Sunday work and taking other people's property" St John Vianney



Children's Catechism Classes
(during school term)
Tel: IHC 9571 8135



Marian Movement Cenacles

Cenacles are prayed in Our Lady's Chapel at Lower Chittering 6 to 7.00 pm Monday to Friday: After Tuesday Men's Rosary After Saturday Morning Mass, and after some other Masses. All welcome! Ave Maria!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) Planning or postponing Pregnancy Simply, Naturally, Effectively Tel 9399-4394 or 1800 819 841 "Billings Method". NFP (unlike contraception and sterilization) is in harmony with Church Teaching. NaProTechnology is the church approved answer to IVF. [www. https://fccau.org](http://www.fccau.org)

IMMACULATA PRAYER WARRIORS **Divine Mercy Shrine.**
Monday to Friday 6pm – 7pm

NEED HELP MANAGING GRIEF? The Archbishop put in place a new service to those in our Catholic community who may need Help - The Spiritual and Counselling Referral Service. The Archdiocese has established a 24 hr mobile number for those struggling with grief who may need professional assistance. The Spiritual and Counselling Referral Service contact number is 0432 541 588. If you need help finding professional support for grief, please call so they can help you find appropriate assistance. The centre for Life, Marriage and Family has also produced brochures on managing grief and loss.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME) Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, communication and relationship? We invite you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Coming Weekends:

3 March - Max to talk briefly (3 min) at the end of 9.30am Mass about WWME
20 / 21 April 2024 *Tuart Hill* Live-out (you go home Saturday night, come back Sunday morning.)
9 / 10 November 2024 Live-in. *Currambine*
A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other.
For more information contact:
Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865.
WAbookings@wwme.org.au Visit www.wwme.org.au

Parish Choirs at Divine Mercy Shrine

Choir Master: Emma Oorschot
In Parish Admin Meeting Room Divine Mercy Presbytery
Every Wednesday of school terms (**Fees apply**)
4:00pm - 4:40pm - children's choir (5 - 10 years)
4:45pm - 5:45pm - teen choir (11 - 15 years)
7:30pm - 9:00pm - adult choir (16 years and up)
For More Info Contact - Emma - eoorschot96@gmail.com

Media Links www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi6diMHbsxg Fr Celso on Divine Will.

for Sunday Mass. "dress up" not "dress down"
The Lord deserves our Sunday Best!.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:  Dorothy, Walter, Emma-Kate, Teena, Pat, Edie, Vera, Peter White, Maria, Logan, Julian, Maree, Doris, Jean, Pam Barnett, Albert, Brooke, Ken Keefe & Shirley Green, Tam, Maree Rooney, Koby (1 Kg baby boy very prem).
Thank you

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DONATIONS: Refer to Divine Mercy Church WA website for complete list of items
<https://divinemercyshrine.com.au/donate/>

1	Stained Glass to Side Chapels (each)	2	\$6,000
2	Windows Large (each)	45	\$3,000
3	Windows Small (each)	55	\$1,500
4	Advance purchase of Niche in the Divine Mercy Columbarium (each)	1,000	\$1,000 or \$1,800 (Dble)
5	Oil Painting of Saints in arches over Confessionals (each)	4	\$7,000
6	Contribution to Verandas and Gazebo of \$1,000 (each)		Total cost \$90,000

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH in relation to this Sunday's readings (Our Lord teaches us in and through His Church and gives us the word of the Father. Hence, our submission to the Church's teaching is not submission to mere human opinions, but to the very word of God (cf. Thes 2:3). An upright and true moral conscience is formed by education and by assimilating the Word of God and the Teaching of the Church. It is supported by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and helped by the advice of wise people. Prayer and an examination of conscience can also greatly assist one's moral formation.

110. What is the meaning of the Transfiguration? 554-556 568 Above all the Transfiguration shows forth the Trinity: "the Father in the voice, the Son in the man Jesus, the Spirit in the shining cloud" (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Speaking with Moses and Elijah about his "departure" (Luke 9:31), Jesus reveals that his glory comes by way of the cross and he anticipates his resurrection and his glorious coming "which will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21). "You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father." (Byzantine Liturgy)
111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about? 557-560 569-570 At the established time Jesus chose to go up to Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the Sanctus of the Eucharistic liturgy: "Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna (save us!)" (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem. "Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried."
8. What are the next stages of God's Revelation? 59-64 72 God chose Abram, calling him out of his country, making him "the father of a multitude of nations" (Genesis 17:5), and promising to bless in him "all the nations of the earth" (Genesis 12:3). The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the divine promise made to the patriarchs. God formed Israel as his chosen people, freeing them from slavery in Egypt, establishing with them the covenant of Mount Sinai, and, through Moses, giving them his law. The prophets proclaimed a radical redemption of the people and a salvation which would include all nations in a new and everlasting covenant. From the people of Israel and from the house of King David, would be born the Messiah, Jesus.
28. What are the characteristics of faith? 153-165 179-180 183-184 Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation. It is a free gift of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a human act, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also certain because it is founded on the Word of God; it works "through charity" (Galatians 5:6); and it continually grows through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a foretaste of the joys of heaven.
29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science? 159 Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith.
"I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe." (Saint Augustine)
145. What does the Spirit do in the Church? 733-741 747 The Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, he restores to the baptized the divine likeness that was lost through sin and causes them to live in Christ the very life of the Holy Trinity. He sends them forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and he organizes them in their respective functions so that all might bear "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22).
146. How do Christ and his Spirit act in the hearts of the faithful? 738-741 Christ communicates his Spirit and the grace of God through the sacraments to all the members of the Church, who thus bear the fruits of the new life of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also the Master of prayer.
536. How is Abraham a model of prayer? 2570-2573 2592 Abraham is a model of prayer because he walked in the presence of God, heard and obeyed him. His prayer was a battle of faith because he continued to believe in the fidelity of God even in times of trial. Besides, after having received in his own tent the visit of the Lord who confided his plan to him, Abraham dared to intercede for sinners with bold confidence.
282. How is Christ present in the Eucharist? 1373-1375 1413 Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist in a unique and incomparable way. He is present in a true, real and substantial way, with his Body and his Blood, with his Soul and his Divinity. In the Eucharist, therefore, there is present in a sacramental way, that is, under the Eucharistic species of bread and wine, Christ whole and entire, God and Man.
283. What is the meaning of transubstantiation? 1376-1377 1413 Transubstantiation means the change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the Body of Christ and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of his Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic prayer through the efficacy of the word of Christ and by the action of the Holy Spirit. However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, that is the "eucharistic species", remain unaltered.
133. How does the Lord Jesus now reign? 668-674 680
As the Lord of the cosmos and of history, the Head of his Church, the glorified Christ mysteriously remains on earth where his kingdom is already present in seed and in its beginning in the Church. One day he will return in glory but we do not know the time. Because of this we live in watchful anticipation, praying "Come, Lord" (Revelation 22:20).