

**First Reading**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6**

**(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

- By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
- For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our

- oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
- O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)
- O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**Gospel Acclamation John 3:16**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel John 3:14-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned

already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

**Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 121: 3-4**

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

**Prayer After Communion:**

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

**Readings Next Sunday 17 MAR 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B**

**First Reading Jer 31:31-34**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4, 12-15. R. v.12**

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**Second Reading Heb 5:7-9**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 12:26**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel Jn 12:20-33**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

**Capital Sins and opposing Virtues**

Capital Sin	Virtue
Pride	Humility
Greed	Charity
Envy	Kindness
Anger	Forgiveness
Lust	Purity
Gluttony	Self-Restraint
Sloth	Diligence



St Anne's, Bindoon



St Catherine's, Ginain

*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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Parish Roster - Readers		
	10 MAR	17 MAR
Bindoon	Carolyn	Rickie
L/Chittering (Vigil)	Volunteer	Volunteer
L/Chittering 9.30 am	Glenn	Lorretta

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

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

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

**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**

**MARCH**

- 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 **Mass of the Lord's Super - Holy Thursday and Chrism Mass**
- 29 **Good Friday - Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
- 30 **The Easter Vigil in The Holy Night - Year B**
- 31 **Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord**

**APRIL**

- 1 - 6 Monday to Saturday within The Octave of Easter
- 3 **First Wednesday of month Mass**
- 5 **First Friday of month Mass after the 7pm Stations of the Cross**
- 5 **The Friday Divine Will Prayer Group**
- 6 **First Saturday of month Mass**
- 7 **Divine Mercy Sunday - DMS. 11.30am BYO Lunch & Sausage**  
Sizzle with guest speaker. **1.30pm Mass with Paul Wright on violin and Choir. Preacher Fr Peter Porteous OSM**, followed by chanted Chaplet of Divine Mercy by the choir, Veneration of the Relic of St Faustina and Confessions from 12.30pm.  
Bus transport Tel: Francis Williams 0404893877

**8 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

- 11 Saint Stanislaus, Bishop And Martyr
- 13 Saint Martin I, Pope And Martyr
- 23 Saint George, Martyr

**OUR PARISH SCHOOL**  
**Immaculate Heart College (PreK-12)**  
34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering  
Ph. 9571-8135  
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**PROTECTION FROM CATAclysms IS PROMISED TO THOSE WHO LIVE WITHIN THE VICINITY OF A 'CROSS OF LOVE' AND PRAY THE DAILY PRAYER! THE CROSSES AROUND THE PARISH FORM THE FIGURE 'M' TO REMIND US THAT THE PARISH IS CONSECRATED 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 re-First Friday proposal – *First Friday Mass* - At Divine Mercy Shrine Lower Chittering, commencing in April *First Friday Mass* will follow after the 7 pm Stations of the Cross.

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

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** (details to be confirmed)

**Holy Thursday 7.00 pm** – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, DMS, 34 Santa Gertrudis Dr, Lower Chittering

**Good Friday – 9am Outdoor Stations of the Cross, DMS, 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering.** *It is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial & carrying out good deeds, days of fast & abstinence. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> yr & those who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> yr until beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> yr.*

**11am Outdoor Stations of the Cross at Edmund Rice College,** corner of Great Northern Hwy & Dewars Pool Road, Bindoon.

**Confessions 12.30pm – 2pm** DMS L/Chittering.

**2.30 pm - Solemn Ceremony - the Lord’s Passion, DMS, Lower Chittering.**

**Easter Vigil: Sat 6.30 pm,** Gingin;

**Easter Sunday: 7.30 am** – Bindoon

**9.30 am** - Divine Mercy Shrine, L/Chittering

**CONFESSION**

**Before Saturday Vigil Masses And Sunday Masses Wednesdays** 4.30 -4.55pm *St Anne’s Bindoon.*

**Saturdays** after 9am Mass & weekdays after 3.30pm Mass *DM Shrine 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** (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection) (See Fr Paul)

Banking details: Direct pay –

**Acc Name:** Gingin-Chittering Parish  
**BSB:** 633 000; **Acc No:** 158396804

**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** Wed 4.30-4.55pm; **St Catherine’s Gingin** before Sat Vigil Mass  
**Divine Mercy Shrine** – Adoration, Main Altar 4pm – 9om Mon – Friday & First Fridays, All Night Vigil - 4pm Friday to 8.55am Saturday (Men’s watch).  
Sundays 9.00 am to 9.25 am (before Mass)

24/7 Access with key code to Adoration Chapel. For code see Fr Paul)  
**(Note the Exposition Tabernacle has been blessed by the Archbishop and this type of Tabernacle is approved by the Church for Parishes & Chapels. Those permitted to open the Tabernacle are Priests, Deacons and Instituted Acolytes only. Members of the public are permitted by the Church to open the Tabernacle windows (small external doors only) for Adoration and close them upon leaving the Adoration Chapel, they are not permitted to open (unlock) the Tabernacle.)**



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



**THE SAFEGUARDING PROGRAM** was introduced to the Archdiocese of Perth in 2014 by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe to ensure the safety of children, young people and the vulnerable in our parishes. For more information or a copy of the Safeguarding Handbook, phone: 9221 7762

**Media Links** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi6diMHbsxg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi6diMHbsxg) Fr Celso on Divine Will.



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.\*

**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](https://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:**

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.  
[WBookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:WBookings@wwme.org.au) Visit [www.wwme.org.au](http://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)  
*Then 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm. Teen and Adult choir in the Hall*  
For More Info Contact - Emma - [eoorschot96@gmail.com](mailto:eoorschot96@gmail.com)

**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.**

**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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119. In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father? 606-609

**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.

7. What are the first stages of God’s Revelation? 54-58 70-71 From the very beginning, God manifested himself to our first parents, Adam and Eve, and invited them to intimate communion with himself. After their fall, he did not cease his revelation to them but promised salvation for all their descendants. After the flood, he made a covenant with Noah, a covenant between himself and all living beings.

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).

135. How will Christ judge the living and the dead? 678-679 681-682 Christ will judge with the power he has gained as the Redeemer of the world who came to bring salvation to all. The secrets of hearts will be brought to light as well as the conduct of each one toward God and toward his neighbour. Everyone, according to how he has lived, will either be filled with life or damned for eternity. In this way, “the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13) will come about in which “God will be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28).

140. What does it mean that the Spirit “has spoken through the prophets”? 687-688 702-716 743 The term “prophets” means those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfillment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament.

206. What does it mean to die in Christ Jesus? 1005-1014 1019 Dying in Christ Jesus means to die in the state of God’s grace without any mortal sin. A believer in Christ, following his example, is thus able to transform his own death into an act of obedience and love for the Father. “This saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him” (2 Timothy 2:11).

171. What is the meaning of the affirmation “Outside the Church there is no salvation”? 846-848 This means that all salvation comes from Christ, the Head, through the Church which is his body. Hence they cannot be saved who, knowing the Church as founded by Christ and necessary for salvation, would refuse to enter her or remain in her. At the same time, thanks to Christ and to his Church, those who through no fault of their own do not know the Gospel of Christ and his Church but sincerely seek God and, moved by grace, try to do his will as it is known through the dictates of conscience can attain eternal salvation.

315. What is the attitude of the Church toward the sick? 1506-1513 1526-1527 Having received from the Lord the charge to heal the sick, the Church strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick and accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. Above all, the Church possesses a sacrament specifically intended for the benefit of the sick. This sacrament was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James: “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord” (James 5:14-15).

389. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? 1830-1831 1845 The gifts of the Holy Spirit are permanent dispositions which make us docile in following divine inspirations. They are seven: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

457. What place does the family occupy in society? 2207-2208 The family is the original cell of human society and is, therefore, prior to any recognition by public authority. Family values and principles constitute the foundation of social life. Family life is an initiation into the life of society.

458. What are the duties that society has toward the family? 2209-2213 2250 Society, while respecting the principle of subsidiarity, has the duty to support and strengthen marriage and the family. Public authority must respect, protect and foster the true nature of marriage and the family, public morality, the rights of parents, and domestic prosperity.