

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither

can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Readings Next Week - 5 MAY 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

*God is love.*

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*



St Anne's, Bindoon



St Catherine's, Gingen

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		
	28 APR	5 MAY
Bindoon	Rickie	John
L/Chittering (Vigil)	Volunteer	Volunteer
L/Chittering 9.30 am	Paul A.	Teena

SUNDAY MASS TIMES		
GINGIN	HOLY ROSARY	4.30 pm
(ST CATHERINE'S)	SAT Vigil	5.00 pm
BINDOON		7.30 am
(ST ANNE'S)		
LOWER CHITTERING		
(DIVINE MERCY SHRINE)		
	SAT Vigil	6.45 pm
Prior to Holy Mass		
CONFESSION / ADORATION & HOLY ROSARY		9.00 am
- HOLY MASS		9.30 am

- 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.

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

- APRIL
- 28 Seminary Priests and 4 Seminarians visit for 9.30am Mass DMS
- 29 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Dr of The Church
- 30 Saint Pius V, Pope
- MAY
- 1 Saint Joseph the Worker
- 1 First Wednesday of month Mass
- 2 Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of The Church
- 3 Sains Philip & Saint James, Apostles
- 3 First Friday of month 8am & 7pm Mass (instead of 3.30pm, 1st FRI only)
- 3 The Friday Divine Will Prayer Group
- 4 First Saturday of month Mass (followed by Confessions & Cenacle)
- 12 The Ascension of The Lord
- 13 OUR LADY OF FATIMA 7pm Mass and Procession – DMS
- 14 Saint Matthias, Apostle
- 18 Saint John I, Pope & Martyr
- 19 PENTECOST SUNDAY
- 20 Mary, Mother of The Church
- 21 Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
- 22 Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
- 24 Mary, Help of Christians
- 25 Saints Bede The Venerable, Priest & Doctor of The Church
- 25 Saint Gregory VII, Pope
- 25 Saint Mary Magdalene De' Pazzi, Virgin
- 25 ANNUAL PARISH OLIVE PICK
- 30 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
- JUNE
- 1 First Saturday of month Mass
- 2 JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI & PROCESSION - DMS
- 5 First Wednesday of month Mass
- 6 First Friday of month Mass
- 22 June Bush Dance – Hall Divine Mercy Shrine

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Immaculate Heart College (PreK-12)

34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering

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[www.ihc.wa.edu.au](http://www.ihc.wa.edu.au)

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

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	8.00 am & 7.00pm
(Commencing next Friday, we have decided to change the Friday 3.30pm Mass to 7.00pm).	
SATURDAY	9.00 am
St Anne's Bindoon	
WEDNESDAY	ADORATION 4.30 PM
	HOLY MASS 5.00 PM

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:**  
**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

**St Charles' Seminary Vocation Open Day**  
**Sunday, 5th May 2024.**  
*“Time to Consider the Priesthood”*  
For men Aged 17yrs&up.  
St Charles Seminary in Guildford - 9am to 1.30pm, including brunch.  
This Open Day will answer questions about the Seminary and discernment into Priesthood.  
For information or to register attendance please call (08) 9279-1310 or email: stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au


**CONFESSION**  
**Before Saturday Vigil Masses**  
**And Sunday Masses**  
**Wednesdays 4.30 -4.55 pm 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 strengthend, 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* 5. *Monthly Confession*

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
*Come, spend an hour with the lord Jesus! He won't be outdone in generosity!!*  
**Please sign up for a life-changing Holy Hour**  
**Roster - inside the main door of DMS L/Chittering or in Our Lady's Chapel**

**Divine Mercy Shrine L/Chittering**  
**Sundays 9.00 am to 9.25 am** (before 9.30 am Mass)  
**Monday to Thurs 4 pm – 9 pm** Main Altar  
**Friday & First Fridays All Night Vigil -4.00 pm - Saturday 8.55 am** (Men's watch)  
**24/7 Access with key code to Adoration Chapel. For code see Fr Paul)**  
**St Anne's Bindoon** Wednesday 4.30-4.55pm (before 5.00 pm Mass)  
**St Catherine's Gingin** Saturday 4.30-4.55pm (before 5.00 pm Mass, Rosary)  
**(Note the Exposition Tabernacle was blessed by the Archbishop and this type of Tabernacle is approved by the Church for Parishes & Chapels. Only Priests, Deacons and Instituted Acolytes are permitted to open the Tabernacle. Members of the public are only permitted by the Church to open the Tabernacle windows (small external doors only) and close them upon leaving the Adoration Chapel, they are not permitted to open (unlock) the Tabernacle).**

**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 & Adult choir in the Hall*  
For More Info Contact - Emma - [eoorschot96@gmail.com](mailto:eoorschot96@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.fccau.org)

**IMMACULATA PRAYER WARRIORS**  
**Divine Mercy Shrine L/Chittering**  
**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 Weekend:** 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](mailto:WAbookings@wwme.org.au) Visit [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

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

  
**Children's Catechism Classes (during school term)**  
**Tel: IHC 9571 8135**  
  
**All welcome.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**  Dorothy, Walter, Emma-Kate, Teena, Pat, Edie, Vera, Peter White, Maria, Logan, Julian, Doris, Jean, Pam Barnett, Brooke, Tam, Albert & Maree Rooney, Maurus Ward. 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 (bet doors) Confessionals	2	\$7,000
6	Contribution to Verandas and Gazebo of \$1,000 (each)		Total cost \$90,000

**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.

**151. In what way is the Church a mystery?** 770-773 779 The Church is a mystery in as much as in her visible reality there is present and active a divine spiritual reality which can only be seen with the eyes of faith.  
**152. What does it mean to say that the Church is the universal sacrament of salvation?** 774-776 780 This means that she is the sign and instrument both of the reconciliation and communion of all of humanity with God and of the unity of the entire human race.  
The Church: people of God, body of Christ, temple of the Spirit  
**153. Why is the Church the 'people of God'?** 781 802-804 The Church is the 'people of God' because it pleased God to sanctify and save men not in isolation but by making them into one people gathered together by the unity of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**154. What are the characteristics of the people of God?** 782 804 One becomes a member of this people through faith in Christ and Baptism. This people has for its origin God the Father; for its head Jesus Christ; for its hallmark the dignity and freedom of the sons of God; for its law the new commandment of love; for its mission to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; and for its destiny the Kingdom of God, already begun on earth.  
**155. In what way does the people of God share in the three functions of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King?** 783-786 The people of God participate in Christ's priestly office insofar as the baptized are consecrated by the Holy Spirit to offer spiritual sacrifices. They share in Christ's prophetic office when with a supernatural sense of faith they adhere unfailingly to that faith and deepen their understanding and witness to it. The people of God share in his kingly office by means of service, imitating Jesus Christ who as King of the universe made himself the servant of all, especially the poor and the suffering.  
**156. In what way is the Church the body of Christ?** 787-791 805-806 The risen Christ unites his faithful people to himself in an intimate way by means of the Holy Spirit. In this way, those who believe in Christ, in as much as they are close to him especially in the Eucharist, are united among themselves in charity. They form one body, the Church, whose unity is experienced in the diversity of its members and its functions.  
**223. How does the Holy Spirit work in the liturgy of the Church?** 1091-1109 1112 The very closest cooperation is at work in the liturgy between the Holy Spirit and the Church. The Holy Spirit prepares the Church to encounter her Lord. He recalls and manifests Christ to the faith of the assembly. He makes the mystery of Christ really present. He unites the Church to the life and mission of Christ and makes the gift of communion bear fruit in the Church.  
**GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION 422. What is justification?** 1987-1995 2017-2020  
Justification is the most excellent work of God's love. It is the merciful and freely-given act of God which takes away our sins and makes us just and holy in our whole being. It is brought about by means of the grace of the Holy Spirit which has been merited for us by the passion of Christ and is given to us in Baptism. Justification is the beginning of the free response of man, that is, faith in Christ and of cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit.  
**436. What does "Decalogue" mean?** 2056-2057 Decalogue means "ten words" (Exodus 34:28). These words sum up the Law given by God to the people of Israel in the context of the Covenant mediated by Moses. This Decalogue, in presenting the commandments of the love of God (the first three) and of one's neighbor (the other seven), traces for the chosen people and for every person in particular the path to a life freed from the slavery of sin.  
**437. What is the bond between the Decalogue and the Covenant?** 2058-2063 2077 The Decalogue must be understood in the light of the Covenant in which God revealed himself and made known his will. In observing the commandments, the people manifested their belonging to God and they answered his initiative of love with thanksgiving.  
**438. What importance does the Church give to the Decalogue?** 2064-2068 The Church, in fidelity to Scripture and to the example of Christ, acknowledges the primordial importance and significance of the Decalogue. Christians are obliged to keep it.  
**439. Why does the Decalogue constitute an organic unity?** 2069 2079  
The Ten Commandments form an organic and indivisible whole because each commandment refers to the other commandments and to the entire Decalogue. To break one commandment; therefore, is to violate the entire law.  
**440. Why does the Decalogue enjoin serious obligations?** 2072-2073 2081 It does so because the Decalogue expresses the fundamental duties of man towards God and towards his neighbor.  
**441. Is it possible to keep the Decalogue?** 2074 2082 Yes, because Christ without whom we can do nothing enables us to keep it with the gift of his Spirit and his grace.