

**First Reading** Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14  
A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus  
*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*  
The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1  
**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
- Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Colossians 3:12-14  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*Concerning the Christian life in the world.*  
You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as

parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation** Colossians 3:15. 16  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
**May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.**  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 2:41-52  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.*  
Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for

you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

**Communion Antiphon** Bar 3:38  
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**Prayer after Communion**  
Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

**Readings Next Week**  
**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C**  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

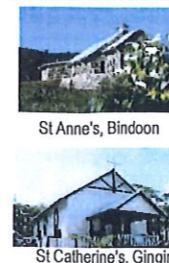
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11  
**(R.)** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew t 2:2  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
**We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.**  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew** 2:1-12  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

HOLY SAINTS FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK DECEMBER	
29	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
31	Saint Sylvester I, Pope
JANUARY (Yr C)	
1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
2	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus



St Anne's, Bindoon

St Catherine's, Gingin

*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		
	29 DEC	5 JAN
Bindoon	John	Ida
L/Chittering (Vigil)	Volunteer	Volunteer
L/Chittering 9.30 am	Paul	Teena

**Mass Times** Prayers precede Weekday Holy Masses from 3pm

<b>MONDAY</b>			
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE)			<b>3.30 pm</b>
<b>TUESDAY (New Year's Eve)</b>			
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE)	7.00 AM	VIGIL	4.15PM
<b>WEDNESDAY (New Year's Day)</b>			
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE)			<b>8.00 am</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE)			<b>3.30 pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE)			<b>3.30 pm</b> (1 <sup>ST</sup> FRIDAYS ONLY 7PM)
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE)			<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>SUNDAY (Saturday/Sunday Vigils)</b>			
GINGIN (ST CATHERINE'S)			
HOLY ROSARY	<b>4.30 pm</b>	SATURDAY Vigil	<b>5.00 pm</b>
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE)		SATURDAY Vigil	<b>6.45 pm</b>
BINDOON (ST ANNE'S)			<b>7.30 am</b>
LOWER CHITTERING (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE) PRIOR TO HOLY MASS - CONFESSION / ADORATION & HOLY ROSARY	<b>9.00 am</b>		<b>9.30 am</b>

**COMING EVENTS and UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES**

**DECEMBER**  
**RAFFLE TICKETS: (\*\*ticket sellers still needed\*\*)**  
**(Reminder to also purchase your ticket before closure 14 JAN 2025)**  
*Thank you to those who have taken booklets to sell.*  
For those who have the Ticket Butts and Money to return, please bring both in as soon as possible (preferably before 31 Dec). You can hand them in at the piety stall or direct to Fr Paul. All tickets (sold/unsold) need to be returned before  
**CLOSURE ON 14 January 2025.**

**31 TUE (New Year's Eve) 4.15pm Vigil Mass, D.Mercy Shrine.**  
**This will be followed by a New Year's Eve Dinner-in the Hall at L/Chittering. Lamb on a Spit, bring a plate to share, bevy and musical instruments. Dwayne 0477 718 984**

**JANUARY** 1<sup>Jan</sup> First WED 3<sup>Jan</sup> First FRI 4<sup>Jan</sup> First SAT  
**1 (New Year's Day) 8 am Mass, DMS, Lower Chittering**  
**19 Sun Parish Raffle Draw**  
**24 Fri Movie Night - "The Warning"**  
Venue - Hall, 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering  
7.00 pm Arrival for 7.30 pm start - Light Supper. Contact:  
Lee-Anne 0424 113 058

**FEBRUARY** 1<sup>Feb</sup> First SAT 5<sup>Feb</sup> First WED 7<sup>Feb</sup> First FRI  
**13 Feb Parish Council Meeting**

**OUR PARISH SCHOOL**  
**Immaculate Heart College (PreK-12)**  
34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering  
Ph. 9571-8135  
[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 OUR LADY.**

**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.*

**CONFESSION** Before SAT Vigil Masses & 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 strengthened; a salutary self-control is attained and grace increased in virtue of the Sacrament"

- 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. (fornication is also a serious sin)
  - 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.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**FROM FR PAUL...**  
 I thank you one and all for your generous support of the Parish over the past year. Wishing you a blessed New Year! I will be away from 2nd to 16 of January. During this time Frs. Francis & Andrew will be offering the weekend Masses. Fr Francis OSM will be offering Weekday Masses at the DMS 3.30 pm M-F & Sat 9am. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year!  
**Parish Planned Giving** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection) **Have you considered Tithing?** This is a long-standing tradition in the Church & in other faiths. **Give, and it will be given to you (Lk 6:38).**  
 Banking details: Direct pay  
**Acc Name:** Gingin-Chittering Parish  
**BSB:** 633 000 - **Acc No:** 158396804

**Would you would like \$10,000?**  
[https://divinemercyshrine.com.au/pr](https://divinemercyshrine.com.au/product/divine-mercy-shrine-affle/)  
  
**\$10,000 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Parish Raffle**

**THE COR MARIAE YOUTH GROUP**  
**Fridays of School Term** in the Hall **3.30pm-5.30pm**  
 The Group meets Fridays of school term. The Cor Mariae Form for new participants is available in the church foyer. (Note: students who signed the Form last year need not supply a new one). Further enquiries e-mail: [paul.kelly@ihc.wa.edu.au](mailto:paul.kelly@ihc.wa.edu.au)  
 Mobile: 0459 724 227

**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) 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm.  
 Teen & Adult choir in the Hall  
 For More Info Contact – Emma  
**IMMACULATA PRAYER WARRIORS (ROSARIES)**  
**Monday to Friday 6pm-7pm** (in D/W/III)  
**MARIAN MOVEMENT CENACLES PRAYED IN OUR LADY'S CHAPEL /CHITTERING**  
 At **Tuesday** Men's Rosary AND After **Saturday** Morning Mass.

**LEGION OF MARY**  
 Meets on Wednesdays  
 All welcome. Contact Priscilla, 0400 889 062  
**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) Planning or postponing Pregnancy**  
**Natural Fertility 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.https://fccau.org)

**PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT DIVINE MERCY SHRINE LOWER CHITTERING, BINDOON & GINGIN**  
 Come, spend an hour with the Lord Jesus! He won't be outdone in generosity!!  
**Divine Mercy Shrine - Lower Chittering**  
 Sign up for a Holy Hour - Roster - inside main door of Church or in Our Lady's Chapel

**MONDAY to THURSDAY**  
 Main Altar after 3.30 pm Mass ie 4pm – 9 pm  
**FRIDAY & FIRST FRIDAYS All-night Vigil**  
 ie 4.00 pm to Saturday 8.55 am (Men's watch)  
**Adorer needed for 5pm to 6pm hour, Wednesdays**  
**St Anne's Bindoon**  
 Wednesday 4.30-4.55 pm (prior to 5.00pm Mass)  
**St Catherine's Gingin**  
 Saturday 4.30-4.55 pm & Rosary (prior to 5.00pm Mass)

**There is also 24 hour access every day in Our Lady's Adoration Chapel – For key code See Fr Paul**  
 Please note:  
**For Exposition Tabernacle in Our Lady's Chapel, Members of 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.**

**NEED HELP MANAGING GRIEF?**  
 The Archbishop has in place, a new service to those in our Catholic community who may need Help – The Spiritual and Counselling Referral Service – contact number is 0432 541 588  
 The Archdiocese has established this 24 hour mobile number for those struggling with grief who may need professional assistance  
 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.  
**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  
 Safeguarding Officer: Sharon Pegrum: email: [sharonpegrum@outlook.com](mailto:sharonpegrum@outlook.com)  
 Mobile: 0466 430 979

**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



**Capital Sins and opposing Virtues**

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Dorothy, Walter, Emma-Kate, Teena, Pat, Edie, Peter White, Maria, Logan, Julian, Doris, Jean, Pam Barnett, Brooke, Tam, Albert & Maree Rooney, Koby, Shirley.

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

Stained Glass to Side Chapels	2	\$6,000 each
Windows Large	45	\$3,000 each
Windows Small	55	\$1,500 each
Advance purchase of Niche in the Divine Mercy Columbarium	1,000	\$1,000 or \$1,800 (Dble)

Please see list under **Donate on Website**

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

**PIPE ORGAN FUND**  
 Tax deductible donations can now be made to OHTA for our Pipe Organ.  
**OHTA (Organ Historical Trust Australia) \*:** ANZ Bank – BSB 013-035 Acc: 2940 70724  
 \*To clearly identify you Please ensure that the description/ reference section includes: **your Name and words "Chattering Appeal"**



**For PayPal donations:**  
<https://divinemercyshrine.com.au/organappeal/>  
 Amounts of \$2 and over are tax-deductible!

**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)

**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.

- 460. What are the duties of parents toward their children? 2221-2231 Parents, in virtue of their participation in the fatherhood of God, have the first responsibility for the education of their children and they are the first heralds of the faith for them. They have the duty to love and respect their children as persons and as children of God and to provide, as far as is possible, for their physical and spiritual needs. They should select for them a suitable school and help them with prudent counsel in the choice of their profession and their state of life. In particular they have the mission of educating their children in the Christian faith.
- 461. How are parents to educate their children in the Christian faith? 2252-2253 Parents do this mainly by example, prayer, family catechesis and participation in the life of the Church.
- 462. Are family bonds an absolute good? 2232-2233 Family ties are important but not absolute, because the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Jesus and love him: "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:37). Parents must support with joy their children's choice to follow Jesus in whatever state of life, even in consecrated life or the priestly ministry.
- 463. How should authority be exercised in the various spheres of civil society? 2234-2237 2254 Authority should always be exercised as a service, respecting fundamental human rights, a just hierarchy of values, laws, distributive justice, and the principle of subsidiarity. All those who exercise authority should seek the interests of the community before their own interest and allow their decisions to be inspired by the truth about God, about man and about the world.
- 464. What are the duties of citizens in regard to civil authorities? 2238-2241 2255 Those subject to authority should regard those in authority as representatives of God and offer their loyal collaboration for the right functioning of public and social life. This collaboration includes love and service of one's homeland, the right and duty to vote, payment of taxes, the defence of one's country, and the right to exercise constructive criticism.
- 465. When is a citizen forbidden to obey civil authorities? 2242-2243 2256 A citizen is obliged in conscience not to obey the laws of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order: "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts of the Apostles 5:29).
- 104. What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us? 533-534 564 In the course of his hidden life in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work and family love. His obedience to Mary and to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it.
- 350. Why is the Christian family called a domestic church? 1655-1658 1666 The Christian family is called the domestic church because the family manifests and lives out the communal and familial nature of the Church as the family of God. Each family member, in accord with their own role, exercises the baptismal priesthood and contributes toward making the family a community of grace and of prayer, a school of human and Christian virtue and the place where the faith is first proclaimed to children.
- 459. What are the duties of children toward their parents? 2214-2220 2251 Children owe respect (filial piety), gratitude, docility and obedience to their parents. In paying them respect and in fostering good relationships with their brothers and sisters, children contribute to the growth in harmony and holiness in family life in general. Adult children should give their parents material and moral support whenever they find themselves in situations of distress, sickness, loneliness, or old age.