

*News from St Nics 8<sup>th</sup> September*

Good afternoon everyone,

An overcast morning has turned into a lovely, sunny Spring day. This morning Marion James and I were delighted to attend the official opening of 'Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren (WA)'s lovely new premises. They have an arrangement with the City of Joondalup to use the old, disused kindergarten on Dugdale Street in Warwick, and it is a great move for them. There is a little op-shop, meeting rooms, play areas for children, and storage space for donated goods. We were given a certificate of thanks, which is in the foyer at church. It is wonderful that we can support an organisation doing such terrific work for people who are bringing up grandchildren and often having a tough time.

Thank you, those kind people who have offered to help with admin and office work. We will be formulating a 'task list' and working out what we can ask people to help with, and will get back to you.

Thank you also to the couple of people who have offered to help fill gaps in the roster. We have plenty of people to do readings and some of the other tasks, but what we urgently need are people willing to help with COVID cleaning. This simply involves wiping surfaces that have been touched with a disinfectant solution; this must be done after every service or event in the church or the hall, and between the two Sunday services. Everything is supplied including gloves, and it is not a time-consuming or onerous job. Currently we only have a couple of people who have put up their hands, which means they are doing it often. While the risk of contracting coronavirus is very low here in WA at the moment, thanks be to God, we must still comply with the Government Health instructions. According to the Health Department the levels of infectious viral illnesses like flu, colds, and gastro and considerably lower than is usual at this time of year, which is attributed to better hand hygiene and physical distancing. So not only are we keeping ourselves safe from the potential of coronavirus but from other seasonal illnesses that can also kill vulnerable people.

Please consider giving a small amount of time and effort to assist the parish in keeping up our COVID cleaning- and keeping us all healthy.

There is a mistake in the current paper newsletter (of course there is, I did it!): the Tuesday Craft & Chat Group finishes at 4pm, not 3. Sorry!

Here are some spring flowers from the Rectory garden. The lemon trees are covered in blossom!



This is the Collect Prayer for this week:

O God,  
you know us to be set in the midst  
of so many and so great dangers  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless,

*Lorna*