Thoughts on the Gospel:

‘Our prayer should never be too pious. It should be bold, persistent and even presumptuous. Praying is like naggng your neighbour when you want to borrow something or like a child with greedy eyes in a tuck shop.

‘All prayer is asking. Children are usually transparent in their need. In Jesus’ stories, God appears defenceless against the child’s entreaty. It’s almost as if God doesn’t have a choice, as if he’s forced to give us what we ask for in prayer.

‘God does not need us to tell him what we need. God cannot be forced to give us what we want. But any father can play a game with his children, making it seem as if he needs to be told, to have everything explained to him; as if he needs to be convinced or persuaded to do something. A child pulls the heartstrings, not only when his father lets him. He lets him because a father already knows how to give good gifts.

The Father gave us his Son. The Son gave us the Father.

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‘The Rosary – Wednesday

The Rosary is prayed in our parish every Wednesday evening at 7pm.

St Columba’s Parents Group

You are invited to join the St Columba’s Parents Group. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th July at 1.30pm. We will meet in the parish hall. All parents are welcome, you and your children then please feel free to bring them along. Please let Fr Minh-Thuy or myself know if you have any queries, Michelle Hofmann (stcolumbaspasparentsgroup@gmail.com).

THE SAFEGUARDING PROJECT

Protecting Children in the Catholic Church

Safeguarding Project posters with details of initiatives in the Archdiocese of Perth. They must also undergo screening in accordance with the Australia Working with Children Act and in previous youth ministry teams (eg YMT or NET) and/or previous youth groups they have been recommended. A full copy of the Job Advertisement and Job Description is available on request. To submit your CV with a cover letter and 3 referees including a parish priest, please email: Anita Parker, Director of Catholic Youth Ministry anita.parker@perthcatholic.org.au

APPLICATIONS close Monday 8 August 2016

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Remember the early days of your marriage. Your honeymoon was a special time. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an occasion to take a step back and celebrate your love and commit to the future of your marriage. It is a positive, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalises marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. We invite you to join us on this special occasion.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. 19 - 21 August at Dongara or 21-23 October at Swanleigh, Middle Swan. For information or booking ph: 0424 220 625 – Georgina G and Webbookings@wwme.org.au

www.wwme.org.au

VOLUNTEER SOLICITOR

Daydawn Advocacy Centre, an agency of the Archdiocese, is seeking a volunteer solicitor to assist in supervision of clients seeking a Legal Advocate. If you are a legally qualified practitioner and a current practicing certificate and are seeking a rewarding and interesting volunteer project, which would allow you to benefit some of the most vulnerable people in our community, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mark Reidy, Director, daydawn@perthcatholic.org.au, or 9218 8035

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 Perth FESTIVAL

Sunday 31 July “You’re only a screen away”

You are invited to bring your friends and family to Northbridge Plaza (Cnr Lake St & James Street) for a special screening of World Youth Day with Pope Francis and entertainment from Ignite Live Band and Kukuzelka Polish dance group. Come down from 1pm-3pm for an afternoon of festivities followed by mass at 5-6pm at St Mary’s Cathedral. For information contact Catholic Youth Ministry – admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912.

Live webcast of WYD main events: 26 July – 31 July Connect to the main events in Poland through the web broadcast of the main events on www.wyd2016.pl Check the website for dates and times of each broadcast and join live with the Perth CYM office. Polish dance group. Come down from 1pm-3pm for an afternoon of festivities followed by mass at 5-6pm at St Mary’s Cathedral. For information contact Catholic Youth Ministry – admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912.

Catholic Youth Ministry employment opportunity

Youth Ministry Worker (Full time position & 0.4 Part time position) both temporary positions relieving for long service leave.

The Perth CYM office is seeking two vibrant youth workers to join the Youth Ministry team. The successful applicants would be required to work for Youth Ministry initiatives in the Archdiocese of Perth. They must also undergo screening in accordance with the Australia Working with Children Act. The Perth CYM office is seeking two vibrant youth workers to join the Youth Ministry team. The successful applicants would be required to work for Youth Ministry initiatives in the Archdiocese of Perth. They must also undergo screening in accordance with the Australia Working with Children Act.

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