

BULLETIN

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

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28 JUNE 2026

Merredin celebrations during the week:

Monday: 9.00 am Mass
Tuesday: 9.00 am Mass
Wednesday: 9.00 am Mass
Thursday: 9.00 am Mass
Friday: 9.00 am Mass
Saturday: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

Feast days for the week

Mon	29	St Peter, St Paul
Tue	30	The First Martyrs of the See of Rome
Wed	1	St Oliver Plunkett, St Junipero Serra
Fri	3	St Thomas the Apostle
Sat	4	St Elizabeth of Portugal, St Pier Giorgio Frassati

Photos for the Centenary Celebrations

We are looking for photos reflecting of past life of the parish and school. If you have any, please email them to our email merredin@perthcatholic.org.au Thank you.

Help Prepare for our Centenary Celebration

There are numerous jobs to be undertaken to be ready for our Centennial Celebrations in August.

Raking in the grounds - you can pile up and we will remove. Just let us know when you have done an area.

Cleaning Windows. Cleaning Windows sills - before the painters come.

Stay tuned for more.....

“When people stop believing in God, they don’t believe nothing; they believe anything

G. K. Chesterton

St Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pier Giorgio Frassati was born in Turin in 1901, the son of the owner of the Italian daily newspaper La Stampa. He was intelligent, but not specially brilliant at school. When the time came to choose his further studies, he chose to study to be a mining engineer, because miners at the time were the poorest and most downtrodden class of workers, and he wanted to be able to work side by side with them and improve their lives.

He loved the mountains, and went on many mountaineering expeditions with his friends. God made the world to delight in, and they undoubtedly did. As a group, they had their ambitions to change the world: not just fit in with it or get on in it. They wanted not just to help the poor but to bring about social reform. This was in the tradition of Pope Leo XIII’s pioneering encyclical ‘Rerum Novarum’, on the social

doctrine of the Church. Frassati and his friends took it very seriously and he even helped establish a newspaper whose principles were based on the social teaching of the Church.

Being young, Frassati had little money of his own to give away: very rightly, his parents did not want their children growing up as gilded, entitled youth. But he helped where he could - a tuberculosis sufferer here, a homeless woman there. He spent a great deal of time in the smells and squalor of the slums. His friends would often see him walking home after school because he had given his fare to someone in need.

On 30 June 1925, while boating with his friends on the River Po, he complained of back pain. Four days later he was dead, of polio. Possibly he had caught it in the time he spent in the slums.

He had two exams short of getting his degree, and in 2001 his university awarded him an honorary degree for his centenary.

To his funeral came all his university friends, and all the grand friends of his family. And then, lining the streets, were thousands and thousands of the poor. His father, who was conscious of his social position, and an atheist to boot, was appalled. "I don't recognise my son!" he said - but step by step, in the process of discovering who his son really was, he took a journey which ended in his conversion.

Those same poor of Turin nagged the Archbishop into starting the cause for his canonisation. Pier Giorgio Frassati was eventually beatified by Pope John II in 1990 and canonised by Pope Leo XIV on 7 September 2025. (From Universalis)