

Mass Acknowledging Volunteers in the Archdiocese of Perth

Sunday 26 May 2024

Bulletin Bit

National Volunteer Week is from the 20th - 26th May 2024. This year the theme for Volunteer week is 'Something for Everyone'. The annual Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday 26th May 2024 at 11.00am.

Music Suggestions

The Lord bless you and keep you - John Rutter

The servant song - Richard Gillard [Gather Australia Book II | #461]

Commentary [before the Mass begins]

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Jesus reminds us that all people are called into a relationship with God. Through our baptism we are called to hand on the Gospel message to all people not by words alone but also by our action and through our prayers.

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, I wish to draw your attention to National Volunteer Week. The archdiocese has several agencies that provide volunteering opportunities to become involved in the Church's 'good works'. Today, let us pray for our volunteers and ask God to bless them for the good work they do with the Church. (pause) Please stand for the entrance hymn.

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Universal Prayer Petitions

1. We pray for these volunteers that they may continue to serve charitably, selflessly, with gentleness and patience. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray that by the good works these volunteers perform the world may know the Good News of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord.

Blessing of Volunteers

[This takes place after the prayer after communion before the final blessing. The celebrant will ask all volunteers to stand. The PowerPoint slide with the prayer on it can be displayed].

Celebrant: God our Father,

We give you thanks for these volunteers and the work they do.

We pray that you pour out your abundant blessings upon them and their ministry. Grant them good health and support them in their service.

May they continue to serve you and their neighbours generously so that by the good works they do, the Gospel may be proclaimed in the world.

We also pray that you bless the people whom they serve.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.