

MY NAME IS JESUS

"Name him Jesus," commanded the angel. Why? Unlike Mary at the Annunciation, Joseph in his dream did not have any time to pose questions to the angel. The answer came too quickly, "Name him Jesus *because* he will save his people from their sins." Joseph's dream, convincing him that Mary's pregnancy was a divine act, is like a summary version of Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel.

The angel tells him, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid" to wed your betrothed. The Holy Spirit did this; God is doing something here. He is bringing forth a son through her, "Jesus," who "will save his people from their sins." And you have a part to play.

To understand Joseph's dream, we have to remember what Gabriel said to Mary at the Annunciation. It is a massive announcement: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end."

All this is precisely encapsulated in his name, "Jesus." He will be "great." How great? He will be given the great royal title of "Son of the Most High": see, he is the heir to David's throne. He will fulfill the ancient promises God made to David: see, he will "rule over the house of Jacob forever."

His Kingdom will be endless! A just ruler over Israel will lead to justice, peace and prosperity, not only for Israel but also for the entire world. Life lived without fear, without suffering, without death. Blessing upon blessing. Divine presence. God's goodness unquestionably evident in every facet of life. This is human life as it has always been intended to be! It is all true and all coming true! Finally, here and now! God is on the move!

That is what it means to "save his people from their sins." Jesus is the name that saves. It is the human name of God. To Mary and Joseph, it must have been a shock that they were *chosen* to be the privileged custodians of this ultimate transformation of the world from end to end, summarised by the words "salvation from sins."

But this shock should also be ours. Why? Like Joseph, like Mary, we are the privileged custodian in the present day of this same Kingdom, this same act of God through which he is fulfilling his deeply good purpose for the world. We too, each and every one of us, bear the mystery of the name of Jesus within you. Say "yes" to it like Mary. Play your part like Joseph.



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22nd December, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

Today's Readings

Isiah 35:1-6,10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

29th December, 2019

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 3:13-15, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies

Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - 1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00-5.45pm or anytime by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00-6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00 - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

2020 Columban Calendar

Support your Vinnies by purchasing a 2020 Columban Calendar at only \$8 each. Calendars are available in the Church foyer. Place your contribution in the envelope provided and drop it into the SVDP Poor Box at the back of the church.



Feast Days this Week

Dec 23	Mon	St John Kety
25	Wed	CHRISTMAS DAY
26	Thu	St Stephen, the first Martyr
27	Fri	St John the Evangelist
28	Sat	The Holy Innocents

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Bernadette D'Amico, Noel D'Souza,
Fr Tony Mannix CM

Deceased

Margaret Boudville, Sydney Boudville

Death Anniversary

Germano D'Alonzo

Our Sick

Richard Bisnath,
Gerry & Annette Greenway,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira,
John Warui, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Natasha Curran,
Hirute Selassie, Peter Cox,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Bill Tucker,
Margaret Evans, Rene Priest,
Erika Magness, Ian Ballantyne,
Mavis Hall, Rose Thomas

Baptised Recently

Artche Conor Sapilan
Son of Rogelio and Normita

Saturday Mass

There will be NO Mass on Saturday
28th December.

Rosters for 21/22 December, 2019

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Pam Davies	Natasha Pinto	Martin Loh	Sandra Wren, Remi Biju Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies Cigi Dacruz, Vivian Loh	Patrick Costantino, Lance Dacruz Leslie Dacruz, Angel Donina Cailin Keane, Gabby Keane
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Cheryl Andrade	Greg Drew	Geoff Mills	Peter Mack, Rod McAtee Diana Chong, Ann Ralston	Joses Thomas, Josey Thomas Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Tiffany Mitchell	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Dan Hewitt	Servite Sister, Volunteer Francisco Aung, Michael Ayeni Anne Brink, Jim Brink	Noel Justin, Sophia Kay Enrico Labrador, Elain Labrador Alexander Lim, Keanu Malagui-Hicks
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Cheryl Andrade, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay		

Rosters for 28/29 December, 2019

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Bette Lyra Theresa Spicer	Lance Dacruz	Brian Augustin	Colin Loh	Faye Mitchell, Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh, Ludette Van Der Spil Sandra Wren, Remi Biju	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Lucas Morphett, Jemima Pinto Matthew Ravanez, Josue Ravanez
Sunday 7.30am	Jackie Hall Yvonne Padua	Franklin D'Cruz	Geoff Mills	Gerard Peters	Diana Chong, Peter Mack Rod McAtee, Pay Tru	Joses Thomas, Josey Thomas Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Brenda Ring Robert Szlezak	Lenny Rodaje	Clarence Pereira	Phillip Magness	Servite Sister, Angela Bushby Maureen Byrne, Helen Magness Carolina Hayward, Kerry Keys	Noel Justin, Sophia Kay Enrico Labrador, Elain Labrador Alexander Lim, Keanu Malagui-Hicks

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Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Our Christmas Celebrations

Tuesday, 24th December

Please join the Children's Choir for Carol singing from 5.15pm followed by 6.00pm Family Vigil Mass.

Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or kings.



Please join with the Choir for Carol singing from 11.15pm followed by Midnight Mass.

Wednesday, 25th December

8.30am Christmas Morning Mass



Let's invite our family, friends and neighbours to our Christmas celebration and share our joy with them.

The overflow car park for Christmas Masses will be on the St Munchin's school oval, accessed via the Corfield Street carpark.

Please note: There will be NO 8.00am Mass on Tuesday morning.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 24th Dec, 10.00am - 11.00am. Let us prepare for the Season of Peace by reconciling ourselves with God and with one another.

Flowers for Christmas

We thank all those who have contributed towards the cost of our flowers for Christmas. May God continue to bless and keep you and your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas Children's Choir

The children in the choir need to be at church by 5:00pm at the latest as we start singing at 5:15pm. Mass begins promptly at 6:00pm.



Any child who is in the choir AND the Nativity play will have ample time to get from one place to the other. **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

There will be a practice with the Musicians on Monday, December 23rd at the usual time of 3:00pm in the church. This will be the first and only practice with the musicians who will accompany them. All children who will sing with the choir need to be at this practice please. All enquiries to Suzanne Bazzica 0423 771 796.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Evelyn Yozzi and Rose Ford on retiring from their respective positions at St Munchins' Primary School. May you enjoy more time with your families and friends on the next part of your journey.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Winners will be drawn after 9.30am Mass today. All proceeds to aid parish funds.



Christmas Rosters

We are still in need of Altar Servers and Eucharist Ministers as many of those who regularly serve will be away for the Christmas Service. If you can help serve at our Christmas Masses please put your name down on the list in the foyer.

Christmas Shopping

It is late December and the correctional court judge is in a good mood. He asks the defendant: "What are you accused of?" The defendant replies "I am accused of having done my Christmas shopping too early!" The judges says "But that's not a crime." "Well, it was before the store opened..."

Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

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New Rosters

The roster for Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes for the next four months is available in the foyer. Please ensure that you collect a copy for your reference at home. Once again thank you for your service to our community.

The Jesse Tree

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating our Christmas trees to the events leading to the birth of Jesus. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.



Vinnies

There is still time to make a difference to someone's life this Christmas. Help your local Vinnies by donating to our Poor Box, utilising our Christmas Appeal envelopes, a pack of Christmas Cards in exchange for a gold coin donation or purchasing a Columban Calendar. Your Vinnies sincerely thank all parishioners for your generosity and support. Our grateful thanks to the St Munchins' School as well. We wish you, and your families, all the joys of Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!!



Buckets For Jesus Christmas Bazaar

Looking for something different? Come down to our Christmas Bazaar for some great gift Ideas, clothes, shoes, bric-a-bracs, plants, furniture and much more. Saturdays 9am to 4pm, 4 Cowle Street, West Perth. All proceeds to the earthquake victims and homeless. See bulletin board for more information.

Marycare Volunteers

Insurance Forms are required to be completed by all of our Volunteers. Please collect a form from the glass cabinet in the church foyer if you have not completed one previously. Place the completed form in the Parish Office In Box in the foyer or return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Enquiries to Marycare Co-ordinators or the parish office.

ACYF Thanks And Appreciation

About two weeks ago, we had over 20 youth from our very own Gosnells Parish attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. We all had a wonderful time attending various spirit inspired workshops, daily plenary sessions and meeting like minded young people across Australia. None of this would have been possible without your support and prayers especially throughout this year; please accept our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. Please continue to support us and May God continue to bless you all in all your endeavours and undertakings. We wish you all a holy and blessed Christmas.

A Weekend For Your Marriage

How do you rate your marriage? Excellent __ Good __ Average __ So-So __ If you've checked any of these, you're are a great couple for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! It's a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds. It will take you from where you are to another level! Make this Spring special by devoting one weekend to the most important relationship in your life. We invite you to join us a Marriage Encounter Weekend 28-29 March 2020 at Bateman. For more information or booking contact Valerie & Brendon on 0424 220 625, Email WAb bookings@wwme.org.au or visit www.wwme.org.au

Catholic Faith Renewal

We wish to remind you about our coming Weekend Retreat By Fr Gino Henriques. "The Joy of the Gospel" Friday, 1 May, 6.00pm to Sunday 3 May, 5.00pm - 2020. Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Rd, Maida Vale. Each day will begin with morning Prayers and Praise & Worship, followed by teachings from Fr Gino. Daily Holy Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. More details to follow nearer the date. For more information please call Charles 0413 755 799, Ron or Rita 0422 917 054 or email: catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com

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