

## AN EARTH CRYING OUT

At every Mass before communion, we hear the words from John witnessing to Jesus: 'Behold the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.' Anyone unfamiliar with church worship would wonder what on earth we were talking about. Why would we use such words – 'lamb' especially?

For the early Christians, the words 'lamb of God' had tremendous resonance. Everyone was then familiar with animal sacrifice. But the early Christians instantly recalled the Jewish Passover from Egypt, when the Hebrew people marked their doorframes with the blood of a lamb to save them from the angel killing the first-born males of humans and cattle to force Pharaoh to release them from bondage. The blood of the lamb rescued the first-born of the Hebrews from death.

No wonder the early Christians treasured the words 'lamb of God' when speaking of Jesus who gave his life's blood that all might live. Passages from the prophets and especially Isaiah add further power to the word 'lamb': 'He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter' (Is 53, 7).

In his gospel, John deliberately used the word 'sin' in the singular, not 'sins' in the plural, i.e. our individual sins. John is referring to the collective 'brokenness' of our world, in a collective sense, and perhaps also in a cosmic sense. For John set his gospel in a cosmic context: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.' (John 1, 1-3).

We have always recognised the brokenness of the world of course, especially in times of acute hardship, war, famine or natural disasters. But Pope Francis stresses the urgency of 'care for our common home', the earth itself and its environment. It's as if we need to smear the blood of the lamb over all the earth, with a renewed sense of reverence and wonder for the beauty and fragility of our earth, invoking God's Word to sustain creation.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and recently with the Amazon Synod, Pope Francis stressed that our planet and its life systems were created by God as an outpouring of love. But these crucial life support systems are now gravely threatened by global warming and climate change. Pope Francis definitely considers this a global climate emergency.

Pope Francis is greatly alarmed at the environmental brokenness of the world today, which threatens us with 'catastrophic' disasters. Invoking St Francis of Assisi, he has urged us to do all we can personally, and as nations together, to reduce greenhouse emissions to avoid unimaginable distress for many millions of people.



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## Gosnells Catholic Parish

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**18th January, 2020**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A**

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

**26th January, 2020**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A**

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

### St Munchin's Catholic Primary School



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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 <b>SIX MONTHS</b> notice for preparation etc

## 2020 Columban Calendar

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## Praying For You

### Recently Deceased

Fr Tim Foster

### Deceased

Anthony Hiew, Lionel Samson,  
Leoncia Tugado Padillo

### Death Anniversary

Joseph van den Berg, Clayton Pereira

### 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

### Feast Days this Week

Jan 20	Mon	Pope St Fabian, Martyr, St Sebastian, Martyr
21	Tue	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
22	Wed	St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr, St Publius
23	Thur	St Marianne Cope
24	Fri	St Francis de Sales
25	Sat	The Conversion of St Paul

### Rosters for 18/19 January, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Suzanne Bazzica	Natasha Pinto	Martin Loh	Cigi Dacruz, Vivian Loh Faye Mitchell, Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh, Sandra Wren	Patrick Costantino, Lance Dacruz Leslie Dacruz, Angel Donina Cailin Keane, Gabby Keane
Sunday 7.30am	Yvonne Padua Ann Ralston	Kath Ryan	Cheryl Andrade	Larry Cavallo	Diana Chong, Russell Lally Peter Mack, Rod McAtee	Andrea Martin, Aldric Ratnasekera Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Jude Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Maureen Byrne	Florence Ayeni	Phillip Magness	Servite Sister, Anne Brink Lorna Mitchell, Maureen Byrne Jim Brink, Carolina Hayward	Alexandria Newman, Enrico Labrador Elain Labrador, Alexander Lim Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Sophia Kay
Tellers this week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin					Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys	

### Rosters for 25/26 January, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Aya Van Ingen	Brian Augustin	Colin Loh	Ludette Van Der Spil, Remi Biju Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies Cigi Dacruz, Vivian Loh	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Lucas Morphet, Jemima Pinto Matthew Ravanez, Josue Ravanez
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Alaster Croning	Greg Drew	Geoff Mills	Chloe Pereira-Smith, Ann Ralston Diana Chong, Russell Lally	Joses Thomas, Josey Thomas Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Elaine Curran	Leanne Crestani	Brian Cutjar	Nigel Hayward	Servite Sister, Kerry Keys Helen Magness, Angela Bushby Geraldine Pereira, Peta Phillips	Nicole Oo, Isabelle Phillips Erin Pickering, Yatumika Shelvan Seren Adams, Thomas Armoogum

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## Jesus, the Reason for the Season!



### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the joy we celebrate this season be  
the joy we share with others.  
May the peace that Jesus brings be  
ours to keep.



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parishioners in times of short  
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a happy and peace-filled Christmas  
season and look forward to your  
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### Lunar New Year

As Little Year starts and preparations begin, we would like to wish all our Chinese,  
Vietnamese and Korean parishioners a Happy Lunar New Year!

### After School Religious Education Classes

Registrations for children attending non-Catholic primary schools in the Parish Centre  
on Wednesday, 5th February at 4.30pm. Please bring a copy of Baptism Certificate.  
Lessons will begin Wednesday 12th February. Please note that children have to be  
prepared to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they can be prepared to  
make their First Communion the following year.

### Our Children Need You

Catechist wanted. Help, we need your support! We are in need of more catechists for  
our after school religious education classes for children attending local non-Catholic  
primary schools. Please contact either Barbara Ingram or Fr Philip 9398 2331.

### New Children's Liturgy Roster

Please collect your copy of the roster from the church foyer today. Remember to  
arrange your own swaps when necessary. Thank you to all those who serve their  
parish through this ministry.

### Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue needs homes to go to for 2020. Please choose a  
week and put your name down in the booklet provided in the foyer. If you  
would like to invite other parishioners to your home for the Rosary, please  
indicate in the space provided.



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### 2020 Centenary Celebrations - Our Lady Of Lourdes - Dardanup

In 2020, Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrating 100 years. We are looking for past  
students, their families and former staff. We would like to collect names, email and/or  
postal addresses, so that we can keep people informed about the upcoming  
celebrations. If you attended OLOL either as a student or in a staffing capacity, could  
you please take a brief moment to complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/2XaJMD4>.

### 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  
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## Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 21st January with indoor activities from 9am. Enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. BYO lunch. Bingo is at 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over. New members are always welcome.



## Readers : Break Open The Word

The 2020 Book for Readers is available for Proclaimers of the Word to borrow to help prepare for their reading ministry. All copies are 'Parish' stamped and should be held by the Readers for just one week at a time.

## Plenary Council 2020 - Call For Delegate Nominations

Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB is now seeking nominations from laypeople, members of religious orders and clergy from the Archdiocese of Perth who are willing to be called as delegates for the Plenary Council Sessions in October 2020 and June/July 2021. This is an historically significant opportunity for open-hearted, faith-filled people who are committed to the faith, life and ministries of the Catholic Church in Australia and the mission of God. The role will involve prayer, reflection, discernment, formation and an understanding of Plenary Council protocols. As a delegate, you will collaborate with other delegates, participate in the process of communal discernment and actively contribute to activities before, during and after the Plenary Council Sessions. Pick up a leaflet in the foyer for more information.

## New Rosters - Greeters

Greeters are needed on the new rosters being drawn up soon. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. Those on the current roster, are asked to recommit by adding your name to the list.

## Parish Security

Parishioners who have parish keys are asked to confirm that they are still holding the key that was allotted to them. Please phone or email the Parish Secretary, quoting the K number that is on your key.

## St Munchin's School Enrolments

Are you looking to change schools? There are still places from Kindy to Year 6 available for 2020. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to submit an application for enrolment. Please call 9234 7555 or email [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au) and an enrolment package will be sent to you. Enrolment forms may also be printed from our website [www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au](http://www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au)

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## 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](mailto:catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com)

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