

STEP INTO THE LIGHT

Traveling overnight on a plane, the cabin is mostly in darkness. Looking out of the small window, not much can be seen. The flashing lights on the plane's wings are visible, but everything else is covered in darkness, including the sky, and the ground many miles below is shrouded in shadow. There's an eerie silence – the dull drone of the engines the only sounds to be heard, as the plane flies through the night sky.

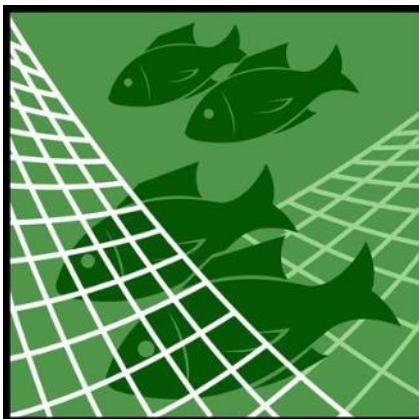
There can be hundreds of passengers on the flight, and millions more people in cities far below, but because of the darkness, the plane can be a lonely place. However, dawn will eventually break, and the first rays of sunlight will penetrate the night sky. After the cabin lights are turned on, passengers in the main cabin will start to stir, and the faces of fellow travellers will come into focus.

In the journey of our life and faith, there can also be periods of darkness where we can feel alone and isolated, even though we may be surrounded by people. These feelings of loneliness and isolation can have a crippling effect on us, especially if it's for extended periods. We might sometimes wonder if, and when, the darkness will end.

But darkness, loneliness, isolation and despair are not what God intended for us or our lives. God provides light and urges us to step towards that light. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow, a light has shone." God calls out to us in the darkness and encourages us to walk towards the light at every moment of our lives. It is for us to listen and to have courage and faith.

The world that we live in is a wonderful place filled with life and light. From the trees, flowers and grass, to the sound of flowing waters and the fall of rain; to the buzzing insects and chirping birds; to the beautiful sunrises and sunsets that colour the sky. Sometimes, we just need to take a deep breath, and let that light and life begin to shine into our lives.

Do not let the darkness overtake or overwhelm you. The Good News of God's Kingdom is all around us. It's in nature; it's in the smiles of people going by; it's in the hello or greeting of a stranger in the supermarket. Where there is life, there is God. Let us embrace the life to which God calls us. Just as the darkness during a flight passes and light returns with the dawn. So too for us. The darkness is not forever; a light has dawned. Let us take that step towards that light.



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26th January, 2020

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

Today's Readings

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

2nd February, 2020

**The Presentation of the Lord
Year A**

Next Sunday's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

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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

Jan 27	Mon	Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops, St Angela Merici
28	Tue	St Thomas Aquinas
30	Thur	St Aedan of Ferns
31	Fri	St John Bosco, St Alban Roe, St Thomas Green
Feb 1	Sat	St Brigid, St Henry Morse

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Fr Gerry Scott CM

Deceased

Joseph Fluchler, Clayton Pereira, Theresa Perret, Irene Weber

Death Anniversary

Marina Burrows, Bernadette D'Amico, Ernesto Dayot Snr, Lawrence Loh, Ivan Tims

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

Connor Eric Brendan McCagh
Son of Luke and Brenda.

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
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Loretta Watson, Rosa Pedulla, Kath Ryan		

Rosters for 1/2 February, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Bette Lyra Theresa Spicer	Kaye Cox	Suzanne Bazzica	Lenny Dacruz	Faye Mitchell, Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh, Vivian Loh Sandra Wren, Remi Biju	Elsa Rehart, Ashton Rica-Franca Joshua Rozario, Aya Van Ingen Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan
Sunday 7.30am	Jackie Hall Yvonne Padua	Franklin D'Cruz	Geoff Mills	Gerard Peters	Peter Mack, Chloe Pereira-Smith Rod McAtee, Ann Ralston	Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun Andrea Martin, Aldric Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Jane Fernandez Ciara Jacob	Ben Gradisen	Jane Fernandez	Dan Hewitt	Servite Sister, Silvana Sciorilli Elsie T-Boundy, Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi, Volunteer	Able Biju, Khryzia Casas Aron Biju, Juan Carlos Bonlongan Emily Crestani, Larissa Farr

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Happy Chinese (Lunar) New Year!

We would like to wish all our Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean parishioners a Happy Lunar New Year!



Special Appeal Bush Fires

There will be a Special Collection for the Bush Fire Appeal at the end of all Masses this weekend.

Happy Australia Day!

May you and your family have a happy and safe Australia Day. There will be no Mass on Monday.



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.

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.

Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses next weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the company of other parishioners. Take a moment to get to know someone new! Thank you to all that have helped out with this roster. The new roster now available in the foyer.



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.



First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in our Parish Centre. 8.30 - 11am.

Have you tried it yet? For everyone!

Treat yourself to some time out, come relax and enjoy!

Our next Coffee Corner is next Friday, 7th February.

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.



Want to enrich your understanding of faith? Begin the new year with New Testament Greek, Basic Theology, Lenten courses, the lives of the Saints and more!

Join us at the Centre of Faith Enrichment for one or more of our daytime, evening and online lessons. There are brochures in the church foyer for more information or to register visit www.cfe.org.au, call 9241 5221 or email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au.

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.

Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 28th January with indoor activities from 9.00am until 11.30am, then out to lunch.



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.

Back to School Youth Night

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had an amazing and possibly productive school holiday. We invite all youth to join us for our first event of 2020, on Friday 7th of February at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. A night of fun, food, friendship and potential complaints about the beginning of the school year. Please register your interest in the church foyer.

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.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Prayer group will recommence this coming Thursday, 30th January at 7.30pm in the church. Please enter via the Corfield Street entrance. The Charismatic spirituality is about finding Jesus in a personal relationship of love with Him, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through you! All are welcome to attend. For more information or general enquiries to Dan 0409 849 049.

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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