

THE NEED TO BELONG

I once baptised three adults at an Easter Vigil. They had a sense of joy and awe during the Easter celebration, especially during their baptism. At the end of Mass, the happy trio said they felt liked they “belonged”.

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The circumcision of Jesus marked his acceptance into the covenant community. This feast tells us that God belongs to our human community. God is incarnate within a family and in a social context. The Son of God enters into the ordinary experiences of human life, even being subjected to the law, in order to bring about the salvation of all.

Luke tells us how Jesus is presented in the temple, as was required by the law of circumcision and purification, obligatory for Jewish firstborn males. This religious practice is written in the book of Exodus of how the Lord spared the life of the Israelite firstborn when he slew the firstborn of the Egyptians. The original idea was that the firstborn male belonged to the Lord and would spend his life serving the Lord.

There were two Jewish customs behind the story. There were two different Jewish customs. One was about the purification of a Jewish mother after childbirth. The other was about the ‘redemption’ of the firstborn male in a Jewish family. The actions taken by Joseph and Mary fulfil what the law prescribes regarding circumcision of the child and purification of the mother. God comes to humanity to be under the law like everyone else.

The prophet Simeon, inspired by the Spirit, praises God for what is revealed. He has now seen the coming of the one who will bring salvation for all peoples. He praises God for the deliverance of Israel that is now fulfilled. God is at work in the world. Jesus’ presentation therefore, signifies God’s entrance into His temple to be present to his people.

For those who are searching for God, the challenge is to find the presence of God in the ordinary world. Sometimes, the pressures of secularism and modern life can reduce our sense of God’s presence in the here and now. Busy schedules, dual-career marriages, and after-school activities can weigh us down, and sensing God’s presence in everyday events is difficult. Families eat fewer meals together and prayer before meals is observed in far fewer homes today.

Today’s feast reminds us of what the Holy Family did to express their deepest awareness of God and their dedication to God’s will. Mary and Joseph saw God at work in events they had experienced. May we always recognise the presence of God in our daily commitments.



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2nd February, 2020

**The Presentation of the Lord
Year A**

Today's Readings

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

9th February, 2020

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10
Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

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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

Feast Days this Week		
Feb 3	Mon	St Ansgar or Oscar, St Blaise, St Laurant of Canterbury, St Dunstan of Canterbury, St Theodore of Canterbury, St Werburg, St Anne Line nee Heigham
4	Tue	St Gilbert of Sempringham, St John de Britto
5	Wed	St Agatha
6	Thur	St Paul Miki and his companions, Sts Gonsalo & Petr Bapista and Companions
7	Fri	St Mel
8	Sat	St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita, St Cuthman of Steyning

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 Dcruz	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
Tellers this week: Loretta Watson, Rosa Pedulla, Kath Ryan					Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Cheryl Andrade, Clint & Thu Barnes	
Rosters for 8/9 February, 2020						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Lance Dcruz	Kaye Cox	Richard Serrano	Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies Cigi Dcruz, Ludette Van Der Spil Faye Mitchell, Christy Ravanez	Patrick Costantino, Lance Dcruz Leslie Dcruz, Angel Donina Cailin Keane, Gabby Keane
Sunday 7.30am	Ann Ralston Eric Almen	Jenny Mills	Ann Ralston	Aruna Ratnasekera	Diana Chong, Russell Lally Peter Mack, Rod McAtee	Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas Josés Thomas, Josey Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Cecilia Jacob	Ciara Jacob	Phillip Magness	Servite Sister, Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni, Anne Brink Jim Brink, Angela Bushby	Linleigh Frasco, Angel Garavillas Paige Jacob, Sanjay Jojo Noel Justin, Sophia Kay

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Dorothy Beachell, Antonio Squillace,
Catherine Callaghan

Deceased

James Murphy

Death Anniversary

Shirley Hoad, Gracie Quadros,
Robert Quadros

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

Funeral Notice

A Service for Catherine Margaret Callaghan
will be conducted on
10.00am Wednesday, 5th February
at Purslowe & Chipper Funerals Chapel,
254 Hampton Road, South Fremantle





SVDP Emergency Relief Phone 1300 794 054

Marycare Contact Maureen 9398 7375 Anne 9490 3377



Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses this 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 who have helped out with this roster. The new roster now available in the foyer.



BACK to SCHOOL - time for celebration because it means a new step towards a wonderful future!

Best wishes to all students, teachers, parents and guardians as the new school year commences. All parents and friends are invited to the opening School Mass which will be celebrated at 9.00am Friday, 7th February.

After School Religious Education Classes

Registrations this week: Wednesday, 5th February at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre for children attending non-Catholic primary schools. Lessons to begin Wednesday 12th February, 4.30-5.30pm. Please bring a copy of Baptism Certificate. 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.

Catechists Still Needed

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 Rosters

Greeters Morning Tea Helpers Children's Liturgy of the Word

Volunteers, please make sure you have the latest roster so that you can attend on the dates allotted to you. The rosters are available in the church foyer. Remember to arrange your own swaps when necessary. Thank you to all those who continue to serve their parish through these various ministries and particularly to those who have offered their services for the first time. May God bless your generosity.



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.**

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.



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. Thanks to those who have already complied.

Salesian Camp,

- an annual gathering of prayer and of strengthening community bonds. Several of our young parishioners attended the annual Salesian camp recently at the Nanga Bush Camp. "... our focus is on providing an environment where like-minded youth can engage with each other in prayer in a fun, engaging way." Well done to all!

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@gosnellspish.org.au



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Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word, normally conducted at our 9.30am Mass, for children 4 years and over (up to Yr 3) will resume next week, 9th February. The children move to the Parish Centre with their Leaders at the beginning of Mass and return to the church in time for the Offertory Procession.

Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 4th February with indoor activities from 9.00am. Enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. BYO lunch. Bingo is at 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over. New members 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.

Catholic Faith Renewal

Invites you, to bring your family & friends to enjoy this evening of : Song of praise (7.30pm) Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm) Sharing by Fr Greg Donovan on "Awakening the Gifts Within". Fellowship & Light supper, Friday 7 February 2020 St John & Paul's Church, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton.

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.

Columbarium Coin Collection

Thank you to all parishioners who place their loose change into the Coin Collection Container in the foyer to support the maintenance of the Parish Columbarium.

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Prayer group continues on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the church. 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 welcome. For more information call Dan 0409 849 049.

Grief Recovery Method Program

This program addresses many of the feelings that are experienced as a consequence of the death of a loved one or other significant emotional loss.

Catholic Outreach's Betty Thompson, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist and John Paul Care Bereavement Support Coordinator, will be facilitating a seven-week program on the Grief Recovery Method starting 18 February, Tuesdays 4.30-6.30pm. For further information contact: Betty Thompson, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist on 0438 858 212 or officer.outreach@perthcatholic.org.au
Limited spaces register by 4th February 2020.



Just a reminder of the 8 km speed limit throughout the school and church grounds. Carparks are never a place for speeding or inattention as it risks somebody, especially children, being severely injured or killed - something we never want to happen in our school or church grounds.

All members of our community are responsible for the safety and welfare of others.

Please remember to observe the 8km or less speed limit when driving in the school grounds, especially on school days. Be patient, observant and tolerant.



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