

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Over the next few weeks we will continue to listen to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. Today we hear of four (of six) examples of 'surpassing righteousness' which emerge out of the beatitudes and the images of salt and light we've heard over the past two weeks. Righteousness is a quality of God, as the beatitudes remind us.

All six bear upon right relationship between people, and what we're offered here, Jesus says, is meant to fulfill, or complete the law, not abolish it. A clue to the gospel's meaning is in the second paragraph where Jesus says, 'you will never get into the kingdom' if you think it's a matter of simply conforming to an agreed set of rules. Jesus is concerned with a change of heart, a new way of life that is centred on God.

So, we're not just opposed to murder, but to the anger that lies at the heart of it, as the recent stories of angry, murderous young men reveal. Jesus urges us to deal with it decisively, because if left to fester it will bring us undone. Leave your offering at the altar and go and be reconciled with your brother and sister. It's not only our anger, but theirs too we're concerned with.

Similarly, when it comes to adultery, we must deal with whatever stokes our desire. There have been enough disturbing stories of people addicted to what's on their smartphones for us to realise that we might need to act. That's what Jesus is getting at when he says chop it off, pluck it out.

With divorce, it's not enough for a man to say, legally I'm allowed to do this – except in the case of infidelity – says Jesus, but there's more to it than that. Jesus isn't on about legalities – though we may turn it into this. Instead he proposes a 'vision of marriage', where a man and a woman pledge themselves to each other.

Finally, we know how prone we are to equivocating in our daily lives. Indeed, with the influence of social media and the 24-hour news cycle these days, we're said to live in a 'post-truth' age and no amount of swearing on the bible will counteract this. What does Jesus say? We have to learn to trust one another, otherwise no relationship, no truth.

The gospel is about the heart of the matter. We're not to be distracted by a literal reading, for its dramatic language, meant to stop us in our tracks, reveals 'the hidden wisdom of God', as Paul says in the second reading, given to us 'for our glory.'



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16th February, 2020

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-27

23rd February, 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

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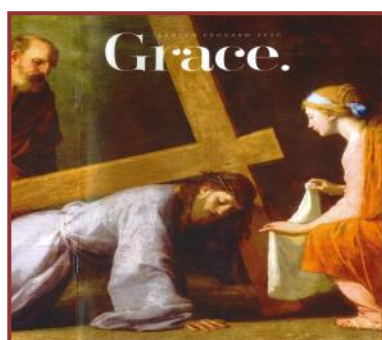
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Sunday Bulletin

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



Coming Soon

Monthly Parish Breakfast TODAY

In the Parish Centre
after morning Masses.
Come along and enjoy a
great menu with
fellow parishioners.
Toasties, full breakfast and lots more.
No charge for tea, coffee or juice.



Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Anne Giglia, Karl Aguiar,
Elizabeth, George, Andy Giglia,
Valerie Lieveaux, Fr John Liszka,
Valerie

Our Sick

Annabella Magness, Richard Bisnath,
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

Feb 17	Mon	The Seven Founders of the Servite Order, St Fintan of Clonenagh
21	Fri	St Peter Damien, St Robert Southwell

Rosters for 15/16 February, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Bette Lyra	Faye Mitchell	Lynette Lieveaux	Martin Loh	Bridget Soh, Vivian Loh Sandra Wren, Remi Biju Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies	Patrick Costantino, Lance Dcruz Leslie Dcruz, Angel Donina Cailin Keane, Gabby Keane
Sunday 7.30am	Wendie Almen Jackie Hall	Jeanette Pedulla	Deb Wild	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith, Ann Ralston Diana Chong, Russell Lally	Michael Almen, Tom Antu Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun
Sunday 9.30am	Brenda Ring Robert Szlezak	Helen Magness	Hedwig Kanari	Nigel Hayward	Servite Sister, Maureen Byrne Carolina Hayward, Kerry Keys Helen Magness, Lorna Mitchell	Enrico Labrador, Elain Labrador Alexander Lim, Keanu Malagui-Hicks Alexandria Newman, Nicole Oo
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay				Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodrigues		

Rosters for 22/23 February, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Richard Serrano	Faye Mitchell	Colin Loh	Cigi Dcruz, Vivian Loh Faye Mitchell, Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh, Ludette Van Der Spil	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Lucas Morphett, Jemima Pinto Matthew Ravanez, Josue Ravanez
Sunday 7.30am	Yvonne Padua Ann Ralston	Kath Ryan	Cheryl Andrade	Larry Cavallo	Peter Mack, Rod McAtee Chloe Pereira-Smith, Ann Ralston	Andrea Martin, Aldric Ratnasekera Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Elsie T-Boundy Hanna Allen	Tiffany Mitchell	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Dan Hewitt	Servite Sister, Geraldine Pereira Peta Phillips, Silvana Sciorilli Elsie T-Boundy, Evelyn Yozzi	Isabelle Phillips, Erin Pickering Yatunika Shelvan, Seren Adams Thomas Armoogum, Able Biju

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The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Parents

For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, will visit Australia this year on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, Saints Louis and Zelig Martin. They will be in Western Australia in late April to May. They will be in our parish Thursday, 7th May 2020. Do keep that day free. More information will be given in the weeks to come.

Servite Feast Day

We would like to wish our Servite Sisters, Sr Christina, Sr Fatima, Sr Severie and Sr Stella a Happy Feast Day for Monday as they celebrate the Feast of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

Wanted: Your Old Palms

Please bring your old palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration. These will be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. A box is in the foyer to receive the palms.

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.

New Rosters - Proclaimers of the Word

Readers and Commentators 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 rosters, are asked to recommit by adding your name to the list. Training will be provided for new Proclaimers of the Word.

Post ACYF - Challenge Accepted!

Post ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival) follow-up event. If you weren't able to make it to ACYF last year or you have ACYF withdrawal symptoms, be sure to attend our Post ACYF Event – Challenge Accepted. Join us for local ACYF workshop presenters and musicians from Perth! Open to 14-30 year olds on Saturday 29th February, 1pm-5pm at the Newman Siena Centre AND IT'S FREE! Please register at www.cym.com.au

Vinnies

WHEN YOU CARE, LIVES ARE CHANGED. Your Vinnies thank you for your continued support of our Poor Box. Donation Envelopes are provided adjacent to the Poor Box for your convenience. Should you require a Tax Deductible Receipt, please remember to complete the coupon attached to the Envelopes. God Bless.

JEDO

The Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO) will be hosting two workshops on 'Reading the Signs of the Times'. The event(s) will be hosted on Thursday, 27th February and 5th March, 9:30am – 11:30am. More information on the notice board.

Charismatic Renewal - Opening Year Mass

Held Friday, 21st Feb starting at 7.00pm with praise, at St Bernadette's Parish, 49 Jugan St, Glendalough. Evening includes Mass, Prayer & Praise, Prayer Team Ministry, and concludes with a light supper. Our CCR Chaplain, Fr Ted Miller, is the main Celebrant. All are welcome. Come along and, with brothers and sisters in the Lord, let us officially 'kick off' our year of service in the Kingdom! Queries to Dan on 0409 849 049.

Lenten Reflection Day

All are welcome to join us at the Schoenstatt Shrine for our Annual Lenten Reflection Day. The theme this year is "Wake Up and Awaken Each Other". Sunday, 8th March 1.30pm-4.00pm at the Schoenstatt Centre, 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon. The cost is \$10 per family which includes afternoon tea & Children's program. For more information or bookings, please phone Philomena on 0417 936 757 by 5th March or email schoenstattwa@gmail.com. Led by Sr. M. Elizabeth Foley & Schoenstatt Families. Enjoy a time of prayer and reflection at the beginning of Lent. Experience the love of God and Our Lady at the Schoenstatt Shrine.

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@gosnellsparrish.org.au



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Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 18th 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.



Children's Activities next week

All families with young children are encouraged to join in the fun and activities after 9.30am Mass next Sunday. Please see Lorna if you would like to help out.



Join Fr Gino Henriques for a weekend retreat "The Joy of the Gospel" Friday, 1st May, 6.00pm to Sunday 3rd May, 5.00pm in the tranquil grounds of Advent Park, Maida Vale. Each day will begin with morning Prayers, Praise & Worship, followed by teachings from Fr Gino. Daily Holy Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more Information call Charles 0413 755 799, Ron or Rita 0422 917 054 or email: catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com

Divine Will Prayer Group

Weekly prayer meetings begin on Monday, 17th February at 11am in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Gosnells. Come along to pray for your family, Parish, Country and the world. We also study the fully church approved writings of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. For more information contact call Kath 0410904293



St Brigid's College 2021 Scholarships

Applications are invited from students entering Years 7 and 10 in 2021 to sit the St Brigid's College Scholarship Examinations. For further information and to download an Application Form, please visit the College website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/enrol/enrolments/>

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 6th March. The Examination date is Saturday, 21st March 2020. Please return the completed Application Form to the Principal's Assistant via email to guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au.

St Munchin's School Enrolments

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 and an enrolment package will be sent to you. Enrolment forms may also be printed from our website www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au

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.



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tutors can provide essential information, which will give you the best chance to achieve your pregnancy naturally. Ring for a friendly chat on 1800 335 860, (03) 9802 2022 or visit our website: www.billings.life

Grief to Grace

The next Grief to Grace program in Australia will run from Tuesday 20th to Sunday 25th October 2020 in Perth, Western Australia. Grief to Grace is a spiritually-based program ministering to adults who have suffered from the scourge of abuse, abandonment or neglect. This includes individuals who have been abused physically, sexually, emotionally or spiritually by spouses / partners, clergy, family members, and others. We welcome lay people, priests, clergy, and religious who are struggling with these wounds and seeking the healing power of Jesus Christ. The Grief to Grace program is residential, structured, and runs for five days, and uses large and small group work combined with somatic healing approaches. Although the program uses a Catholic framework, we welcome people of any or no religious practice or belief. Intake for the October program closes on 1st May 2020. For more information and forms, please visit our website at <https://rachelsvineyardministriesperth.wordpress.com/grief-to-grace/>



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