LIVING A MORAL LIFE

Gordon Gekko, the infamous lead character in the 1987 movie *Wall Street*, uttered the dictum, "Greed is good", which was to become the anthem for the decade of the 80s. Greed, or variously avarice and covetousness, are one of the Seven Deadly Sins, that popular list of "cardinal vices" that seem to have entered Catholic lore back in the 13th century.

The Seven Deadly Sins (pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth) have left their imprint on art and literature over the centuries. They figure in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch. Stephan Sondheim's musical *Getting Away with Murder*, Kurt Weill's opera and ballet *The Seven Deadly Sins*, as well as the 1995 movie *Se7en* all took the cardinal vices as their leitmotif.

The impetus behind this listing of sins is founded on the notion that simply following rules or laws is not enough to ensure a moral life. Observing the letter of the moral code may make one appear virtuous; but genuine virtue derives from the quality of one's character. To live a moral life, one must cultivate virtuous habits and avoid habitual vices.

The same thought is woven through today's readings, where Moses, Jesus and Paul recommend the habitual practices of love over envy, mercy over wrath, and generosity over greed.

Such a lifestyle that seeks to foster the virtue of loving neighbour and enemy alike might seem foolish or unwise, as Paul notes. It would appear to be counterintuitive to let one's guard down, to build bridges across economic, cultural and ideological boundaries, rather than to construct walls that perpetuate such divisions. It may also challenge our natural inclinations to be greedy and jealous of own ideas, culture and lifestyle. Being generous, merciful and inclusive may require us to give up some aspects of our cherished possessions.

Pope Francis has noted that human morality is akin to the maintenance of ecological balance in the world. Just as we can violate and compromise the environment by polluting our waterways and air with toxic waste, we can do violence to our moral ecology when we sully our relationships with discord, dissension, fear, mistrust and alienation.

Vices such as greed, wrath, pride, envy or more accurately avarice (Lt *avarus*, meaning "to crave"), becomes injurious to the moral ecology when "wanting more" or "wanting what others don't have" becomes obsessions that pollute and poison relationships with other people.

In *Wall Street*, Gordon Gekko, typified the person whose obsession to possess money, power and influence would lead him to sacrifice all the relationships in his life. Today's readings ask us to reflect on our relationships and consider how our obsessions may be preventing us from a more fulfilling engagement with our neighbours and with God.

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23rd February, 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Today's Readings
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

1st March, 2020

1st Sunday of Lent
Year A
Next Sunday's Readings
Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

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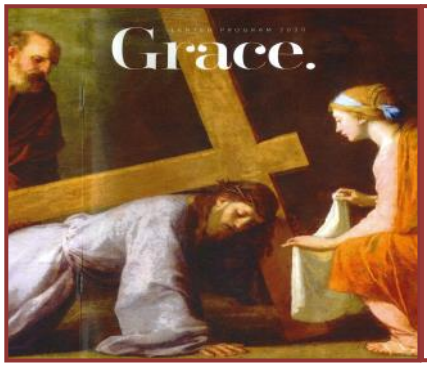
Sunday Bulletin

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



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Death Anniversary

Cesar Alicante, Theresa Marbeck,
Filomeno Sevilla, Juana Sevella,
Natalia Torremocha

Deceased

Alvara Alicante

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 25	Tue	St Ethelbert
26	Wed	Ash Wednesday
28	Thur	St Oswald

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 Yatumika Shelvan, Seren Adams Thomas Armoogum, Able Biju
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodrigues					Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak	

Rosters for 29 February/1 March, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Aya Van Ingen	Natasha Pinto	Lenny Dcruz	Sandra Wren, Remi Biju Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies Cigi Dcruz, Vivian Loh	Elsa Rehart, Ashton Rica-Franca Joshua Rozario, Aya Van Ingen Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Alaster Croning	Greg Drew	Geoff Mills	Diana Chong, Russell Lally Peter Mack, Rod McAtee	Joses Thomas, Josey Thomas Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Jude Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Lenny Rodaje	Clarence Pereira	Phillip Magness	Servite Sister, Joe Yozzi Francisco Aung, Michael Ayeni Anne Brink, Volunteer	Aron Biju, Juan Carlos Bonlongan Khryzia Casas, Emily Crestani Larissa Farr, Linleigh Frasco

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Project Compassion Sunday
23rd February 2020

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Go Further Together". Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Family Activities Sunday

Join us after 9.30am Mass today. Lots of fun activities and lots of eats for the children. All ages welcome.

Ash Wednesday

9.00am Whole School Mass
7.00pm Community Mass
Please note there will be No 8.00am Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross
7.00pm
Every Friday
during Lent

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.

The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and Parents

St Therese of Lisieux is one of the patron saints of mission. St Therese loved the work of mission and wanted to travel to spread the Gospel all over the world and show how Jesus loves all people. One of the famous things she said was '*I would like to preach the Gospel on all five continents…*' Though St Therese never actually went on mission, she is a patron saint of mission because what makes a missionary is not the legs but the heart! A missionary is a person whose heart burns with love of Christ. The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her that of her parents, Sts Louise and Zelie Martin will be present in our parish on Thursday, 7th May 2020.

Parish Breakfast Thank You

A big thank you to all who supported our Parish Breakfast last weekend. A special thanks to our Parish Social Committee and all their helpers for the delicious breakfast (and takeaway lunches). A total of $567.15 was raised to assist Parish funds.

New Rosters - Proclaimers of the Word

Please collect your new roster from the foyer today. Commentators should arrive at least 15 minutes before their rostered Mass and let the Acolyte know that you are there. Readers are asked to prepare for their ministry by using 'Break Open The Word' a book for Readers, which is available in the Church foyer. Remember to organise your own swaps from the list provided if you cannot attend when rostered. Thank you to all those who are helping out with this ministry.

Vinnies

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

Lenten Reflection Day - "Wake Up and Awaken Each Other"

All are welcome to join us at the Schoenstatt Shrine for our Annual Lenten Reflection Day. Sunday, 8th March 1.30pm-4pm at the Centre. To book or for more info, please phone Philomena on 0417 936 757 by 5th March or email schoestattwa@gmail.com.

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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Golden Age Club

There is no club day this week, as members will be enjoying an outing to the Casino, leaving the Corfield Street carpark at 9.30am.

Youth Night

Thank you to all those who turned out and helped us prepare for our first youth event of 2020. We hereby invite you to join us again on the 6th of March in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm for another night of fun, food and faith. Please register your interest in the church foyer.

40 Days for Life

We are inviting you and your community to join us in prayer from 26 Feb—12 Apr for the next 40 Days for Life campaign. Every year, babies in Perth are saved from abortion through this peaceful witness when their parents changed their minds outside the clinic. The peaceful prayer vigil will occupy the grassed public verge outside the Nanyara Clinic at 2 Cleaver Terrace, Rivervale. Prayer volunteers are needed Monday to Saturday over the 40 days, from 9am to 5pm. All we need is your presence and prayers. Our trained sidewalk advocates speak with clients, and offer genuine, practical support and follow-up for any woman or couple who choose life for their baby, using a network of local pregnancy support services. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer for those wanting to participate. For more information, or to donate to the campaign, please contact Ruth Vakulcyzk the Vigil Coordinator for 40 Days for Life Perth on 0418 912 532

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.

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

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

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.

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.

Divine Will Prayer Group

We will meet on Monday's at 11am in the Church. 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 Kath on 0410904293.

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. 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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