

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US

Shocked and bewildered after the brutal execution of Jesus, two of the disciples were wrestling with the horrific events they had been swept up in. In their trauma, they were discussing the words and promises of Jesus about the coming Reign of God, and how cruelly their hopes had been shattered with his arrest and crucifixion. They had expected Jesus to be the Messiah, fulfilling the ancient hopes of Israel.

But they were even more baffled by reports from some women in their group that Jesus was not dead. How could this be after what they had been through?

Curiously, they do not recognise Jesus when he starts walking by their side, asking why they were so downcast. He patiently explains how the prophets and Scriptures point to the Christ. They still do not recognise him until at the meal that evening, he breaks the bread, but then disappears. Amazed, they hurry back to Jerusalem with their news, to hear that Jesus had also appeared to Simon.

What an amazing incident. No wonder it was so treasured by the early Christians. Who among us today would not welcome Jesus joining us in our journey, walking with us, and explaining how God's grace was unfolding in the mystery of our lives?

The message of St Luke is that Christ does indeed walk with us in our life journey, as a community in the breaking of bread, the Eucharist, but as individuals too, in our joys and sadness. Some people have a deep sense of God's love and presence in their lives and families. But others may not feel the closeness of God's touch, and long for such a sense of love and intimacy. It can seem like God is playing hide-and-seek with them.

This is not a bad thing. We are all seekers, and God loves nothing more than for us to seek him out, each in our own way. Just as the relationship between two lovers is unique, so is our relationship with God. We long to know more about how intensely God loves us, even to the point of laying down his life in Jesus in his total commitment to all humanity.

We are all especially called into the mystery of his Resurrection, by contributing in our own tiny perhaps but graced way of loving and working to transform the earth into a realm of peace and justice, while realising that Jesus identifies most with those who are distressed or oppressed. We can be sure that God delights in our little lives, and longs to walk with us, especially when our faces are downcast in difficult times. Then we hope we too may feel our hearts burning within us.



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Gosnells Catholic Parish

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26th April, 2020

**3rd Sunday of Easter
Year A**

Today's Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-23
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

3rd May, 2020

**4th Sunday of Easter
Year A**

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

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Sunday Bulletin

Temporary Church Closure

The Federal Government has ordered the closure of all churches to help limit the spread of the Coronavirus. All private prayer, all prayer groups in the Church and all Masses are temporarily suspended until further notice.

Baptisms and confirmations are postponed except in the case of emergencies. Weddings and funerals are allowed under strict conditions, as is Anointing of the Sick. Individual confession is still available by appointment, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Our parish office remains open from 9am-1.30pm Tuesday-Friday for now, and can be reached by phone on 9398 2331 or by email at secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

The Archdiocese will be offering various suggestions and resources via their webpage www.perthcatholic.org.au or visit <http://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au> directly for a series of prayer and worship resources for individuals and families to use.

Fr Philip is inviting you to the following scheduled ZOOM meeting where Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 9.30am. This will be a recurring meeting at 9.30am each Sunday. Click the 'Join Zoom Meeting' link about 5 minutes before the scheduled start. Please remember to mute your microphone before Mass.

Our Lady Of The Most Blessed Sacrament Sunday Mass 9.30am

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7067419507>

Meeting ID: 706 741 9507

For those familiar with 'One tap mobile':

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Mass will also be available on our Facebook page at Catholic Parish of Gosnells.

Archbishop Costelloe SDB will be live-streaming Mass every Sunday morning from 11.00am via the following links:

- Archdiocesan Website: www.perthcatholic.org.au
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/catholicarchdioceseofperth
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/perthcatholic

Sunday Mass is also available through 'Mass on Demand' at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ and 'Mass for You at Home' at 6.00am every Sunday morning on Channel 10.

Contributions To The Parish

A few people in the parish have asked how to continue their planned giving. If you are able to continue, you can either bring your planned giving offering to the office, Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 1.30pm or deposit it to the following bank account:

Account Name: Parish of Gosnells

BSB Number: 086006

Account Number: 773984777

Reference: PG - *** (your envelope number eg PG-157)

For other contributions to assist the parish, please quote LC-750 as your reference.

Direct Debit Facility

If you are interested in using our parish's direct debit facility to ensure that your planned giving contribution is maintained, please contact the parish office.

Do We Have Your Email?

We have been sending out important messages like pastoral letters from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and the lyrics to the hymns that will be sung at Mass on Sunday to those on our email database. If you wish to have these sent to you, please forward us your email address and we will add you to our database.

Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Lance Manser, Margaret Manser

Deceased

John McNess

Our Sick

Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira,
John Warui, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, 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

Apr 27	Mon	St Louis Marie Grignon de Monfort, St Asicus, St Maughold
28	Tue	St Peter Chanel, Martyr
29	Wed	St Catherine of Siena
30	Thu	Pope St Pius V, St Marie of the Incarnation, Our Lady of Africa
May 1	Fri	St Joseph the Worker
2	Sat	St Athanasius

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COVID-19 means that churches are temporarily closed for parish Masses. During this time may we ask that cash donations in Project Compassion boxes or envelopes be sent

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Please do not send cash in the mail.

Also, include your completed box top or envelope if you need a tax receipt.

or: visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion to make your donation online.

or: by phone (08) 9422 7925. This is Caritas' Highgate WA office.

Calls are forwarded to Deacon Paul Reid, during COVID-19 office closure.

or: 1800 024 413 This is Caritas' National Office.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 appeal.

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Thank You

Thank you everyone for your prayers and support on the passing of my mother, Catherine Perreau. She was 97 years old and had a good life.

Sincerely, Fr Philip

Keep In Contact

This is a difficult time for many. As we keep our distance while out, we must remember that it is essential for us to keep in contact with one another by phone. Think of at least three people to keep in contact with to relieve the oppression of being isolated from each other. In this way, we keep united as a parish. Fr Philip is also still available if anyone wants to talk with him.

Anzac Day

Lest we forget. Since regular public marches and services are cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis, we may be isolated but will not forget this Anzac Day. We are invited to stand at the end of the driveway at 6am, light a candle and share a minute's silence to commemorate Anzac Day. Thank you to all those who serve our nation through the armed services.



Vinnies

Vinnies WA are now collecting non-perishable food donations at four locations around Perth from Tuesday 28th April. Please visit www.vinnieswa.org.au for drop off points and a full list of items that are in desperate need to help our most vulnerable in our

community. Our stores are still closed until further notice. If you still wish to make a donation to help the most vulnerable in our community, please call 13 18 12 or donate online at www.vinnieswa.org.au

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.

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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St Frances of Rome (1348-1440)

Feast Day: March 9

St Frances was born to a well-to-do Roman family in the Travasterre district of Rome in 1384 during a time of upheaval and misery in that city. She married at thirteen to Lorenzo Ponziano, a prominent Roman figure. Their marriage of forty years, which produced two sons and a daughter, was a union blessed by great love and mutual respect.

Frances and her sister-in-law, Vannoza, joined a love for their own families to a life of service to the poor and hungry suffering from the fierce civil wars then disrupting Italy and the Papal States. When plague spread through the crowded city of Rome, Frances sold her jewels and valuables for food for the stricken.

In 1408, her husband's family was impoverished and persecuted during an invasion of antipapal troops led by Ladislaus of Naples. In 1410, Ladislaus again invaded the city and the Ponziano castle was looted and their holdings in the Compagna were burned and destroyed.

From the harsh treatment he received, Lorenzo was a broken man for the rest of his life, sustained only by his wife's loving care. In 1413, Frances' son, Evangelist, died from another plague that spread through the city. Yet, in spite of her burdens, she turned part of her house into a hospital to care for children who were victims of the pestilence. Soon after, her daughter, Agnes died.

About the year 1414, the Ponziano family regained their properties and their remaining son, Battista, married a beautiful girl named Mobilia. Her new daughter-in-law had nothing but contempt for Frances, however, and was only reconciled after being nursed by her mother-in-law through a severe illness.

Frances was eagerly sought after for her counsel and comfort by countless Romans who came to admire her character. She gathered other women to care for the needy and about 1426, founded the Oblates of Mary, later known as the Oblates of Tode Specchi. Lorenzo died in 1436 and Frances entered the community. She was soon elected as its superior. She died on March 9, 1440, and was revered by great crowds of people who came to honour her from all parts of the city.

Merciful Father, help us to serve you faithfully in all the situations of our life.

Taken from 'The Book of Saints'



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<http://www.thoidiemmaria.net/Saints/mar/mar9.jpg>

COVID-19 Information And Updates In Your Language

For those of you whose first language is not English or who have family members who can't speak English very well, please share the link below. Reading or listening to information about the Corona virus and COVID-19 disease in your preferred language is always more educational. Please follow the link below and choose your language: <https://www.sbs.com.au/language/coronavirus>



Dear friends of the Centre for Faith Enrichment,
Christ is Risen! Eastertide is upon us and as promised the Centre for Faith Enrichment remains operational albeit in an online teaching capacity. For a variety of courses and events that explore the wonderful richness of our Catholic tradition visit: www.cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/. All courses are live and interactive, which requires you to be in front of your computer (or dial in via a toll-free number) at the established time. Click on your preferred option, register for the course/event and we will send you information on how to connect. In Christ, Marco, Tracy and the CFE presenters.



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