

THE SPACE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Soviet cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, was the first man to rocket into space. In 1961 when he returned to earth he said: "I went up into space but I saw no angels and did not meet God." Similarly, Gherman Titov, whose mission followed Gagarin's a few months later, gave speeches to large crowds at the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle that included a similar sentiment.

It is a recurring theme in Western pop culture to oppose science and religion: science gives us concrete, indisputable knowledge, whereas religion gives us stories and dreams. Jesus's miracles, his resurrection from the dead and his ascension to the right hand of the Father: these contradict what science knows about the world. Such beliefs are therefore impossible; they are pie in the sky fantasy.

The world is a closed, coherent system of physical cause and effect; there is no place for God, for spiritual beings like angels or demons; no heaven or hell; no goodness or evil beyond or above the human mind. There is only the world that science studies, the physical world that can be measured and accurately predicted, the world that can be controlled, harnessed for human-specific ends.

Such is the story that scientism, an ideology, tells itself and anyone else who will listen. (Science in itself tells no story at all; it only uses specific methods to make observations and draws conclusions based on specific assumptions.) Scientism is based on a myth. In fact, any ultimate explanation of reality, good or bad, weak or strong, profound (like religion) or unsophisticated (like scientism), demands an organising story-intelligence. We always require "myth" to give a frame and a context that allows us to organise our kinds of knowledge, like science.

The Ascension: Jesus "was lifted up, and a cloud hid him from their sight." Was Jesus the first spaceman, riding his invisible rocket up into the sky? If so, he would have fallen back down. And if he could have lived to tell, he would have said, like the Soviet cosmonauts, that he did not see God up there above the clouds. Or rather, was the cloud that hid him the "cloud of glory" that enshrouds the unapproachable Almighty God?

Was the heaven he entered the heaven that the physical sky above symbolises, reflects, points to, makes manifest? I, for one, do not doubt that on that day, two millennia ago, Jesus, risen from the dead, ascended physically into the sky before the eyes of his astounded followers. Science cannot tell me if the Ascension is true or false. The Ascension, however, gives science all the room it requires to do its work. So which approach to reality? Scientism or religion, is the more sophisticated, more coherent, more in touch with the way things really are?

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24th May, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

Today's Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

31st May, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

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Sunday Bulletin

Dear Parishioners,

Further to the easing of some Covid-19 restrictions, I am happy to advise that the parish has resumed Mass celebrations and offering Communion Services from Wednesday 20th May, 2020. Unfortunately, only 20 people are allowed to attend any liturgy, and as per Government Directives, Priests must ensure that the name and contact details of every person who enters a church for any reason is recorded. These records are to be retained by the parish. Inevitably, the majority of the faithful will still not be able to attend. The faithful continue to be dispensed of their obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Parish Masses and Communion Services will be celebrated at the following times:

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

The Sunday 9.30am Mass will continue to be live-streamed each week via ZOOM.

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 Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GosnellsCatholicParish/>

Weekday Mass

Monday 8.00am

Tuesday 8.00am & 5.30pm

Wednesday 8.00am & 5.30pm

Thursday 8.00am & 5.30pm

Friday 9.00am & 7.00pm

Saturday 8.00am

Weekend Communion Service

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.00pm (every 10 minutes- 4.30pm, 4.40pm, the last being 4.50pm)

Sunday 11.00pm - 12.00noon (every 10 minutes from 11.00am, the last being 11.50am)

Weekday Communion Service

Tuesday 8.30am-9.00am (every 10 minutes - 8.30am, 8.40am, 8.50am)

Wednesday 8.30am-9.00am (every 10 minutes - 8.30am, 8.40am, 8.50am)

Thursday 8.30am-9.00am (every 10 minutes - 8.30am, 8.40am, 8.50am)

Who can attend Mass or Communion Service?

Everyone! All of your children, irrespective of age, your non Catholic spouse are all invited to attend Mass with you. It is important that you come with your family, if at all possible.

Weekend and Weekday Masses

If you wish to attend any of the Masses listed above, please provide the following details:

1. Your Name, Address, Email address, Telephone number.
2. The Names of each other member of the family (including all children) who will be attending with you.
3. Which Mass you would like to attend or indicate 'any' of two or three Masses.

I will be drawing lots to see who will attend the next Sunday Masses and advise those selected. You may also indicate that you could attend any Mass or just the morning or evening Masses or any of two or three particular Mass times.

The evening weekday Masses have been added especially for those who have children attending school who might wish to attend, and those who may be at work in the morning.

Confessions will be offered on appointment. Please contact me to make arrangements.

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Sonia and her child,
Cecil Wagstaff

Death Anniversary

Lesley LeGuay, Nora Mitchell,
Nick Ottobrinio

Deceased

Alan Acaso, Andres Acaso, Dominic Acaso,
Bernadette D'Amico, Nick D'Amico,
Santos Lopez, Iris Lyra,
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Motcha Mary, Philomena, Santiago

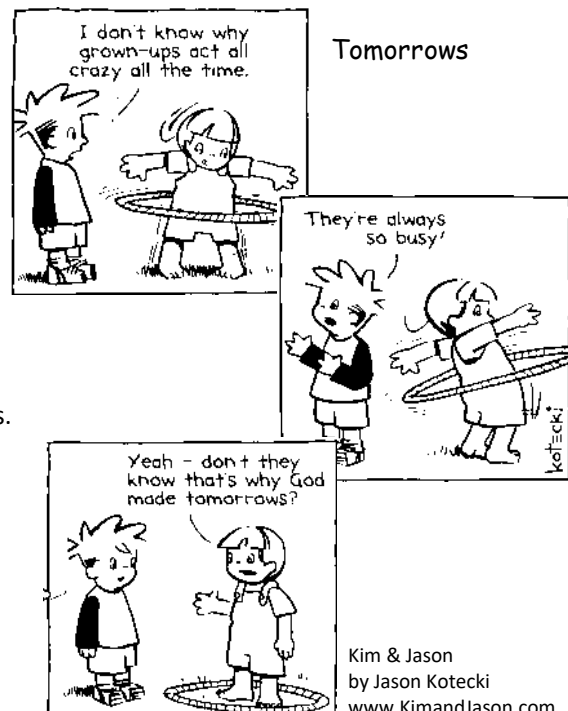
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Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira,
John Warui, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Hirute Selassie,
Peter Cox, Mary Hazel Calupig,
Bill Tucker, Margaret Evans,
Rene Priest, Erika Magness,
Ian Ballantyne, Mavis Hall,
Rose Thomas



Feast Days this Week

May 25	Mon	Our Lady, Help of Christians
26	Tue	St Philip Neri
27	Wed	St Augustine of Canterbury
29	Fri	Pope St Paul VI
30	Sat	St Joan of Arc, St Luke Kirby, St Walstan, The Yorkshire Martyrs



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Communion Services

If you wish to attend a Communion Service, please provide the following details:

1. Your Name, Address, Email address, Telephone number.
2. The Names of each other member of the family (including all children) who will be attending with you.
3. Which Communion Service you would like to attend, or indicate 'any'.

Communion service will be offered every 10 minutes, e.g. for Sunday, this will be at 11.00am, 11.10am, 11.20am, 11.30am, 11.40am and 11.50am.

If there are more than 20 people wanting the same time, I will draw lots to see who will attend that Communion Service time and advise those selected.

Please note that this will be your selected time each week.

Important Things To Note

1. You must arrive on time. The doors will be closed at the starting time.
2. You will be required to sit on the reserved pews. (This will make cleaning the pews easier after each service.)
3. There is the requirement of social distancing except where members of the same family can sit together.
4. Persons who feel unwell, who have flu/respiratory symptoms, elevated body temperatures or who have been in contact with persons suspected to have, or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are not permitted to enter churches.
5. When entering the church grounds from Isdell Place for 8.00am Mass, PLEASE DO NOT PARK in front of the Parish Centre where building works are in progress.

Volunteers Are Needed

We need volunteers to be ushers and greeters at the door.

We need volunteers to wipe down the pews after Mass and Communion Service. You will need to bring your own gloves. If you can help in these areas, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please pass this information on to other parishioners who may not have email.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr Philip

Email: philip.perreau@perthcatholic.org.au or Telephone: 9398 2331

Archdiocesan Mass

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

- Archdiocesan Website: www.perthcatholic.org.au
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ
- 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.

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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The Month of May, The Month Of Mary

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. CS 102, 103

We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday this month.

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.

New Norcia Institute for Benedictine Studies

We are pleased to advise that the New Norcia Guesthouse and Retreats are once again open for bookings! For more information about our coming programs in July and September or to book please visit our Web shop at shop.newnoria.wa.edu.au, call the Guesthouse on 9654 8002 or email guesthouse@newnoria.wa.edu.au.

Shalom World

Look out for access to Shalom World TV via the Media Gallery available now on our parish website. Shalom World TV is a high-definition television channel of the Shalom Ministries committed to producing high-quality Catholic content such as Daily Mass, devotionals, shows, music, youth programs, children's programs, conventions, retreats, and cultural exchange segments.



Vinnies COVID-19 Emergency Appeal

Thank you to all those who donated food over the last few weeks, your generosity has helped the most vulnerable in our community in the short term. COVID-19 has put increased pressure on disadvantaged families who are already struggling to pay the rent, maintain their health and prepare for the winter months. With unemployment in Australia reaching new levels, many families are turning to us for support. Donate to our COVID-19 Emergency Appeal to help Western Australians doing it tough. To make a donation please visit www.vinnieswa.org.au, call 13 18 12 or place a donation in the SVDP Poor Box in the back of the church. Stay safe and stay well.



Enrolments For 4-year-old Kindergarten 2021 At St Munchin's

Children born from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017. We invite parents and caregivers to submit an application for enrolment as soon as possible. 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 If you are aware of relatives and friends who are hoping to enrol their child/ren in 4-year-old Kindergarten for 2021, please encourage them to contact the school to arrange enrolment.



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. Click on your preferred option, register for the course/event and we will send you information on how to connect.



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