

JUSTICE AND MERCY

In our human way of seeing things, we are inclined to see justice and mercy as opposed values. At the very least, we give priority to legal rights and human justice as the very basis for a workable society. We think qualities like empathy, compassion, forgiveness and mercy might have a secondary place, but justice is surely the abiding social principle.

Even the Church presents us with principles of “social justice” rather than speaking of “social mercy”! Today’s readings present us with the image of a God in whom justice and mercy meet.

Furthermore, the writer of Wisdom suggests to us that divine mercy is at the very heart of divine justice: “You are mild in judgment and govern us with great lenience ... and yet you never judge unjustly”. God, it seems, cannot act justly towards us without also acting mercifully – with tenderness, love and forgiveness.

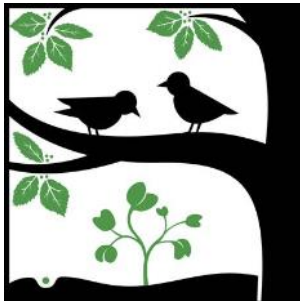
Elsewhere in the Scriptures (2 Samuel), the problem with ‘merciless justice’ is evident in the account of King David. When confronted with the story of a rich man stealing a poor man’s sheep, David was outraged to the point of saying “he must die!”.

To this, the prophet Nathan replies: “You are the man!”.

Nathan reminds David of his sins, including murder and adultery. Now David’s commitment to ‘cold and unfeeling justice’ for others is replaced by his cry for forgiveness and mercy for himself. David repents, knowing his need for God’s ‘merciful justice’.

Mercy is also highlighted in the life and preaching of Jesus shown in the parable of the sower who was blighted with dandel or weeds being sown among the wheat. What is he to do? If he pulls out the weedy dandel, he will also lose a lot of good wheat. He decides to allow the wheat and weeds to grow together and then, at harvest time, it will be easier to separate the two. The parable suggests that God knows the reality of the human heart: each of us is a mixture of good and evil. No matter how much we may demand justice for the world, like David, we are all capable of being blind to our own unjust treatment of others. Jesus is asking us to look at ourselves to realise we are all a “mixed crop”; and to recognize the coming reign of God does not depend on human powers but on divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the words of St John Paul II – so often repeated by Pope Francis – “the mercy of God is the mission of the Church”. Yes, this includes our commitment to justice, but it does so with the tender-hearted love of parents for their children. God’s justice is ever merciful.



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19th July, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Today's Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

26th July, 2020

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Kings 3:5,7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

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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 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
Divine Will Prayer	Monday 11.00am
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

Pope's Missionary Prayer Intention for July



We are invited to pray for families. During this COVID 19 pandemic, Pope Francis reminds us that "The family ought to be protected. It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress... Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children. We need to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties. Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance."

Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Sydney Boudville, Patricia Pereira, Walter Pereira, Rudolf Roberts, Lynette Taylor, Sr Cynthia Wright

Deceased

Lorraine Dwiar, John Higginson, Phylliss Higginson, Vernon Ness

Our Sick

Barbara Ingram,
Elvira Panici-Allen, 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

July 20	Mon	St Apollinaris, St Thorlak, St Elijah
21	Tue	St Laurence of Brindisi
22	Wed	St Mary Magdalene
23	Thur	St Bridget of Sweden, St Philip Evens & St John Lloyd, Our Lady of Divine Grace
24	Fri	Str Charbel Makhlof, St Declan, St John Boste
25	Sat	St James, Apostle

Rosters for 18/19 July, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limenco	Richard Serrano	Vivian Loh, Faye Mitchell	Ashton Rica-Franca, Joshua Rozario Aya Van Ingen, Dashiell Van Ingen Angel Villan, Emmanuel Armoogum
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Aruna Ratnasekera	Peter Mack, Rod McAtee	Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas Josés Thomas, Josey Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Jane Fernandez Ciara Jacob	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Tiffany Mitchell	Phillip Magness	Maureen Byrne, Carolina Hayward	Yatumika Shelvan, Seren Adams Thomas Armoogum, Able Biju Aron Biju, Juan Carlos Bonlongan
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys					Tellers next week: Loretta Watson, Rosa Pedulla, Kath Ryan	

Rosters for 25/26 July, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Catherine Gibson Theresa Spicer	Vilma Lyra	Faye Mitchell	Stewart Bazzica	Christy Ravanez, Ludette Van Der Spil	Diobett Bangayan, Tristan Bettridge Bella Bresland, Athena Calupig Matthew Costantino, Patrick Costantino
Sunday 7.30am	Mary Anthony Jennifer Barnes	Jeanette Pedulla	Volunteer	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith, Volunteer	Michael Almen, Tom Antu Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun
Sunday 9.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Jerlyn Patrick	Clarence Pereira	Nigel Hayward	Kerry Keys, Helen Magness	Khryzia Casas, Emily Crestani Lance Dcruz, Leslie Dcruz Larissa Farr, Linleigh Frasco

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The Threat to the Seal of Confession

Following recommendations of the Royal Commission on Sexual Abuse on Children, the State Government of WA is introducing an Amendment Bill 2019 to the Children & Community Services Act 2004 that will compel priests to break the Seal of Confession where abuse of children is talked about in the confessional. The Church is serious about the protection of children and has done much already as we can see in the appointment of safe guarding officers in all parishes. But the Amendment Bill 2019 is an attack on our faith beliefs. There is too much to put down in the bulletin. You can view a 5 minute video on youtu.be/nbKleTAV6TI or bit.ly/2VUsAGQ (Dropbox) to view how the confessional has helped abuse survivors in WA. You can also download from the Dropbox link above (<https://bit.ly/2VUsAGQ>) information which gives an overview of what is at stake and what we can all do. Also available in the Dropbox is a document that lays out some helpful aspects to choose from when writing submissions of how and where to lodge your submissions. The closing date for submissions is midnight Friday, 24th July 2020. I am happy to meet with you one night to look at how you can write the submission. Please see me after Mass if you wish to do so. Alternatively, you can watch any one of six videos of survivors speaking up in support of the Seal of Confession at youtube.com/ and search **True Identity Intl** or facebook.com/truelidentityintl.

Thank You

On behalf of the Dominican Community and the Breen Family in Ireland, a sincere thanks to Fr Philip and the people of Gosnells for the wonderful Vigil Mass celebrated in memory of Fr Joss. Thanks also to all who attended the Requiem Mass on Tuesday and the burial service at Karrakatta. 'Fr Joss loved the people of Gosnells'. Sister Marlene



Child Protection Week Competition 2020

Open to all young people 12 – 18 years. Create a 2-minute media clip outlining the importance of 'Putting children's needs first'. First prize is a \$500 gift voucher and three runner up prizes of \$100 gift voucher. Check out the poster on the notice board for more information. Entry forms are available from the church foyer or visit: www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding. Entry closes Friday 14th August.

Gosnells Parish Columbarium - Ten Years On Reserve your place in history!

Our Parish Columbarium was consecrated on 10th June, 2010 by Archbishop Barry Hickey as a place of rest for the parishioners of Gosnells and/or their families who have gone to their eternal reward. To celebrate our tenth anniversary we will forego the annual price increase which normally occurs on the 1st July. Reservations of niches can be procured at last year's prices until 30th September, 2020. Brochures and Application forms are available in the church foyer or contact the Parish Office for more details.



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Parish Safeguarding Officers

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Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 21st July 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.



Gosnells Youth

Thanks to all of you for coming to our youth night on the 10th of July, what a great turnout, we had over 30 people attend! Keep the 31st of July free at 6:30pm for another event.

The Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program

The Grief Recovery Method is an action plan whereby participants learn that grief is the normal and natural reaction to significant emotional loss. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to work in partnership, in an intimate and confidential environment, to gain a genuine understanding of the grief and loss process. 11th August to 22nd September, Tuesdays 12.45pm to 2.45pm, St Thomas More Parish Centre, Bateman Parish. The cost is \$50 which includes The Grief Recovery Handbook. For further information please contact Betty Thompson at officer.outreach@perthcatholic.org.au, visit <https://outreach.perthcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/August-September-invite-2020.pdf> or phone 0438 858 212.

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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.

New Greeters, Acolyte and Extraordinary Minister Rosters

The new Greeters, Acolyte and Extraordinary Minister rosters are now 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 this ministry. May God bless your generosity.

Project Compassion Receipts

Those that have requested a receipt, they are now ready for collection in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

Centre For Life - Marriage & Family Newsletter - Issue 01

The Centre for Life, Marriage & Family (CLMF), an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, introduces the first issue of its newsletter. This first issue features ideas of keeping Sunday Holy, Sanctifying Sundays and Holy Days, and questions for reflection/journal/discussion. Go to Gosnells parish website and [Click here](#) for the newsletter.

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