

WHEN LIFE BECOMES TOO HARD

Many would understand the feeling of being in a boat and battling against the currents and the winds. That's us alright, buffeted by bad faith and heartless conviction, but still in the boat when many others have abandoned ship.

Still, we go on and in the early hours of the morning, Jesus, who has sent us on ahead while he prays, comes walking across the chaotic waters, like a ghost it seems, and we're really shaken. "Courage. I am! Don't be afraid", he says, and like Peter we may take the plunge into the waves, for whatever reason, to suddenly falter. We feel 'the force of the winds' and are overcome by the danger we're in.

Sometimes life is too much for us. We find ourselves sinking and crying out to the Lord to save us. But what does it mean to save us? Jesus reaches out his hand to catch Peter. That's what we must do, allow ourselves to be caught, so that, in turn, we might reach out to and catch others. The gospel enacts our coming to faith, involving us all in taking this leap of faith, however faltering, allowing ourselves to be caught up in him.

As Jesus and Peter come aboard the boat, the wind dies down and they acknowledge him as the Son of God. Just like the prophet in the first reading we often wonder where we can hope to find God in our lives. What if it's in these moments, as we struggle to deal with pain, exhaustion, the sadnesses that threaten to sink us. Often, we wish it were otherwise. To the prophet, God comes, finally, in a 'gentle breeze'. In the gospel it's in a powerful headwind, but it's in this moment of peril, through the action of Jesus, that God is revealed, made real.

There is something quite hands-on about the experience. It's not simply a case of handling the distress and fear as best we can, but finding in the midst of them, that Jesus is our saviour - the one who saves us, when we give over trying to do it all ourselves. Imagine this hands-on experience in church; not simply at the quite formal sign of peace, but as happens say, when someone collapses and those nearby respond immediately, trying CPR, ringing an ambulance, doing whatever to save the person.

That's the sense of what Jesus does here. And it's never simply a personal matter but involves all of us in the action, whether as the first responders, or the praying assembly. We are Jesus Christ. In recognising this we realise what has happened on the lake: we have been caught up in him. Or, as Paul describes it in the second reading, we are 'in union with Christ', so that others might live.



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9th August, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Today's Readings

Kings 19:9, 11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-23

16th August, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

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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	Thursday 2pm
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 Prayer Intention for August

Credit: Daniel Ibañez/CNA



The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Feast Days this Week		
Aug 10	Mon	St Laurence
11	Tue	St Clare
12	Wed	St Jane Frances de Chantal
13	Thur	Sts Pontian and Hippolytus, St Fachtna
14	Fri	St Maximilian Kolbe
15	Sat	The Feast of the Assumption

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Jacintha Sarojinie Liyanage,
Fr Jim Shelton, Joseph Wheeler,
Colleen Yong

Death Anniversary

Florence Briggs, Antonio Natale,
Corazon Rabanes, Eulalio Rabanes,
Cecil Wagstaff

Deceased

Vivian Da Silva, Ainsley Da Silva
Iris Lyra

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



Baptised Recently

Jianna Czarylle Nilo
Daughter of Raul and Rowesa

Alijah David Mason
Son of Brent and Amabel

Riley Cloud Espino
Son of Rommel and Leonarda

Rosters for 8/9 August, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Catherine Gibson	Kath Ryan	Aya Van Ingen	Colin Loh	Suzanne Bazzica Remi Biju	Jemima Pinto, Matthew Ravanez Josue Ravanez, Elsa Rehart Ashton Rica-Franca
Sunday 7.30am	Yvonne Padua Inoka Ratnasekera	Franklin D'Cruz	Greg Drew	Geoff Mills	Peter Mack Rod McAtee	Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun Andrea Martin, Aldric Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Brenda Ring Robert Szlezak	Robert Szlezak	Elsie T-Boundy	Lenny Dcruz	Elsie T-Boundy Evelyn Yozzi	Erin Pickering, Yatumika Shelvan Seren Adams, Thomas Armoogum Able Biju, Aron Biju
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay				Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodrigues		

Rosters for 15/16 August, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Richard Serrano	Brian Augustin	Martin Loh	Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies	Joshua Rozario, Aya Van Ingen Dashiell Van Ingen, Diobett Bangayan, Angel Villan, Emmanuel Armoogum
Sunday 7.30am	Sandra Reid Dion Robson	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Gerard Peters	Chloe Pereira-Smith, Pay Tru	Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas Josies Thomas, Josey Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni	Hanna Allen	Florence Ayeni	Nigel Hayward	Joe Yozzi, Francisco Aung	Juan Carlos Bonlongan, Khryzia Casas Emily Crestani, Lance Dcruz Leslie Dcruz, Larissa Farr

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Welcome Fr Laurence Murphy to our parish and thank you for celebrating the weekend Masses for us.
Wishing you also a Happy Feats Day for Monday.

RCIA News

Please pray for Shekin Yusoff and Aleasha Amato as they finalise their preparations to be Baptised and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation next weekend.

First & Second Collections

There are boxes for the First and Second Collections at the back of the church. These collections will not be taken at the normal times during Mass because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Gosnells Youth

Thank you to all those who attended, helped organise and provided food for the youth night on the 31st of July. We discussed the feeding of the 5000 thousand and how little acts of kindness can have a ripple effect. We hereby invite you to join us again on the 21st of August in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm for another night of faith, food, fun and team activities. Please register your interest at the back of the church or reply to the email sent out.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There will a Vigil Mass on Friday (14 Aug) at 7.00pm and a Saturday (15 Aug) morning Mass at 9.00am for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there is no obligation this year for attending the Mass.

Faith Sharing Group

Dan Hewitt and Lorna Mitchell are conducting a 'faith sharing group' at Lorna's house, 26 Sandridge St, Gosnells, every Monday morning, 10.00 - 11.30am. We discuss and question our faith, listen to each other's story and learn about the scriptures. If you would like to join us contact either Lorna (0403 935 774) or Dan (0409 849 049). No obligations involved! Not sure it would be helpful to you? - get an objective opinion from either Elsie (0419 906 604) or Errol (0413 008 496). All names and numbers printed with personal permissions!



Feast Day - 8 August 2020

Mary MacKillop Today supports thousands of people around the world including here in Australia, bring hope to communities for generations to come. Please pray for Mary MacKillop Today especially during these challenging times we all face, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works carrying on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop. In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to "Take fresh courage." For the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation, please give generously this Feast Day to continue her legacy. To donate call (02) 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday.org.au/donate



30th Anniversary of Archdiocesan Catholic Outreach

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of Archdiocesan Catholic Outreach, Marycare volunteers are invited to Mass in the chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (40a Mary St, Highgate - parking off Harold St) on Saturday, 15 August at 10.00am followed by brunch. RSVP before 12th August to outreach@perthcatholic.org.au, 9422 7920, or contact your Parish Marycare Co-ordinators if you would like to attend.



Child Protection Week Competition 2020

Last chance to get your entries in! 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 this Friday 14th August.

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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Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 11th August with indoor activities from 9.00am, monthly meeting at 11.00am. BYO Lunch. Bingo at 12.15pm! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome.



Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 11th August at 6.45pm in the parish centre.

Clean The Pews

Please help clean the pews where you have been sitting after Mass. There are antiseptic wipes at the front of the church and in the foyer.



Vinnies

Your SVDP Gosnells Conference Members thank you sincerely for your continued donations to the Vinnies' Poor Box. Your generosity helps alleviate issues we face with the most vulnerable in our community.

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.



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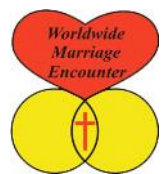
National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, Aid to the Church in Need, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. To read more about the appeal, and to make a donation, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call 1800 101 201 during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST.



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.



What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together. We invite you to join us 19th-20th September 2020 (live out) to be held at Bateman or 6th-8th November 2020 (live in) to be held at Atrium Resort in Mandurah. For more information or booking contact Valerie & Brendon on 0424 220 625, email us at wabookings@wwme.org.au or visit wwme.org.au.



Centre for Faith Enrichment have a variety of courses and events starting soon for term three that explore the wonderful richness of our Catholic tradition.

Pick up a brochure from the foyer or visit www.cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/ for more information or to register.

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. For further information please contact Betty Thompson at officer.outreach@perthcatholic.org.au, phone 0438 858 212 or visit <https://outreach.perthcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/August-September-invite-2020.pdf>

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