

FINDING NOURISHMENT IN EXILE

The Jewish people experienced two major exiles. The first was the Assyrian Exile beginning in the eighth century BCE when the ten northern tribes were forced into exile in Assyria. The second was the Babylonian Exile in the sixth century BCE when Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, twice attacked Jerusalem and on the second occasion destroyed the city.

The Babylonian Exile lasted almost seventy years until Cyrus, the King of Persia, who defeated the Babylonians and issued an edict that the Jewish people could return to their homeland. The return home didn't happen immediately, but over time a large group of exiles returned to Jerusalem and began to rebuild their shattered city.

The prophet Isaiah refers to Cyrus as the "anointed" of the Lord," a title usually ascribed to the Davidic king. Furthermore, this Persian king's hand is grasped by God, which signifies the conferral of royal authority. In other words, Cyrus exercises legitimate authority over the people of God, despite the fact that he is a non-believer. God works through this king and God's plan unfolds through him even though he is not aware of it.

The experience of exile must have been devastating because, after being led out of Egypt to the 'promised land', they were once again captive and subject to non-believers. It meant the loss of freedom, the loss of a beloved city, and leaving home and all the treasures they had accumulated over the years.

Our experience of the pandemic of COVID-19 has in some ways been a time of exile. We lost the freedom to move around our neighbourhood and to travel interstate or overseas. We lost the prospect of dining out or inviting friends over for a meal. We lost the opportunity to participate in the Eucharist with a gathered community, although we may have joined them online from our homes.

In a time of exile, we search for ways to be nourished both physically and spiritually because food is essential for both body and spirit. Fortunately, we were able to shop for food, provided we kept our distance from one another. Spiritually, we were called to be creative in deepening our relationship with the Lord and caring for one another. The self-isolation was a time to pause and draw deeply on the rich resources of the scriptures, to renew personal and family prayer, to practise meditation, and to assess what we deemed valuable in life. It was also a time to create networks of care by communicating with family and friends using the variety of ways of making and maintaining contact.

Perhaps – and hopefully - fasting from Eucharist can be an opportunity to value it more deeply while at the same time developing deeper spiritual resources to nourish us on our life's journey in ways that help us understand, as Jesus teaches in today's gospel, what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God.

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18th October, 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Today's Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

25th October, 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 22:20-26

Thessalonians 1:5-10

Matthew 22:34-40

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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

New Rosters

Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for November 2020 to February 2021, is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during this time, please contact the Parish Office so new rosters may be printed for collection from 1st/2nd November. Call Naomi on 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparrish.org.au

Feast Days this Week

Oct 19	Mon	St John de Brebeuf & St Isaac Jogues and their Companions, St Paul of the Cross, St Philip Howard, St Peter of Alcantara
21	Wed	St John of Bridlington
22	Thur	Pope St John Paul II
23	Fri	St of Capistrano, St Ethelthaeda
24	Sat	St Antony Mary Claret, St Magloire

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Sandiyaku

Death Anniversary

Dulcie Beins, Michael Thanbu, Theresa Thanbu

Deceased

Clayton Pereira

Our Sick

Cecilia Lee, John Potter, Dolly, 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

Camilla Grace Green
Daughter of Ryan and Christina



October Rosary

Every Saturday at 3.00pm the Rosary will be prayed in the Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon. All welcome!

Rosters for 17/18 October, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford, Catherine Gibson	Jemima Pinto	Kath Ryan	Richard Serrano	Sandra Wren, Remi Biju	Matthew Costantino, Angel Donina, Patrick Costantino, Cailin Keane, Gabby Keane, Jacob Malou
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteer, Inoka Ratnasekera	Geoff Mills	Greg Drew	Geoff Mills	Chloe Pereira-Smith, Pay Tru	Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun, Andrea Martin, Aldric Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Jane Fernandez, Ciara Jacob	Helen Magness	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Phillip Magness	Francisco Aung, Michael Ayeni	Leslie Dcruz, Larissa Farr, Linleigh Frasco, Angel Garavillas, Paige Jacob, Sanjay Jojo
Tellers this week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin					Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys	

Rosters for 24/25 October, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer, Sandra Wren	Richard Serrano	Aya Van Ingen	Stewart Bazzica	Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews, Jemima Pinto, Matthew Ravanez, Josue Ravanez, Elsa Rehart
Sunday 7.30am	Sandra Reid, Dion Robson	Jenny Mills	Jeanette Pedulla	Gerard Peters	Diana Chong, Russell Lally	Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas, Joses Thomas, Josey Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Tiffany Mitchell	Dan Hewitt	Anne Brink, Angela Bushby	Noel Justin, Sophia Kay, Enrico Labrador, Elain Labrador, Alexander Lim, Keanu Malagui-Hicks

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Marycare Contact Maureen 9398 7375 Anne 9490 3377



Parish Annual General Meeting

Today after the 9.30am Mass. Please do come and support our parish and share a common vision for the future.

MercyCare Presentation - Every person matters

MercyCare is a leading Catholic provider of aged care, family, health, disability and community services. The Golden Age Club, in conjunction with Marycare, our Parish Outreach program, is hosting a presentation from MercyCare on Tuesday, 20th October at 10.00am in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to attend and share Morning Tea. Find the help you need with myagedcare.gov.au; discover steps to enter an aged care home; information on Support Programmes, Home Care Packages; Residential Age Care, and so much more. If anyone is in need of transport, please contact the Marycare Co-ordinators

First Holy Communion Mass

We will be celebrating our parishes after school RE class First Eucharist at a special 11.30am Mass next Sunday, 25th October. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Columbarium Memorial Mass

Sunday, 8th November, 9.30am Mass will be dedicated to the memory of all those interred in our Columbarium or honoured on the Wall of Remembrance. Families concerned are invited to attend this Mass and the Annual Blessing of the Columbarium which will follow. Please bring a framed photo or memento of your loved one to place on the Memory Table. Other parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one are also invited to share the Memory Table and the light refreshments that follow in the Parish Centre.

Memorial Plaques Special Price

Limited time only. Plaques for our Memorial Wall are available at the special price of \$350.00 until 8th November. A wonderful way to honour family members and/or former parishioners who have formed the history of this parish. Application forms are available in the church foyer, from the Parish Office, and from our web site www.gosnellsparish.org.au

November Masses for Deceased



November is the month in the Church where we especially pray for our loved ones who have died. Please enter in the Book of Remembrance the names of your loved ones for whom you wish us to pray. You may also write their names on the envelopes provided. These will be placed at the altar at all Masses during the month of November.

Children's Liturgy Rosters

New rosters are now available in the foyer for the last term. Please remember to collect your worksheets in the church foyer the weekend PRIOR to your rostered day. If you cannot attend your rostered day, please do your best to arrange a replacement from the list provided. Thank you to all our volunteers who help out with this special ministry.

Faith Sharing Group

Dan Hewitt and Lorna Mitchell are conducting a 'faith sharing group' 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!

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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SPREAD THE WORD

Contact the Parish Office

Parish Building Program

The Building Committee is happy to advise that the construction of the new parish offices is nearing completion. If anyone is interested in donating towards the cost of the new furniture, please see Father Philip or contact the Parish Secretary. Building Approval has now been granted for the upgrading of the church foyer. This work is expected to commence shortly. There will be slight inconvenience to parishioners during this building phase, so your patience and co-operation will be necessary.

Golden Age Club

There will be no morning activities for our next Club Day in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 20th October due to a MercyCare presentation at 10am. Please come for morning tea and gain some information on Support programmes, Home Care Packages, discounted community services and so much more. BYO Lunch followed by Bingo after 12pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



Spring In The Beautiful Chattering Valley Fundraiser

The Gingin-Chattering Parish is having another wonderful event on the Feast of Christ the King 22nd November this year. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am in the Divine Mercy Church with an amazing choir, followed by a sumptuous BBQ Luncheon. Tickets can be purchased online through divinemercychurchwa.com.au.

Youth Night

Thank you to all those who attended and helped to organise the youth night on the 2nd of October. A big thank you to Kelvin Victor, for taking the time to impart the importance of good self-esteem and how we can work towards achieving it. We invite you to join us again on the 30th of October in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm for another night of faith, food, fun and team activities. Please register your interest in the Church foyer or reply to the email sent out.

Christian Healing Course

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting Module 1 of this course over 2 weekends in November, 6th-8th and 13th-15th (both weekends are required!). Participants will learn how to pray effectively for healing of life's deepest wounds - be they physical, psychological or spiritual! NOTE - a prerequisite for this course is to have completed a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. If you feel called to the Healing Ministry, please make the inquiry! Participants who decide after one weekend not to continue will receive a full refund. Cost for the whole module is \$60. The complete course has 3 modules and the remaining modules will be conducted over the coming few months. For further information contact Nina (0417 911 005) or Dan (0409 849 049).

Cultural Diversity Mass 2020

You are invited to join Bishop Don Sproxton DD VG for a Eucharistic Celebration for Cultural Diversity Mass on Saturday, 24th October at 6pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. Please register at Eventbrite: CulturalDiversityMass2020. Come and celebrate all cultures that make our church so vibrant. Dress in your cultural attire and enjoy this event with family and friends. There will be food and coffee available for purchase after mass.

Mary MacKillop Today

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop we invite you to order your free copy of *Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer*. This commemorative prayer booklet share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world. To order your exclusive copy please go to: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on (02) 8912 2777.



BJ Hickey Scholarship

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is once again opening up calls for applications to the BJ Hickey Scholarship! For application details and application form, please visit the Biblical Foundation page on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website. Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 23rd October, 2020. Please email: cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or call 9241 5221 for more information.

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