

THE SPOTLIGHT ON OUR OWN HEARTS

This week's first reading offers the kind of pithy advice that would have been common in the ancient world. In this case, the author of Sirach, or Ecclesiasticus as also called, encourages the reader to test the words and actions of others. This way, we avoid looking foolish for endorsing someone with egregious character flaws.

This is good advice and, at first glance, in the gospel reading it seems that Jesus is encouraging his disciples to do the same. He even uses the same visual metaphors of examining the fruit (words and actions) to determine the true quality of a tree (the inner character of a person).

Jesus agrees that a person reveals their inner spiritual state through their words and actions. However, he spins this advice around towards the people he is addressing. Instead of measuring the character of *others* by interrogating *their* thoughts and actions, Jesus is pointing us towards *our own capacity for self-deception*.

Jesus immediately turns the spotlight on our own hearts. He exposes how our attempts to justify our own selfish desires as morally good do as much good as trying to pick grapes from brambles.

However, because it requires us to thoroughly examine and change our own hearts and minds, we often try to look for other ways to make ourselves seem and feel good. When we do this, we demonstrate in the way that we live that we follow a teacher other than Christ. But, as Jesus explains, there is only one teacher who has conclusively proved, by the fruits of his words and actions, the goodness of his character and teaching. This is why St Paul exhorts us in the second reading to remember that Jesus has won the victory that will make us capable of living God's way.

God works through our humble hearts when we acknowledge how much we need the truth and love that Christ alone brings, and labour to change ourselves accordingly. In this way, we become like the "fully trained disciple" Jesus describes who can fully emulate "his teacher."

What we experience in the day-to-day journey of following Jesus, with the thousands of little corrections that we need to make to stay on course, is God transforming us into the image of his Son.

This work of transformation in this life will be completed in the life to come. St Paul, in the second reading, shows us a glimpse of the kind of people that we will be when our "perishable natures" will "put on imperishability" and our "mortal nature" will "put on immortality".

St Paul exhorts us to keep going with the spiritual introspection and labour that will turn us from brambles into fruitful trees where, in the words of the Psalm, we will "flourish in the courts of our God".

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2nd March, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Green

Today's Readings

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

9th March, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Year C

Green

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

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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 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Wednesday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

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Recently Deceased

Dax Moss

Death Anniversary

Pincenia Pese, Robert Woodford, Evelyn Woodford, Peter Fisher

Our Sick

Alfredo Barbuza, Kathleen Mansfield, Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll, Fran Vallis, Pat Simm, Ammini Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra, Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Erika Magness, Abby Magness, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen

Baptised Recently

Olúwafikáyòm Josephine Ayeni
Daughter of Clement and Deborah

Feast Days this Week

Mar 4	Tue	St Casimir
5	Wed	Ash Wednesday
7	Fri	Sts Perpetua and Felicity
8	Sat	St John of God

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 11th March Parish Centre, 6.45pm

Vinnies

Wednesday, 12th March Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Rosters for 1/2 March, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Faye Mitchell King Oreste	Pam Davies	Volunteer	Colin Loh	Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh	Carl Agus, Lacey Beacher Melanie Beacher, Caleb Mahama
Sunday 7.30am	Jackie Hall Bette Lyra	Chloé Pereira-Smith	Inoka Ratnasekera	Geoff Mills	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni	Helen Magness	Jomy Jose	Lenny Dcruz	Helen Magness Peta Phillips	Patrina Paesu, Azwan Shelvan Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar Sebatson Arylpalan, Carl Borlongan
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

Rosters for 8/9 March, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Jemima Pinto Mary Ann Bombita	Carina Limgenco	Volunteer	Richard Serrano	Bridget Soh Ludette Van Der Spil	Joshua Manda, Clinton Matthews Kyle Marquis, Aydriel Ratnasekera
Sunday 7.30am	Vilma Lyra Inoka Ratnasekera	Jack Roach	Sr Savarie	Gerard Peters	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Bionney Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Dan Hewitt	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szelezak	Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob

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Project Compassion Sunday

1st and 2nd of March 2025



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Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am and 7.00pm. There will be no 8am Mass.



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First Friday Coffee Corner

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Our next Coffee Corner is this Friday 7th March.



Real men do not do Church wrong....

...But living out your faith can be pretty tough, and most of us need help.

If you are a bloke over 18 years, consider this. On the 15th & 16th March

2025 experienced leaders from Men Alive Team will be running a

menALIVE weekend here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in the Parish Centre for Catholic men. Come along and be inspired, encouraged and rediscover God's purpose for your life. Details and registration forms are available in the church foyer. For further information and enquiries, please contact: Daniel Tomlinson, 0403 988 181, danieltomlinson@gmail.com; Vincent Watson, 0406 831 972, vincewtsn@yahoo.com.au; Clement Ayeni, 0420 666 355, clementayeni@gmail.com or Phil Magness, 0424 829 548, philipmagness1956@gmail.com

Metanoia - Lenten Program 2025

Daily reflections for Lent and Easter

*"The Greek word **Metanoia** speaks of a fundamental change in one's mind and heart - a reorientation towards God. Lent is an invitation to **Metanoia**, to confront all that creates distance between God and us, and to embrace the path of mercy and hope."* Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD, Bishop of Wollongong. Now available in the foyer.



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Youth Night

Join us for our Youth Night Saturday, 22nd March from 6:30pm to 9:00pm for those in high-school. Register via the sign up sheet, text, email or Instagram. Expect another fantastic time filled with fun activities, faith discussions and great food.

St Vincent de Paul

Last month, we welcomed a new volunteer to our Vinnies' Team. Many hands make light work and, if you have a couple of hours to spare a week or a month, please join us at our next Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12th March to explore the various options open to you. God Bless



Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 4th March from 9.00am. BYO lunch. Bingo from 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over to enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. New members are always welcome.

Attendance Fee \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

Men's Mental Health with Derek Boylen

We are pleased to offer two sessions on Men's Mental Health, facilitated by Derek Boylen. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights and support for mental well-being: **Day Session:** Wednesday, 5th March at 10:30am, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Book here: <https://go.kscwa.au/kscwa-mens-mental-health-5-march-2025>. **Evening Session:** Monday, 17th March at 5:30pm, St. Mary's Cathedral – Parish Centre, Victoria Square, Perth. Book here: <https://go.kscwa.au/kscwa-mens-mental-health-17-march-2025>. Please contact John on 9368 2503, email seo@kscwa.org.au or visit <https://www.kscwa.org.au>.

Wanted: Your Old Palms

Please bring your old palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration. These will be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. A box is in the foyer to receive the palms.

HSCaSM Fund Raiser Dinner - Thurs, 20 March at 7:00pm

The Holy Spirit Choir and Street Ministry is having a fund raiser dinner to support their missionary work to the 'street' people of Perth and Cebu (Philippines). Cost is \$68 per person, and you are invited to form groups of 10 (table size) or register individually. The venue is 'Fine China' Restaurant, East Victoria Park. For more info and registration: Stephen Sng Beng Kim, hscasm@gmail.com or 0431 950 958.

St Mary's Cathedral Tour Guides Information Event

Thursday 20th March 2025, 10:30am

Ever wanted to have a tour of our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary's? We are looking to expand our tour guide numbers and our very enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct these tours of the Cathedral are having an 'Open Day' for those individuals who are available during the week and would like to find out more of what is involved in the Ministry. Join us for a tour followed by a light morning tea in the Cathedral's Parish Centre. You'll be able to ask questions, meet the other guides and perhaps decide to join us. Your commitment would only be determined by your availability and may be just one tour every month or so for approximately 1hr. All necessary training and resources are provided. To register your attendance, or for more information, please contact Carol Young (Tour Guide Co-ordinator) on 0417 097 455, or email caroly7@bigpond.com.

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish.

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