

## TO BE EVERGREEN WITH GOD

The banksia, unlike many other Australian native plant species, is not destroyed by bushfires. In fact, the fire's extreme heat and smoke helps it regenerate. The heat, as well as the chemicals from the smoke and ash, trigger the opening of the banksia's woody seed cases which releases the seeds within. These seeds are dispersed and subsequently germinate in rich soil.

It is also significant to note that, in addition to its fire-resistant properties, the banksia trees are an important life-nourishing habitat for threatened species, such as black cockatoos, chuditch and western ringtail possums. The banksia's surprising impetus for growth and regeneration offer valuable insights for our own journeys through life.

A common thread running through this week's readings is God's invitation to us to grow into the fullness of life. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah describes those who trust in the Lord as being: *"like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream ... its leaves stay green."* The psalm describes the one whose delight is in the law as being like: *"a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season."*

The second reading speaks of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of ours. Our gospel reading reminds us that we shall be filled, nourished, satisfied, and brimming with joy, whatever adversities we might face.

While it may be easy to respond positively to continual growth when life is going well, it is often difficult to remain hopeful when we encounter life's crushing experiences. How do we continue to tap into God, the source of our lives, when hope seems lost or destroyed in life's bushfires?

Benedictine mystic Hildegard of Bingen used the term *"viriditas,"* meaning God's greening power, to describe the divine life force. She explained that, deep within nature, there is the innate potential to grow towards the fullness of life, as well as a capacity for healing and wholeness. God invites us to open ourselves to this divine capacity each day. To be closed to growth is to be closed to God, the source of our life.

Jesus reminds us that *"the kingdom of God is within you"* (Luke 17:21). Our capacity to heal, recover and grow, lies deep within each of us, although sometimes hidden from our eyes. Those who have experienced a major illness or other devastating experiences will appreciate this.

Iconographer Robert Lenz OFM explained that, when we try continually to keep moving towards God, even if we should fall, we fall *towards* God or even *into* God. Indeed, we are not defined by our failures and setbacks, but by our capacity for growth and greening, even when we fail.

In ordinary time, the liturgical colour, green, symbolises growth and hope. It reminds us of God's greening power. Amidst the ordinariness, the setbacks and the struggles of our daily lives, let us look towards God and to each other to remind us to continually be open to God. Within him, we are always evergreen.



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## Gosnells Catholic Parish

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 1.30pm**

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## 16th March, 2025

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Year C

Violet

### Today's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Luke 9:28-36

### 23rd March, 2025

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Year C

Violet

### Today's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

### St Munchin's Catholic Primary School



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# Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
<b>Buckley Caring Centre</b>	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
<b>Juniper Aged Care</b>	11.00am Mass - Third Wednesday of the Month
<b>Rosary</b>	After weekday Masses
<b>Exposition</b>	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
<b>Charismatic Prayer</b>	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm
<b>Baptism</b>	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
<b>Marriage</b>	By appointment - Minimum <b>SIX MONTHS</b> notice for preparation etc

### Want to support your Parish?

You can now deposit your contribution directly into parish accounts.

#### First Collection

Supports our Parish Priest, Priests in smaller Parishes or remote Parishes that require assistance.

**A/c name:** Gosnells Parish - 1st Collection Account, **BSB:** 086-006, **A/c:** 705883907,

**Reference:** 1st Collection (your name optional)

#### Second Collection

Ongoing administration costs, funds for future growth and improvements of the Parish.

**A/c name:** Gosnells Parish, **BSB:** 086-006, **A/c:** 773984777,

**Reference:** 2nd Collection (your name optional)

## Praying For You



### Death Anniversary

Edgar Hodges,  
Michael Curran

### 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

Lucas Lovin  
Son of Lukyanto and Thu Thuy

### Feast Days this Week

Mar 17	Mon	St Patrick
18	Tue	St Cyril of Jerusalem
19	Wed	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Parish Meetings

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 8th April Parish Centre, 6.45pm

#### Vinnies

Wednesday, 9th March Parish Centre, 7.30pm

### Rosters for 15/16 March, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Joshua Mahamu	Clarence Pereira	Graham Maher	Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan	Jacob Raymond, Carl Agus Lacey Beacher, Melanie Beacher
Sunday 7.30am	Sandra Reid Shania Tido	Bionney Bangayan	Diobett Bangayan	Aruna Ratnasekera	Sue Frawley Rod McAtee	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake & Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Maureen Byrne	Jerlyn Patrick	Tiffany Mitchell	Phillip Magness	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	James Jacob, Kripa Jojo Thejus Jojo, Olivia Justin Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Sidney D'Souza, Geoff & Jenny Mills		

### Rosters for 22/23 March, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Lynette Lieveaux	Natasha Pinto	Martin Loh	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Caleb Mahama, Joshua Manda Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Franklin D'Cruz	Greg Drew	Clint Barnes	Lorna Mitchell Chloe Pereira-Smith	Bionney Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Leslie Dcruz Bec Malagui-Hicks	Lenny Rodaje	Silvana Sciorilli	Nigel Hayward	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	Alisha Liyanage, Julia Marano Brooklyn Minn, Marina Morales Alexander Paesu, Patriona Paesu

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## Happy St Patrick Feast Day

The Parish would like to wish all parishioners with Irish decent a very Happy St Patrick Feast Day. Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 8am.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

### Project Compassion 2nd Sunday of Lent



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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

### Rosters for Holy Week and Easter

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Commentators and Acolytes are sought for Palm Sunday and the Easter weekend services.

Please place your name on the list in the foyer if you are able to assist in any of the wonderful liturgies of Holy Week.

### Flowers for Easter

Once again we seek your generous support for our appeal to enhance the church for our Easter celebrations. There is a box in the foyer for your offering.



### Stations of the Cross

7.00pm  
Every Friday  
during Lent

### Reconciliation

The Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Thursday 27th March at 7.00pm. This is God's gift to us to encounter His merciful love as we prepare for our Easter Celebrations.

The following parishes will also be celebrating the second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Kelmscott - Wednesday 2nd April at 7.00pm, Armadale - Wednesday 9th April at 7.00pm & Thornlie - Thursday 10th April at 7.00pm.

### Calling all Choristers

Practice for Easter services is on Monday's from 7pm to 8pm until Easter. Please join us in the Church via Corfield Street entrance. Everyone is welcome to join us. We really encourage new members to come along and join our happy crew. Thank you to all of our stalwart regulars who so generously give their time and effort to provide music for all of our services. For more information, please contact Brenda Parsons on 0414 098 705.



### Catechists and Assistants Needed

We are looking for catechists and assistant catechists for our after school Religious Education program. Training will be provided. You will initially be held in reserve and called when needed. Please see Fr Brennan.

### New Rosters - Tellers

Please collect your copy from the church foyer today. Remember to make your own swaps from the list when necessary. Thank you to all those who serve their parish through this ministry.



### 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](mailto:safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au)



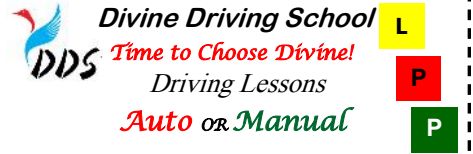
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## Youth Night

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. Youth events during Lent will be held on Saturdays. The theme of the night will be Lent, so we encourage everyone to wear purple as it is the corresponding liturgical colour. Expect another fantastic time filled with fun activities, faith discussions and great food. We are also looking for readers for the Youth Stations of the Cross on the 4th of April at 7pm. Let us know if you are interested. It would be great to have young people on this initiative.

## St Vincent de Paul

Your Vinnies continue to strive in providing assistance to those most vulnerable within our own community. Your contributions to our Poor Box, however small, go a long way in helping us achieve our goals. God Bless and thank you for your continued support.



## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 18th 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.

## St Munchin's Whole School Mass



St Munchin's School will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 21st March at 9am. All are welcome to come and help celebrate Harmony Day.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, communication and relationship? We invite you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Coming Weekends:

- 22/23 March at Mary MacKillop Centre, South Perth (Live-out). This is an Indonesian Language Weekend.
- 24/25 May at Corpus Christi College (live-out)
- 26/27 July at Bunbury Catholic College (live-out). Give yourselves a "just us" weekend away.
- 7 - 9 November at the Vincentian Retreat Centre, Karrakup (live-in)

A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other. For bookings or more information about coming Weekends contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865, email [WAb bookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:WAb bookings@wwme.org.au) or visit [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## 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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