

BEARING FRUIT IN OUR LIVES

You never get a second chance to make a first impression. I saw these words on a poster in an employment agency I blessed. Yes, so often we judge others, based on first impressions. Once formed, first impressions can be difficult to let go, in order for us to give someone another chance or see them anew. It's not easy to change our opinions or judgements.

Thankfully, God doesn't relate to us in this way. God is "compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy," and offers us many chances and opportunities to change, and to free ourselves from whatever weighs us down or prevents us from living as people of love committed to Christ and His Kingdom. This week's gospel parable illustrates this truth perfectly.

A fig tree requires the right conditions to produce fruit. The tree in the parable remains fruitless after three years. The vineyard owner wants the gardener to cut it down because it's taking up ground that could be put to better use. The hope-filled gardener appeals to the owner to leave it for another year, during which time he will "dig round it and manure it." Just as the gardener is patient with the fig tree, so God is patient with us, and gives us many chances to bear fruit in our lives.

The challenge is not to waste the opportunities given to us. We must repent. Jesus warns the people: "Unless you repent, you will all perish." Repentance is a central demand of the Good News, and Jesus begins his mission to proclaim the Kingdom with: "Repent and believe the Good news." (Mk 1:15).

Repentance is not focussed on the past, but the future. It's a decision to turn away from where we are and move towards God. To turn away from the darkness in our lives and journey towards the light. To completely change our direction and joyously 'come home' to God. Repentance calls us to leave behind the past and all that has been, and to open our minds and hearts to the person God wants us to be. God's grace will bring us to newness of life.

Sadly, a reluctance to believe that God really loves us, no matter what we've done or where we've been in life, often hinders our willingness to repent and change direction. All too often, our understanding of God is engulfed by fear and anxiety, which trap and bind us from reaching out to God with faith, trust and confidence.

God never gives up on us. Instead, God continually reaches out to us, helping us to become the people that God yearns for us to be. Let's take heart this Lenten season, that God who is compassion and love, is waiting patiently for us, and will transform our repentant hearts, so that the vineyard of our lives will bear abundant fruit.



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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

30th March, 2025

4th Sunday of Lent

Year C

Violet

Today's Readings

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

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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

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,

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Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Dax Moss

Death Anniversary

Jeff and Monica Partington

Our Sick

Michele King, Warren Hoskins, 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



Feast Days this Week

Mar 25	Tue	The Annunciation of the Lord
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Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 8th April Parish Centre, 6.45pm

Vinnies

Wednesday, 9th April Parish Centre, 7.30pm

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, Patrina Paesu
Tellers this week: Sidney D'Souza, Geoff & Jenny Mills				Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak		

Rosters for 29/30 March, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Faye Mitchell King Oreste	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Jemima Pinto	Martin Loh	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Aydriel Ratnasekera, Carl Agus Jacob Raymond, Lacey Beacher
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Basel Black	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Larry Cavallo	Inoka Ratnasekera Pay Tru	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake & Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Keanu Malagui-Hicks Silvan Sciorilli	Robert Szlezak	Volunteer	Dan Hewitt	Anne Brink Jim Brink	Azwan Shelvan, Justus Shilo Martin Yatar, Sebatson Arylpalan Carl Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz

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Wishing a warm welcome the Seminarians who are visiting our Parish this weekend from St Charles Seminary.



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3rd 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 8.30pm 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



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FREE EVENT

Rsvp by 5th April to Harvey 0451177192 for catering purposes.

FATHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR SONS.

THIS PILGRIMAGE MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR A PLENARY INDULGENCE, AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE. (HAIR SHIRTS ARE OPTIONAL)

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Gosnells Youth

We are looking for readers for the Youth Stations of the Cross on the 4th of April at 7pm. It would be great to have young people on this initiative. Let us know if you are interested by texting Veronica Ayeni on 0424 812 632 or email us at gosnellsyouth@gmail.com.

St Vincent de Paul

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Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 25th 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.

Emmaus Walk for men – 26th April 2025

Grab a mate or your son, and join a group of likeminded blokes on Emmaus Walk 2025. Commences with 7.30am mass at Carmelite Convent (Nedlands), followed by a leisurely 12km walk along the river via Crawley and Elizabeth Quay to St Mary's Cathedral, arriving circa 10:30am where refreshments and reconciliation will be available. To register Scan the QR code or visit <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/EmmausWalk25>. Please call Kim Metcalf on 0414 537 023 for all enquiries.



Lenten Reflections (Six speakers - Six reflections)

Saturday 5th April, 2025 from 1:30 pm

The Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

Speakers :

Fr. Elias Kilzi - The Desert and back to the garden

Ms. Natalie Thomas - In the desert as Christ's beloved children

Fr. Robert Nixon - The Kingdom of God within, with Mother Mary and St. Benedict

Mr. James Parker - Lent as a gift to the addicted

Fr. Tony Chiera - Holy Week - The shape of divine forgiveness

Fr. Abraham Abdelmalek - Fasting is returning to Eden

(Free entry. Refreshments provided.)

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.

To register please visit:

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