

## TO LOVE EQUALLY

The parable in this week's gospel tells us about the experience of being loved. It is about a father who shares his love equally with both his sons and as they mature into adulthood, he gives them space to make their own decisions.

But the younger son decides he wants to have his own life and so he moves away and becomes disconnected from his father and brother. The oldest son, however, decides to remain loyal and to serve his father. But one day after arriving home after a day working in the fields, he becomes angry after seeing his father embrace his younger brother who has returned home.

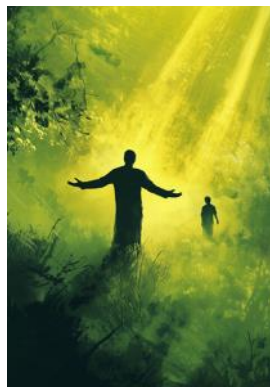
It seems unbelievable that his father would welcome the younger sibling because he turned his back on his father and the family home. However, this is where we witness God's mercy which goes beyond our human thoughts and standards. Seeing his younger son coming towards him, his father runs to him, welcoming and hugging him with tremendous joy and love. To his relief, the younger son finds his father is still the same loving and merciful man.

His father can't hide his joy so he throws a party to celebrate his son's return. The younger son feels even more loved by his father than before he left the family property. The oldest son is invited to join the celebrations but refuses and complains that he has served his father loyally all his life but has never been treated like a king. Why would the younger brother be treated like a king when he turned his back on his father? It doesn't make sense!

At this moment he doesn't feel loved even though he experienced his father's care all his life. Both sons at different times fail to see the deepest generosity of their father's heart. The father knows that if they are away and lose contact with him, they will die. They will have no life. The younger son experienced this scenario which is why his father is so happy when he returns. The elder son, momentarily blinded by envy and jealousy, already has a wonderful life with his father but fails to see this.

Likewise, we are all safe in God's house who loves us so much we have the freedom to make our own decisions. Coming home is really a journey of love. It takes a lot of courage as the younger son showed. The parable also reveals that staying with the father can provide great joy and the fullness of life.

God the Father never changes his love for us. He is always waiting for us. Let us make the move and go back home to renew our relationship with God the Father, in order to experience his unconditional love and mercy, and be ready to share God's life with others, especially with the wounded ones.



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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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## 30th March, 2025

### 4th Sunday of Lent

Year C

Rose

### Today's Readings

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

### 6th April, 2025

### 5th Sunday of Lent

Year C

Violet

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11

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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

### Parish Busy Bee

Saturday, 12th April 8.30am onwards. Come along and help tidy the grounds and gardens. Please bring your gloves and gardening tools. Many hands make light work! Any queries please contact Nigel or Kim through the parish office 9398 2331



### First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in our Parish Centre. 8.30 -11am. For everyone! Treat yourself to some time out, come relax and enjoy! Our next Coffee Corner is this Friday, 4th April.



### Take Time Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses next weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Volunteers, please check the roster to see if you are on. Thanks to all on the Morning Tea Roster.

### Praying For You



### Death Anniversary

Robert Llewellyn MacMillan Smith,  
Elizabeth Jordan

### Our Sick

Michele King, Warren Hoskins,  
Alfredo Barbuzza, Kathleen Mansfield,  
Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll,  
Fran Vallis, Pat Simm,  
Ammuni 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

Apr 2	Wed	St Francis of Paola
4	Fri	St Isidore, Bishop
5	Sat	St Vincent Ferrer

### Parish Meetings

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Tuesday, 8th April Parish Centre, 6.45pm

**Vinnies**  
Wednesday, 9th April Parish Centre, 7.30pm

### 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
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak				Tellers next week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay		

### Rosters for 5/6 April, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Jemima Pinto Mary Ann Bombita	Ayden Ratnasekera	Richard Serrano	Colin Loh	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Melanie Beacher, Caleb Mahama Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis
Sunday 7.30am	Franklin Dcruz Alan Da Silva	Volunteer	Chloé Pereira-Smith	Geoff Mills	Diana Chong Sue Frawley	Bionney Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteer Karen Suarez	Hanna Allen	Florence Ayeni	Lenny Dcruz	Maureen Byrne Cigi Dcruz	Chidera Emeka, Angel Garavillas John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob

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## Project Compassion 4th Sunday of Lent



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## Reconciliation

The Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us to encounter His merciful love as we prepare for our Easter Celebrations. The following parishes will 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.

### Easter Triduum

#### Holy Thursday 17th April

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday 18th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm The Lord's Passion

#### Holy Saturday 19th April

6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday 20th April

7.30am & 9.30am Mass

#### Reconciliation

After Good Friday Services  
Holy Saturday 10.00 - 11.00am

#### Prayer of Desolata

An hour with Mary  
Holy Saturday 9.00am- 10.00am

### Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Every Friday during 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.



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## 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.



## 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.

## 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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## 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.

## St Vincent de Paul

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## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 1st April 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.

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