

LITTLE FANFARE FOR JESUS' BIRTH

When there is a major announcement of a forthcoming event, it is usually accompanied by a media statement and even a press conference. Sometimes social media influencers are also invited to create some excitement and “buzz” around the announcement. Companies like Apple, Tesla and Boeing spend millions of dollars to launch their latest products worldwide.

Similarly, when a famous celebrity couple welcomes a new addition to the family, it's all over the news services and social media, sometimes for days on end. It's like no other news is worthy of airtime.

However, when God chose human form in Bethlehem, there was no spectacular announcement. There were no bells and whistles, no fireworks. In fact, there was nothing but a bright star that attracted little attention except for a few wise men who travelled from the east. The birth of Jesus probably didn't attract much interest outside the immediate families of Joseph and Mary, perhaps to spare Mary embarrassment such was the unusual nature of the baby's arrival.

The biggest event the universe has witnessed had taken place with little fanfare. In the scheme of things, this was even bigger than the creation of the universe itself. Even the universe must have 'held its breath'. That speaks of God preferring to work quietly, unseen and unnoticed. Choosing to be like many of us who work quietly in our offices, schools, our homes.

For many people, our lives are simple and uneventful. Nothing spectacular happens and little that would warrant much outside attention. But it is in that simple, uneventful and unspectacular 'living' that God comes as one of us in order to bring us all closer to God. That's what happened to Joseph and Mary and that same invitation is also open to everyone. That's the underlying meaning of the name Emmanuel, “God is with us”. That God wants to be with us in the very ordinariness of our lives.

The world today can sometimes be loud, vulgar and crass which is opposite to God coming to us in a quiet, ordinary way as a normal man. That's why the angel said to Joseph that there is no need to be afraid because God will come to be his son like any ordinary boy.

Big announcements and even big events will come, and they will go. Prominent companies and famous people will come and eventually be confined to the history books, but God is the one constant. Perhaps it is not us who waits for God, but God with loving patience who waits for us. We need to realise that God is amongst us now in our everyday, mundane lives and will be with us for all eternity.

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18th December, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent
Year A
Violet

Today's Readings
Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

25th December, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord
Year A
White

Next Sunday's Readings
Isaiah 52:7-10
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:1-14

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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 Friday 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 - 9.15pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

Christmas Greetings

Please take the Parish Christmas Greeting card and hand them to friends and relatives, neighbours and even strangers and invite them to our Christmas Mass.



Liturgy of the Word for Children

The Liturgy of the Word, normally conducted at our 9.30am Mass, is in recess until the new school term begins next year. We pray that the children will enjoy the holidays and continue to join our Sunday Liturgy with their families.

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Germana Sciorilli (Switzerland)

Deceased

Gerard & Hanna Collins, Patrick Joseph Collins, Ian Hill, Julie Midgley, Cyril O'Shaughnessy, Gerard O'Shaughnessy, John Shaughnessy, Thomas O'Shaughnessy

Our Sick

Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Patricia Majawat, Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly, Barbara Ingram, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui, Con Farano, Rene Priest, Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans, Erika Magness, Ian Ballantyne, Mavis Hall

Prayers for Our Sick.

Please advise when names need to be removed from this list.

Baptised Recently

Michaela Villarosa
Daughter of Jayvee and Romalyn

Feast Days this Week

Dec 21	Wed	St Peter Canisius
25	Fri	St John Kety

Rosters for 17/18 December, 2022

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Vilma Lyra	Faye Mitchell	Martin Loh	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Angel Villan, Carl Agus Maria Donina, Xyris Madrigal Abigail Raganas, Seren Adams
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Diobett Bangayan	Sr Savarie	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Naomi Kyaw-Tun, Aydriel Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Kerry Keys Bec Malagui-Hicks	Lenny Rodaje	Maureen Byrne	Nigel Hayward	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	Elain Labrador, Keanu Malagui-Hicks Nicole Oo, Walter Oo Patrina Pausu, Yatumika Shelvan
Tellers this week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin				Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys		

Rosters for 24/25 December, 2022

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteers	Carina Limgenco	Volunteer	Volunteers Needed	Vivian Loh Russell Lally Volunteers	Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Jacob Raymond Volunteers Needed
Sunday 12.00am	Volunteers	Sandra Wren	Clarence Pereira	Nigel Hayward Volunteer	Faye Mitchell Helen Magness Volunteers	Seren Adams, Zach Frasco Keanu Malagui-Hicks
Sunday 8.30am	Volunteers	Sean Mullins	Ben Gradisen	Volunteers Needed	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley Helen Magness	Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Callie Abogado Volunteers Needed

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Jesus is the Reason for the Season Our Christmas Celebrations

Saturday, 24th December

Please join with the choir for Carol singing from
5.15pm Carols followed by 6.00pm Family Vigil Mass
Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or kings.

11.15pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass



Sunday, 25th December

8.30am Christmas Morning Mass



Let's invite our family, friends and
neighbours to our Christmas celebration and share our joy with them.

The overflow carpark for Christmas Masses will be on the St Munchin's School
oval, accessed via the Corfield St carpark.

Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us prepare for the Season of Peace by reconciling ourselves with God
and with one another.

Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at:
Sacred Heart Thornlie, Tuesday 20th December, 7.00pm.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Gosnells,
Saturday 24th December, 11.00am to 12.00pm.

Please note that there will be NO Reconciliation at 5pm Saturday 24th.

Christmas Rosters

We are still in need of a Commentator, Altar Servers, Eucharist Ministers and
Acolytes. If you can help serve at our Christmas Masses please put your name down
on the list in the foyer.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Last chance to buy tickets this weekend! Tickets are \$2 each
or 3 for \$5. Winners will be drawn after Sunday 9.30am Mass.



Flowers for Christmas

We thank all those who have contributed towards the cost of our
flowers for Christmas. May God continue to bless and keep you
and your family safe as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Parish New Years Eve Party

Usher in 2023 with fellow Parishioners, family and friends at the
Parish Centre on New Year's Eve from 8pm. BYO drinks and nibbles.
This is a free event organised by the Parish Social Committee. A gold coin
donation would be appreciated for Novelties. Music entertainment will be
provided. Please register your details on the form in the foyer.



New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for January to April 2023, 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 by Tuesday 20th so new rosters may be ready for
collection next week. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

Good News

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe has accepted Errol for ordination to the Diaconate. The
Ordination will be celebrated here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church,
Gosnells Parish on 17th February 2023 at 7pm.



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
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The Jesse Tree

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating our Christmas trees to the events leading to the birth of Jesus. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophesies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.



Golden Age Club

Christmas lunch this Tuesday, 20th December starting at 10am for booked members. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm. Club days will resume 17th January 2023.



2023 Columban Calendar

Support your Vinnies by purchasing a 2023 Columban Calendar at only \$8 each. Calendars are available in the Church foyer. Please place your contribution in an envelope before placing in the SVDP poor box in the church next to the sliding doors.



Christmas Reflection On Modern Slavery

Thank you to all those in the parish who supported Catholic Mission's Christmas Reflection on Modern Slavery last weekend. The CathNews link to the article about this Concert event is <https://cathnews.com/2022/12/12/music-stirs-up-modern-slavery-reflection/>. An inspiring recording of this Christmas concert in Word & Music is available from this link: www.cm.org.au/Perth2022. Please contact director.cm@perthcatholic.org for further information.

New Year's Eve Midnight Mass

All are invited to join The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to New Year's Eve Midnight Mass, Saturday 31st December from 11pm. 9 Talus Dr, Mt Richon. Bring your thanksgiving for the past year and welcome the graces of the coming year! Come for Eucharistic Adoration, Christmas carols the bells ring in the New Year followed by Midnight Mass. All are invited for refreshments afterwards. This is an outdoor event so please bring your own chairs!!!



That Catholic Shop

Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store – That Catholic Shop – can still be made all the way up to 19th December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. Peruse our Christmas range at www.thatcatholicshop.com

Advent Appeal For Ukraine

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in parish on the Fourth Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au



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