

THE LOVE GOD SHOWS US AT CHRISTMAS

What to do with Wally? Wally was an awkward and shy child at his local primary school. It was time to hand out roles for the Christmas play, but what role could the teacher give Wally? She decided on the innkeeper. It wasn't a key role and only required Wally to shake his head and say one line, "Sorry, we've no room." Wally grinned from ear to ear when he learned of his role, and he couldn't wait for the big night.

It arrived soon enough, and the play was proceeding according to plan. Mary and Joseph had travelled to Bethlehem and come to the door of the inn. Joseph knocked on the door and it was opened by Wally.

"Please sir, do you have a room we could take?" asked Joseph.

Wally shook his head and replied. "I'm sorry, we've no room."

Now the boy playing Joseph was a confident child, and while the script called for the couple to turn away, Joseph decided to exercise some dramatic license. "But sir," he said to the innkeeper, "My wife is about to have her baby and we need somewhere to stay. Couldn't you find us a room?"

Wally's face went white - this was not in the plan! He paused a moment before repeating his line. "I'm sorry, we've no room."

"But sir" replied Joseph, "We have travelled a long way, we've nowhere else to go and my wife is very tired. Surely you can find us some space."

Wally bowed his head, shook it sadly and said, "I'm sorry, we've no room." Forlornly, Joseph and Mary started walking away. Wally felt shamed and saddened. A tear trickled down his cheek. He then called out. "Wait! Please come back. You can have my room."

It may not have been according to script, but at that moment Wally gave perfect expression to the Christmas story. This story has no known author, but it touches the hearts of all and invites us to reach out to others to offer hospitality and not just at Christmas. Naturally, we offer hospitality to our family and friends, but are there others in the community to whom we could offer hospitality either in our home, or we could visit, pick up the phone or drop off food.

What would it mean to welcome a person or a family who are not Christian to be our guest and learn about our traditions? What would it mean to welcome a newcomer in our street or a recent migrant family? There are also those who have lost a loved one recently who might appreciate a place when their own place seems empty. We might even invite them to come with us to our parish Christmas carols and Mass. Christmas means God is among us in the person of Jesus. Can we bring others to know the presence of the Lord through the gift of our hospitality?

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25th December, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

Year A

White

Today's Readings

Isaiah 9:1-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

1st January, 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Year A

White

Next Sunday's Readings

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

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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

Feel free to pick up a Parish Christmas Greeting card and hand them to friends and relatives, neighbours and even strangers if you haven't already done so.



Feast Days this Week

Dec 26	Mon	St Stephen, first Martyr
27	Tue	St John the Evangelist
28	Wed	The Holy Innocents
29	Thu	St Thomas Becket
30	Fri	The Holy Family
31	Sat	Pope St Silvester

Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Gerry D'Alonzo, Katherine Nathan, Louis Nathan

Deceased

Donald & Emily Peche, Shirley & Robin Deighton, Llewelyn Beal, Queenie Wagstaff

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.



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Rosters for 24/25 December, 2022

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteers	Carina Limgenco	Greg Drew	Errol Lobo Volunteers	Vivian Loh Russell Lally Volunteers	Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Jacob Raymond Volunteers Needed
Sunday Midnight	Volunteers	Sandra Wren	Clarence Pereira	Nigel Hayward Errol Lobo Volunteer	Faye Mitchell Helen Magness Chloé Pereira-Smith	Seren Adams, Zach Frasco Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Volunteer
Sunday 8.30am	Volunteers	Sean Mullins	Ben Gradisen	Errol Lobo Gerry Peters Phillip Magness	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley Helen Magness	Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Callie Abogado Diobett Bangayan, Volunteer
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

Rosters for 31 December, 2022/ 1 January, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Sandra Wren	Kaye Cox	Colin Loh	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig Matthew Calupig, Angel Donina Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis
Sunday 12.00am	Bette Lyra Sandra Reid	Robertson Saw	Dion Robson	Gerard Peters	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Shania Tido
Sunday 8.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Leanne Crestani	Ciara Jacob	Lenny Dcruz	Anne Brink Jim Brink	Able Biju, Carl Borlongan Juan Carlos Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz Florian Christstar, Emily Crestani

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**The Gosnells Catholic Parish
Wishes you a very happy and Holy Christmas**

We would like to extend a warm welcome all visitors to our parish and Christmas celebrations. May this time together bring us closer to the peace of God, a peace that only God can give.

Christmas Hamper Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our hamper winners! 1st Prize: Theresa Walker, 2nd Prize: Lina Villan, 3rd Prize: Michael Ayeni. If you were not at the 9.30am Mass last week, please bring your winning ticket to claim your prize from Fr Philip after Mass. The

Vinnies

Your VINNIES would like to say a big THANK YOU to our parishioners And volunteers for your continued support during this year and wish each and every one of you, and your families, a Holy Christmas and a very safe and Happy New Year! God Bless!!



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



Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed from 22nd December to 17th January 2023. A heart felt thank-you to all our parishioners that donate their time by volunteering for our Parish ministries, out-reach programs through Marycare and St Vincent de Paul, our Parish Committees and to all that have contributed to our Parish in any way. May your Christmas be filled with the love and light of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the new year be filled will many blessings. Sincerely, Naomi, Parish Secretary



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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New Year's Mass Schedule

There will be Masses on Saturday, 31st December at 6.00pm, Sunday, 1st January at 7.30am and 9.30am to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of

If You Missed the 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.

New Rosters for Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers - Out Now

Volunteers, please make sure you have the latest roster so that you can attend on the dates allotted to you. The rosters are available in the church foyer. Remember to arrange your own swaps from the list when necessary. Thank you to all those who continue to serve their parish through these various ministries and particularly to those who have offered their services for the first time. May God bless your generosity.

Golden Age Club

Merry Christmas to all and have a safe and Happy New Year. We will be in recess until club days resume on the 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 recently. 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.

First Friday Coffee Corner



Coffee Corner will be back on 3rd February, 2023.

Coffee Corner is held in the Parish Centre on the first Friday of every month from 8.30am until 11.00am. Everyone is welcome – adults and children, all ages. We wish all of our attendees a happy and a holy Christmas and thank everyone for their fellowship throughout the year. We look forward to catching up again in the new year. Spread the word and bring a friend!

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. \$1955 was raised in the collection last weekend. This will greatly help and support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from front-line territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au



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