

## LIVING AS GOSPEL PEOPLE

In today's gospel it seems Jesus is asking too much of us! Following the commandments is not enough. We must also avoid anger, abusive language, lustful thoughts, and not take oaths of any kind! Even calling someone a 'fool' or 'renegade' is an offence. But is Jesus actually asking us to follow an impossible set of commandments ... or is he doing something else?

First, we need to note Jesus' statement in Matthew's Gospel: *"I have not come to abolish the law or the prophets, but to complete them"*. The community of disciples Jesus is addressing are all Jews who show great respect for the Law. The pharisees, in particular, are suspicious of Jesus because he doesn't speak much about major Jewish rules such as circumcision, food laws or Sabbath requirements. At times, they think, Jesus even acts against them!

However, Jesus is not interested in debating them about any particular law. Instead, he challenges their inadequate, superficial – at times hypocritical – thinking that assumes God's favour is won by following the letter of the Law.

In fact, Jesus says the Law does not go far enough unless it highlights love of God and neighbour. So, Jesus reinterprets the Law according to the spirit of the Beatitudes: *"Blessed are the pure in heart; blessed are the poor in spirit; blessed are the merciful; blessed are the peacemakers"*.

But, who among us can claim to be these perfect "Beatitude people"? We are still left with this problem of what seems to be the "impossibility of the gospel" captured in Jesus' statement: *"You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect"*. Now, Jesus is not naïve. He is perfectly aware that none of us – scribes, pharisees or his own disciples – is able to claim this degree of spiritual conversion to the law of love. So, do we just wash our hands, shrug our shoulders and carry on as before?

Or do we take the second option of turning to the God of love and mercy who challenges us to change our ways, forgives our failures, and assists us to become more effective "gospel people"? To be a gospel person is to be on a journey. This call to deepening conversion is not only needed in the current world of geo-politics; it is also needed in our own Christian communities.

Let us together look to God's revelation in Jesus and the Scriptures so wonderfully summarised in today's reading from St Paul: *"The things no eye has seen, no ear has heard, things beyond the human mind, all that God has prepared for those who love him"*. The gospel is not impossible because it is the wisdom and work of God in process. As we continue on our life's journey, living and growing as gospel people, let us play our small but important role in bringing the gospel to birth in our families, communities and world.



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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### Catechist Coordinator

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## 12th February, 2023

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

**Today's Readings**

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-27

**19th February, 2023**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

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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 Friday 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

## Praying For You



### Recently Deceased

Charles Silibai, Rose Talos

### Death Anniversary

Ashley Aviet, Esterina Rebello

### Deceased

Sr Delma OSM

### Our Sick

Ammi Jose, John Breag,  
Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine,  
Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,  
Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly,  
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.

Lenten  
Program  
2023  
Coming  
soon!



### Mass Intentions

Please hand Mass Intention requests to Father Philip or phone or leave at the Parish Office during the week.

**Do not put them in the Collections.**

Where possible, please give at least two weeks' notice.

Please contact the Parish Office, 9398 2331, if you or someone you know desires anointing of the sick, a communion visit or a visit in hospital.

### Feast Days this Week

Feb 14	Tue	St Methodius, St Cyril
15	Wed	St Claude La Colombie
17	Fri	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, St Fintan

### Rosters for 11/12 February, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Sandra Wren	Kaye Cox	Colin Loh	Vivian Loh Faye Mitchell	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan Carl Agus, Maria Donina
Sunday 7.30am	Shania Tido Eric Almen	Robertson Saw	Dion Robson	Geoff Mills	Ann Ralston Pay Tru	Scott Tido, Shania Tido Callie Abogado, Michael Almen
Sunday 9.30am	Keanu Malagui-Hicks Robert Szlezak	Jerlyn Patrick	Tiffany Mitchell	Dan Hewitt	Kerry Keys Alex Liyanage	Emily Crestani, Leslie Dcruz Angel Garavillas, Gabino Htoo Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay		

### Rosters for 18/19 February, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Mary Ann Bombita	Angel Donina	Martin Loh	Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan Carl Agus, Maria Donina
Sunday 7.30am	Wendie Almen Jennifer Barnes	Sr Savarie	Ronan Roach	Gerard Peters	Diana Chong Sue Frawley	Scott Tido, Shania Tido Callie Abogado, Michael Almen
Sunday 9.30am	Theresa Walker Hanna Allen	Silvana Sciorilli	Lenny Rodaje	Lenny Dcruz	Helen Magness Bec Malagui-Hicks	Emily Crestani, Leslie Dcruz Angel Garavillas, Gabino Htoo Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin

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Marycare - Maureen 9398 7375 Anne 9490 3377 Maureen 0411 691 959



## Diaconate Ordination Mass

Errol Lobo and Jason Yeap will be ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe on Friday 17th February at a 7.00pm Mass in our Parish Church. You are all invited to the celebration. There will be refreshments after in the school hall. Please contact Genevieve De Souza, Social Committee on 0408 717 809 if you are able to provide food for the refreshments after the celebration or register in the foyer.



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## Parish Religious Education Program 2023

Classes begin last Wednesday in the Parish Centre. After school classes for Children attending non-Catholic Schools are held each Wednesday in Term time to prepare the children for reception of the Sacraments. Preparation for each Sacrament is:

**Reconciliation – 1 year, First Eucharist – 1 year, Confirmation – 2 years**

If this is the first time you are enrolling your child, please bring a copy of his/her Baptism Certificate. Enquiries are welcome. Please phone Genevieve De Souza (RE Coordinator) 0408 717 809 or Parish Office 9398 2331.

## Charismatic Prayer Meeting

The Gosnells Charismatic Prayer Meeting is open for 2023. We meet in The church on Thursday evenings, 7.15 -9pm. Please join us as we come together to praise the Lord and share His word among us. For further information please call Dan on 0409 849 049.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders

**We are looking for leaders for the Children's Liturgy of the Word.**

Leaders help the children learn about the Word of God at a level appropriate to their understanding. Children's Liturgy is held at the 9.30am Mass for school age children up to Year 3. The leaders are provided with lesson plans and activity sheets for each Sunday. The leaders read and explain the Sunday Gospel to the children at their level and do some activities relating to the Gospel.

Please register in the foyer if you can help.

## Wanted: Your Old Palms

Please bring your old palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration. These will be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. A box is in the foyer to receive the palms.



## St Vincent de Paul

Volunteer with your Vinnies' and help make a difference to someone's life! No fundraising or phone calls involved. Could you please spare us a Couple of hours or more a week? Call Loretta on 0451 794 790 for more information.



**18 February 2023 – 19 August 2023**

**Daughters of Mary – Mother & Daughter Group at the Schoenstatt Shrine**

We invite you to join us for a monthly formation as we journey together as mothers and daughters in relationship with Mary towards Christ. With Mary as our Mother and Educator we hope to be able to grow in her virtues to be daily followers of Christ. Daughter's age group: 10-14yrs, every 3rd Saturday of the Month, 3pm-4.30pm including afternoon tea. From February to August (optional school holiday activity). Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon. RSVP: Saturday 4th February. For more information or to register, contact Marissa Yang 0448 966 998, email [peacefulspirit180@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulspirit180@gmail.com) or Sr M Luka Junemann on 0439 537 843, email [srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au).

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## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 20th February 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.

## Youth Night

Hello everyone! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and new years break. Our first youth event will be on Saturday 18th of February. Open to all students from Year 7 to Year 12. Events until April are on a Saturday due to Stations of The Cross on Fridays. Sign up in the foyer or by text, and we hope to see you soon!

## Caritas Ambassador - Parish Program 2023

Join us at Caritas Australia where we will dive deeper into the heart and stories of Project Compassion 2023. The aim of this event is to ignite the desire in everyone to answer the call, join in, and reach out to our vulnerable brothers and sisters. In doing so, we unite to bring the love and mercy of God to all.

Tuesday, 31st January and Tuesday, 14th February 6.30pm - 8pm (light refreshments will be provided). 40A Mary Street, Highgate (entry to car park is from Harold Street)

Please contact Deacon Paul Reid or Shelby D'Souza on 9422 7925 or email

[perth@caritas.org.au](mailto:perth@caritas.org.au) for more information.



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## The Right to Life Association of WA

### 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Easter is early this year! Our 40 Days for Life prayer vigil starts on Ash Wednesday February 22nd at 7am at Parliament

House! We are there every day except Sunday from 7am - 5pm and we would love to have you join us. Please choose any two hour slot on any day Monday to Saturday and come along and support our prayer vigil. It is fantastic if you can do the same two hour slot each week - but only do what you can manage. Prayer books are provided! Call the office on 9221 7117, email [admin@righttolifewa.co](mailto:admin@righttolifewa.co) or call Steve on 0417 184 789 to book your time on the front line!



## Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

We invite ALL church workers to attend a safeguarding induction. The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

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