

## FINDING GOD AMONGST THE OUTCASTS

Over the next couple of weeks, we move from the Gospel of Matthew to the Fourth Gospel. Often described as the “spiritual gospel,” this gospel presents Jesus’ teachings in the form of long theologically-charged speeches or his many-levelled interactions with various characters representing key groups within first-century Roman Palestine.

Today’s gospel is no exception. The dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria in this passage is among the most historically interesting and the most theologically profound in the New Testament. To astute readers of the gospels, this story comes as a surprise. One would not expect the Jewish Jesus to be found in conversation with an unaccompanied woman in public; and, more significantly, a woman from neighbouring Samaria; a territory and people with whom the Jewish community had a hostile relationship.

Samaritans shared with their Jewish neighbours a common ancestry and a common faith in God (YHWH). But they were considered ethnically and religiously tarnished because they had intermarried with foreigners and adopted aspects of pagan worship into their religious practice. The story reflects something of this history. It indicates the Samaritan woman had ‘many husbands’ prior to her present partner.

Typical of the Fourth Gospel, there are various levels of meaning here. On the one hand, the reference can be understood as an obvious allusion to the dubious ethnicity of the Samaritans. On the other hand, it may be meant literally, indicating that the woman’s irregular relationships had made her an outcast in her own community too.

Jesus breaks several social taboos in first speaking to the woman, and then sharing her drinking vessel. In the eyes of his fellow Jews, Jesus acted shamefully in speaking with the woman alone. And in drinking from the same cup he rendered himself ritually “unclean” – unfit to enter the precincts of the Temple and offer prayer to God. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple, even though she is neither a Jew nor a “respectable” member of her community. She returns to her town and proclaims the gospel and succeeds in leading others to Jesus.

There are at least two lessons to be learned from this passage. First, there is nothing that we have done in our past or in our present situation that prevents us from finding God in our lives. Second, genuine Christian communities must be open and welcoming. Christianity is meant to be counter-cultural.

It cuts across all conventional boundaries that separate people, communities and nations from each other. But such boundaries do not separate us from God, who loves us and is open to giving us a second chance. There is nothing in our past that should prevent us from proclaiming the gospel, especially to those closest to us: our family, friends and neighbours.

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**12th March, 2023**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Year A**

**Violet**

**Today's Readings**

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

**19th March, 2023**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**Year A**

**Rose or Violet**

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

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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

Parish Meetings	
<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Tuesday, 14th March in Parish Centre at 6.45pm
<b>Vinnies</b>	Wednesday, 15th March in Parish Centre at 7.00pm




Deacon Errol would like to thank all of you for your Generosity and for your support in his time here.



### Happy St Patrick Feast Day

The Parish would like to wish all parishioners with Irish decent a very Happy St Patrick Feast Day.

## Praying For You



**Recently Deceased**  
Linus Ayo, Cynthia Una Fischer

**Death Anniversary**  
Adolph Malagui, Catherine Malagui,  
Sr Delma Mary OSM,  
Sr Folencia Mary OSM,  
Sr Salomi Mary OSM

**Our Sick**  
Ammini 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, Mavis Hall  
Ian Ballantyne, Kaye Ballantyne

**Baptised Recently**  
Elayna Outschoorn  
Daughter of Maximus and Marina  
Chloé Suzanne Anne Malton  
Daughter of Benjamin and Anaïs

Feast Days this Week		
Mar 17	Fri	St Patrick
18	Sat	St Cyril of Jerusalem, St Edward the Martyr

### Rosters for 11/12 March, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Vilma Lyra	Ayden Ratnasekera	Volunteer	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Angel Villan, Carl Agus Maria Donina, Xyris Madrigal Abigail Raganas, Seren Adams
Sunday 7.30am	Dion Robson Shania Tido	Jenny Mills	Sean Mullins	Geoff Mills	Inoka Ratnasekera Volunteer	Shania Tido, Callie Abogado Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Kerry Keys Bec Malagui-Hicks	Kaye Cox	Leslie Dcruz	Dan Hewitt	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szezak	Angel Garavillas, Gabino Htoo Sanjay Jojo, Elain Labrador Noel Justin, Keanu Malagui-Hicks
Tellers this week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin				Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys		

### Rosters for 18/19 March, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Sandra Wren	Lynette Lieveaux	Martin Loh	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig Matthew Calupig, Angel Donina Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Jeanette Pedulla	Chloe Pereira-Smith	Gerard Peters	Pay Tru Volunteer	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Naomi Kyaw-Tun, Aydrriel Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Leanne Crestani	Lance Dcruz	Lenny Dcruz	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	Nicole Oo, Walter Oo Patrina Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan Able Biju, Carl Borlongan



## 3rd Sunday of Lent 11th & 12th March



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the foyer, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Wednesday, 29th March at 7.00pm. This is God's gift to us to encounter His merciful love as we prepare for our celebration of Holy week and Easter. The following parishes will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thornlie - Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm, Kelmscott - Tuesday 28th March at 7pm & Armadale - Thursday 30th March at 7pm.



### Funeral Mass Notices

The Funeral Mass for (Cynthia) Una Fischer will be held at St Jude's Langford Tuesday 14th March at 10am. Cremation is at West Chapel, Fremantle at 12.15pm.

The Funeral Mass for Veronica Potter will be held here at Our Lady of The Most Blessed Sacrament Church Thursday, 16th March at 10.00am.



### RCIA Enquiry Day

Are you interested in joining the Church and becoming a Catholic? We will be holding an enquiry day on Wednesday, 22nd March at 7pm in the Parish Centre. It's just about getting to know each other and answering any questions you may have about what the RCIA process is about.

### 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.

### Calling all Choristers

Practice for Easter services is on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm 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.



### 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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## Parish Busy Bee

Saturday 25th March 10am onwards. We need your willing hands and hearts to ensure that our church and grounds are at their best for the Easter celebrations. Lots to be done, any queries please contact Nigel or Kim through the parish office 9398 2331

## St Munchin's Year 4 Mass



The year fours will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 17th March at 9am for the Feast Day of St Patrick. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

## Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 14th March with indoor activities from 9am and monthly meeting at 10.45am. BYO Lunch. Bingo at 12.15pm! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome. Please phone Rose Heald for more information 0418 948 245.



## Young Adults

Join us in the hall on Saturday 18th of March for our Young Adults dinner. Register your attendance via the sign-up sheet or by text!



## Catholic Faith Renewal

CFR welcomes you to a mid-week Lenten evening retreat with Fr Greg Donovan "UNPACKING LENT—Where to from here?" St John & Paul's Church Parish Hall, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton. Tuesday 21st March - Thursday 23rd March 7pm - 9pm daily. Cost: \$30ea includes light refreshments. Space is limited so please register early. To register or for more information please contact with WhatsApp: Name and phone number to Charles: 0413 755 799, Pat: 0413 689 039 or email: [Catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:Catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com)

## New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for April to July 2022, 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 so new rosters may be ready for collection early April. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: [secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au)

## Greeters are needed

New rosters are being drawn up soon. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. All those on the current roster are asked to recommit by also adding their name to the list.

## Caritas Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.



The destroyed Cathedral of Iskenderun. Photo: Caritas Turkey.



We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

## 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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Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.



## On The Bulletin Board

Employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth.

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Marian Pilgrimage through Portugal, Spain, France Croatia/Hercegovina.

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