

HAVING FAITH IN THE DARK TIMES

At the end of his gospel, Saint John reminds us that he has had to be selective in what he's told us, and that what he has recorded is there so that we might "believe that Jesus is the Christ", and that by believing, we might have life through his name.

The story that John uses of the healing of a blind man is described in much more graphic detail than any accounts of similar cures in the gospels and is a perfect illustration of how John is seeking to ensure that we get the message in all its depth and complexity. The context is his recurring theme of Jesus as the light of the world. Blind people are in the dark and there are many people in this story who are in the dark.

To begin with, the disciples themselves are still burdened with the old notion that our infirmities must be the consequence of sin, either the blind man's sins or those of his parents. Jesus dispels this idea immediately and invites us to open our eyes to a much bigger picture in which we will see "the works of God" displayed. But Jesus is confronted with obstinacy on the part of the religious authorities and fear on the part of the man's parents. Accordingly, each of them is rendered blind, unable to see the truth before their very eyes.

One of the fascinating aspects of this story is that Jesus does not demand an act of faith from the man before he cures him; he simply asks him to co-operate by washing the paste from his eyes. Now this man becomes the vehicle through whom John will teach us in whom we should put our faith. After all the interrogations and investigations are over, Jesus seeks the man out and asks him if he believes in "the Son of Man"?

Assured by the Lord that he can now see him, the blind man has no hesitation in saying: "Lord, I believe," and then worships him. Later in the gospel, we see a comparable call to faith when Jesus confronts Martha after the death of her brother, Lazarus. "I am the resurrection ... Do you believe this?"

She replies: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

The blind, like many others, were the outcasts at that time. Jesus had come to reach out to them and fulfil the message of the prophets: the outcasts would be cured and welcomed into the community at the expense of those who wielded power for their own ends. There are still many outcasts in our world today and it is the mission of the disciples of Jesus to speak out against the injustices that keep them imprisoned and to set them free so they can give glory to God.



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19th March, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent
Year A

Rose or Violet

Today's Readings

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

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

26th March, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

Violet

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

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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 - 9.00pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc


Parish Meetings	
Parish Pastoral Council	Tuesday, 11th April in Parish Centre at 6.45pm
Vinnies	Wednesday, 29th March in Parish Centre at 7.00pm

Monday Mass

There will Mass on Monday 20th March at 9.00am for the Solemnity of St Joseph.

Tuesday Mass

Tuesday 21st March, Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am.
There will be no Mass at 6.00pm or adoration at 5.00pm

Praying For You		
		
Recently Deceased		
Mike Curran, Kaye Ballantyne, David Borgonah, Anne Elezabeth, John Foti, George Bristow, Jacquim De Souza		
Death Anniversary		
Hazel Bunyan, Peter Lim Kim Yam, Philip Pereira		
Deceased		
Hazel Roberts, Buelah Le Guay		
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		
Feast Days this Week		
Mar 20	Mon	St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
21	Tue	St Enda
22	Wed	St Deogratias, St Nicholas Owen
23	Thu	St Turibius of Mongrovejo
24	Fri	St Macartan
25	Sat	The Annunciation of the Lord

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, Aydriel 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
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

Rosters for 25/26 March, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Volunteer	Angel Donina	Volunteer	Faye Mitchell Ludette Van Der Spil	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Dashiell Van Ingen, Angel Villan Carl Agus, Maria Donina
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Ann Ralston	Inoka Ratnasekera	Aruna Ratnasekera	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Shania Tido
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Maureen Byrne	Ben Gradisen	Phillip Magness	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	Juan Carlos Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz Florian Christstar, Emily Crestani Angel Garavillas, Gabino Htoo

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4th Sunday of Lent 18th & 19th March



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. **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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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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.



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Funeral Mass Notices

The Funeral Mass for Mike Curran will be held here at Our Lady of The Most Blessed Sacrament Church 24th March at 10.30am. There will be rosary prayed at 10.00am

The Funeral service for Kaye Ballantyne will be held at Unity Chapel, 8 Bronzewing Street, Huntingdale on Monday 27th March at 10.00am.



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RCIA Enquiry Day - Date Change

Are you interested in joining the Church and becoming a Catholic? We will be holding an enquiry day on Thursday, 23rd 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.

New Rosters - Greeters - 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 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.

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!

New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

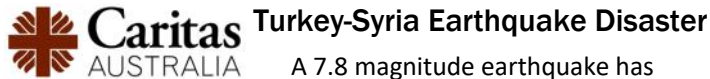
The roster covering the period for April to July 2022, is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during this time, please contact the Parish Office so new rosters may be ready for collection early April. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

Golden Age Club

There is no club day this week, as some members will be enjoying a trip down South for few days.



As a Lenten commitment suggestion, Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot. Contact deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com or 0419 939 864 for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom.



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 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.

Please visit www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au, phone 9221 7762 or email safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au to register for a in person or online session.

Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.



On The Bulletin Board

Employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth and other opportunities available.

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