NOT AN EASY LIFE

One of St Paul's proudest boasts was that he had worked harder, travelled further and suffered a great deal more than any of the other apostles (1 Cor 15:9-10). In 2 Corinthians (6:3-13; 11:23-33) he catalogues the trials and tribulations he had experienced for the sake of his "children" (6:13), which included "far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death" (11:23).

What made this even more remarkable is Paul's age. Paul would have been close to sixty years of age when he was evangelising the cities of the Aegean Basin. By the time he wrote Romans, from which we derive our second reading today, he would have been in his mid-60s.

As implied by his list of troubles in 2 Corinthians, Paul's career was anything but a "cake walk"; nor was it a career that involved a well-deserved retirement in his twilight years. He was beheaded in Rome around the year 64 CE, along with many other Christians who died at the behest of the Emperor Nero.

Paul stands as a clear example of one who chose the "good life" over a "comfortable life". He stood up for what he believed. He stood out by travelling, writing, and building up Christianity. But, in doing so, his life was far from comfortable.

Matthew's Jesus similarly warns his disciples that choosing to follow him will involve tough decisions. The irony of the biblical record is that the immediate "reward" for all of those who chose to live a good life is all-too-often hardship, misunderstanding, persecution and even death at the hands of their persecutors. Sometimes, these difficulties will even be visited upon us from within our family circle.

This passage in Matthew will reverberate throughout the rest of the gospel, most notably for our purposes in Matthew 13:54-58, where Jesus returns to his hometown. He enters the Synagogue expecting a ready welcome from his former neighbours and friends, only to encounter misunderstanding and disbelief. Jesus observes that "Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house" (Mt 13:57).

We might think of this episode as a first century Judaean form of the Australian "tall poppy syndrome" – the tendency to discredit rising stars whom the mob believes are too "full of themselves" or "take themselves too seriously".

The fear of ridicule and misunderstanding may tempt us to forego making the tough decisions or the right choices in life. We don't want to stand out or stand up for fear of being knocked down, especially in matters of public

faith-practice. But as Paul and Jesus testify, standing up and standing out is the only real path to the good life – that is, a life built on purpose and meaning.

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2nd July, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Green

Today's Readings

Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

9th July, 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Green

Next Sunday's Readings

Zechariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

St Munchin's Catholic Primary School



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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	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					



Jenny Mills

Bec Malagui-Hicks

Parish Meetings

Vinnies

Wednesday, 12th July Parish Centre at 7.30pm

Saturday Morning Mass

There will be NO 8am Mass on Saturday mornings 8th, 15th and 22nd July.

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Evert Philip Van Breukelen, Noelene White

Death Anniversary

Fr Joss Breen, Alaster Croning, Claudia Madaffari, Daniel Madden

Deceased

Merlyn Perera

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						
Jul 3	Mon	St Thomas, Apostle				
4	Tue	St Elizabeth of Portugal				
5	Wed	St Antony Zaccaria, St Modwen				
6	Thu	St Maria Goretti, St Moninne				
7	Fri	Bl Peter to Rot				
8	Sat	St Kilian, St Withburga				

Rosters for 1/2 July, 2023									
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Pam Davies	Mary Ann Bombita	Colin Loh	Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan	Carl Agus, Maria Donina Abigail Raganas, Melanie Beacher Athena Calupig, Matthew Calupig			
Sunday 7.30am	Eric & Wendie Almen	Jack Roach	Greg Drew	Gerard Peters	Pay Tru Sue Frawley	Callie Abogado, Michael Almen Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan			
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Tiffany Mitchell	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Nigel Hayward	Cigi Dcruz Carolina Hayward	Joshua Manda, Julia Marano Patrina Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan Able Biju, Carl Borlongan			
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next	week: Chloe Pereira-Smi	th, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak			
Rosters for 8/9 July, 2023									
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limgenco	Volunteer	Ludette Van Der Spil Tracy van Ingen	Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Angel Villan, Carl Agus			
Sunday	Jennifer Barnes	lenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Aruna	Vincent Frawley	Diobett Bangayan, Rosemary Saw			

Geoff Mills

Jerlyn Patrick



7.30am

Sunday

9.30am

Jackie Hall

Karen Suarez

Robert Szlezak

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Ratnasekera

Dan Hewitt

Russell Lally

Kerry Keys

Alex Liyanage



Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw

Juan Carlos Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz

Florian Christstar, Angel Garavillas

John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo

RCIA Rite of Acceptance

This weekend we will welcome 6 people into the RCIA program where they will be seeking either baptism or entry into full communion into the Catholic Church. At the 9.30am Mass we will formally accept Tracy Kwaramba, Shelvam Namasnayam, Ritz Laureano, Thomas Tam, Daniel Tomlinson, Joanne Tomlinson into the RCIA program through the Rite of Acceptance. Please support them and the RCIA team with your prayers.

Confirmation Thank You

Thanks and God bless. Sincerely, Fr Philip.

I would like to thank all who were involved with making our Confirmation celebration such a joyous occasion. We thank Archbishop Timothy Costelloe for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for us.

Sincere thanks to our parish catechist Ben Gradisen; St Munchin's class teachers Joan Mackin, Amy Gallagher and Bonnie Alexander for preparing the candidates so well, a special thanks to Joan Mackin for coordinating all that needed to be done and Gen De Souza for coordinating the parish candidates. Thank you to the Parish Choir, Karen Gonsalves and the Music Ministry; all those who helped with the church ambience and prayerful support of those confirmed, and of course, the young candidates and their families for their wonderful participation.

Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses this weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the company of other parishioners. Take a moment to get to know someone new! Volunteers, please check the roster to see if you are on. Thanks to all on the Morning Tea Roster.

RCIA Sponsors

friends

Accompanying people through the RCIA: Those who come seeking faith embark on a journey to discover how a relationship with God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, can transform their lives. The RCIA journey also involves building relationships with the parish community. How might you help an enquirer to feel at home amongst our parish community? We are looking for sponsors to accompany the Catechumens and Candidates going through the RCIA process. Please register in the foyer.



First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in our Parish Centre. 8.30 -11am. Have you tried it yet? For everyone! Treat yourself to some time out, come relax and enjoy! Our next Coffee Corner is this Friday, 7th July.

Parish Planned Giving Program

Envelopes: If you are currently enrolled in our program, please collect your envelopes from the foyer today. If any of your details have changed or you wish to change the amount of your pledge, please complete a Planned Giving Card. Those wishing to join the program and contribute regularly to the welfare of the parish are also asked to complete a Card. Cards may be placed in the Collection, left with Fr Philip, in the Parish Office In Box in the church foyer or left at the Parish Office.

Direct Debit: If you have nominated to contribute via Direct Debit or wish to alter the amount or frequency already deducted, you are required to complete a new Direct Debit Request form, available in the foyer, and then return as soon as possible.

We are grateful for the generosity of many new contributors, the support of our long-term members and for all those able to increase their offerings.

Your parish needs your support!

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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Please extend a warm welcome to Fr Stephen Ochola this week, who will be filling in while Fr Philip is away this month.

Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 4th July 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.

New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for August to November 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 so new rosters may be ready for collection mid July. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

Vinnies Community Sleepout

Gosnells SVDP Conference is inviting all parishioners to join in our sleepout Saturday 29th July from 7pm here at the Gosnells Parish Church grounds (sleep in your car). Join us and make a real difference to the lives of over 55,000 Western Australians that are 'sleeping rough' each year. Register your interest to participate in the Church foyer. Visit https://vinnies-wa.grassrootz.com/vinnies-wa-

community-sleepout/gosnells-vinnies-conference-sleep-out or click on the QR code to donate. Please contact Clement Ayeni on 0420 666 355 for more information.

National Marriage Week August 13th - Parish Dinner

The Parish Council is organising a dinner to celebrate and acknowledge Married Couples. Married Couples of all ages are warmly invited to come celebrate who are Gosnells parishioners. Join us Saturday 12th August starting with Mass at 6pm followed by buffet style dinner in the Parish Centre. The cost will be \$50 per couple. Tickets will be available soon. It'll be a night of fun, food and great company. Please approach any of the Parish Council members for more information.



Invites you, to bring your family & friends to enjoy this evening of Songs of praise from 7.30pm, thanksgiving mass from 8pm, RENEWAL followed with a talk by Fr. Vincent Glynn on "Experiencing the

presence of God in our lives: The lens of Sacramentality" followed by fellowship & light supper. Friday, 7th July from 7.30pm at St John & Paul's Church Willeton.

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to Safeguarding By attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish.

To register please visit: https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction or phone 9221 7762.

Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.



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