

## GOD'S GOOD CROP

At first glance today's gospel seems to draw a clear distinction between the wheat as the good crop and the darnel as the bad crop. The darnel was sown by the enemy while everybody was asleep. It was regarded as a toxic crop to be weeded out.

Darnel has an intoxicating effect, if consumed. In fact, its official name, "Lolium temulentum", comes from a Latin word for "drunk." In contrast, wheat is described as the good seed which sprouted and ripened. Indeed, Jesus describes it as a metaphor for his own self-giving love: that "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24).

Yet, if the darnel is indeed the bad crop, we might well ask ourselves why the farmer has decided to let both crops grow till the harvest? The answer to that question is that this parable, like all parables, reveals surprising truths about aspects of God. In this instance, it describes the mercy and love of God. Here, God is not a ruthless farmer who is targeting the darnel. Rather, God allows both wheat and darnel to grow to the harvest. Each and everyone has the opportunity to return God.

The Dominican theologian Herbert McCabe explains that we should not be deluded into thinking that, if you are sorry for your sins, God will come and forgive you, that he will be touched by your appeal, change his mind about you and forgive you. McCabe would have us understand that the truth is, instead, that God never changes his mind about you. God is simply in love with you. What he does again and again is change your mind about him. You are not forgiven because you confess your sins. You come to celebrate that your sins are forgiven.

Today's psalm describes God's mercy and compassion. It speaks of a God who is "abounding in love and truth" (Psalm 85:15). John Duns Scotus, the 13th century Franciscan theologian, similarly believed that God did not enter human history because Adam and Eve had sinned; rather, God became man because he loved humanity so much, he desired to be one with us.

In the midst of our struggles, God takes the initiative and draws near to us. The second reading describes how "the Spirit comes to help us on our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words" (Romans 8:26).

We are called to an awareness that God loves us immensely and to respond to God's love and fulfil our destiny as flourishing beings, nourished in the rich soil of God's compassion and mercy.

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## 23rd July, 2023

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**  
**Green**

**Today's Readings**  
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43

## 30th July, 2023

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**  
**Green**

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Romans 8:28-30  
Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

### St Munchin's Catholic Primary School



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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



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## Parish Meetings

### Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 8th August  
Parish Centre at 6.45pm

### Vinnies

Wednesday, 9th August  
Parish Centre at 7.30pm

## Praying For You



### Death Anniversary

Cracius D'Souza, Genevieve Pereira

### Our Sick

Pat Simm, Gerry Peters,  
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

### Baptised Recently

Luca Skye Hornsey, Cash Edward Hornsey  
and Jagger James Hornsey  
Daughter and sons of Dion and Shannon

Mikael Stanford Polglaze  
Son of Izaak and Leah

## Feast Days this Week

Jul 24	Mon	St Charbel Makhlof, St Declan, St John Boste
25	Tue	St James, Apostle
26	Wed	St Anne and St Joachim
27	Thu	St Titus Brandsma
28	Fri	St Victor, St Sampson, St Alphonsa Muttathupadathu
29	Sat	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus, St Olav

## Rosters for 22/23 July, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Sandra Wren	Ayden Ratnasekera	Volunteer	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Jacob Raymond, Angel Villan Carl Agus, Maria Donina
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Jeanette Pedulla	Ann Ralston	Larry Cavallo	Inoka Ratnasekera Pay Tru	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Yuriy Volikov	Robert Szlezak	Phillip Magness	Bec Malagui-Hicks Clarence Pereira	Julia Marano, Patrina Paesu Yatumika Shelvan, Carl Borlongan Able Biju, Juan Carlos Borlongan
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

## Rosters for 29/30 July, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Mary Ann Bombita	Kaye Cox	Martin Loh	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Abigail Raganas, Melanie Beacher Athena Calupig, Matthew Calupig Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteer Shania Tido	Inoka Ratnasekera	Jack Roach	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido Callie Abogado, Michael Almen
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Leslie Dcruz	Haizelmary Ani Jacob	Hanna Allen	Nigel Hayward	Geraldine Pereira Peta Phillips	Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore Gabino Htoo, Liam James

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Please join me in thanking Fr Stephen Ochola who has been filling in while Fr Philip has been away.

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Vatican has announced that this weekend celebrates the third annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 23rd July, ahead of the feast of Sts Anne and Joachim on 26 July. The theme for the event as chosen by Pope Francis is "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). According to the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life, the theme is linked to the theme for World Youth Day 2023, which also comes from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke: "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39).

### Hacked Phone

Fr Philip's iPhone has been hacked. Please be careful or ignore any messages that seem to be coming from Fr Philip.

### 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. It'll be a night of fun, food and great company. Please approach any of the Parish Council members for more information. Tickets are now available for purchase in the Church foyer.



### Pray for us as we prepare for First Eucharist

Matemluok Acuek, Zai Almoite, Alessio Biancotti, Isabella Bloom, Charli Boddy, Harper Boynes-Butler, Ruby Buttita, Koban Cahill, Frances Cano, Lance Cano, Noah Cruz, Rinoa Espino, Keina Estrella, Nate Famoso, Christiana Hozanovic, Jenuja Jeyaseelan, Alexander Johnston, Kripa Jojo, Lucia Joseph, Aldrin Jumawan, Olivia Justin, Aaron Kang, Fiona Keji, Aung Ling Thang Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha, Michael Lariosa, Amy Manson, Ellie Meacher, Tara Nguyen, Paul Ortega, Hailie Posidio, Joyson Rahunathan, Mistica Ravikumar, Jac Rodgers, Sophie Rodgers, Katrielle Swinbourne, Caleb Watkins, Martin Yotar



### Sacrament Of First Eucharist - Parent/Child Workshop

On Tuesday 25th July, Candidates for First Eucharist and their parents are invited to a Parent/Child workshop at 5pm in the St Munchin's School Hall, lead by Mr Stephen Harris from the CEWA Catechesis Team. Please attend this important session as we prepare this special group to receive the Sacrament on Sunday 27th August.

### Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes - New Roster available now

Please collect your new roster from the foyer today. Please arrange your own swaps from the list if unable to attend. Thank you to all who continue to serve the parish through these ministries. May God bless your generosity.

### Parish Planned Giving

Don't forget to pick up your envelopes today! Our Parish Planned Giving Program forms part of the Second Collection providing for the ongoing upkeep and development of the parish. Many parishioners contribute via the Direct Debit method and therefore will not be seen to be adding their envelope to the collection. If you want more information about contributing to your parish by this means, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you to all who generously support the Parish.

### 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](mailto:safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au)



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## Golden Age Club

There is no club day this week, as members will be out enjoying lunch at Harold Hawthorne Community Centre in Carlisle.

## 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.



## Youth Night

Thank you to all who attended the last event. The upcoming event is on the 28th July, from 6:30pm to 9pm. Register your attendance via the sign-up sheet in the foyer, by text or through a friend by 7pm the Thursday before.

## After School Religious Education Classes

Children attending non-Catholic primary schools and students in high school who haven't received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation have resumed lessons for term three on Wednesdays, 4.30 - 5.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please note that children have to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they prepare to make their First Communion the following year.



Invites you, to bring your family & friends to enjoy this evening of Songs of praise from 7.30pm, thanksgiving Mass from 8pm, followed with a talk by Fr Greg Donovan on "Reconciliation and Why it Matters" followed by fellowship & light supper. Friday, 4th August 7.30pm at St John & Paul's Church Willetton. Bring along with you any petitions as they will be taken up during Offertory. A plate to share for supper is always welcomed.

## St Munchin's Year 6 Mass



The year sixes will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 28th July at 9am. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

## Used Stamps Needed

Mary MacKillop International and the Sisters of St Joseph are helping to eliminate poverty and suffering by collecting used stamps from various parishes and selling them to raise funds for community programs in Peru, Timor and Papua New Guinea. Our parish has a box for donations of used stamps.

## 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 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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