

## HEAVEN IS A PEARL WORTH PURSUING

Much like today, different gods and life philosophies were plentiful in the ancient Roman world. They were like different pearls, available for people to pick and choose which they liked and wanted to keep.

However, say you had come across a pearl greater in its beauty and purity than all of the others you had seen, one so valuable it required you to discard all the rest to obtain it. There's a sense of urgency in the decision too. A pearl this valuable, like treasure found in a field, will not remain available like this for long. Looking at it, you know you must decide quickly while it is still available.

Would it be worth it to you?

When Jesus talks about the 'kingdom of heaven' or the 'kingdom of God' being like a pearl of great price, he's referring to the value of the new way of living available through him.

As St Paul explains in today's second reading, the kingdom of heaven is not just about eternal life. It is primarily about being shaped to become like Jesus, including in the here and now. We share Jesus' wisdom, his capacity to love others and his relationship with the Father. We live with Christ's life, we become moulded to his ways, and we take on Christ's whole way of being as our own.

The imagery offered by the parables in today's gospels describes the right response to finding the kingdom of heaven, which is to give up everything else that has value in order to pursue it. Whether it costs us success, security, pleasure, or the respect of others, the kingdom of heaven is worth the very highest price.

St Matthew understands how the kingdom of heaven can change a person. Not only has he given up everything, including riches and security, for the kingdom of heaven but, in attaining it, he is like the head of a household who can welcome others into the kingdom and give its treasures away.

However, there is no understanding of the kingdom of heaven as Jesus describes it without a life-changing commitment to stay on its course.

As our first reading explains, King Solomon, at the start of his life, found this pearl of great price and placed it at the very centre of his life. Solomon disregarded offers of health, wealth and security and instead prized knowing the heart and mind of God. However, as the books of Kings go on to document, the wealth and life of pleasure drew Solomon's focus away from the wisdom he once prized above everything.

The life on offer from God gives us meaning and joy. It offers us a life where "all things work for good for those who love God." It is worth it to cast everything aside to attain it.

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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**30th July, 2023**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Today's Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

**6th August, 2023**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Next Sunday's Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9

### 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

## Praying For You



### Death Anniversary

James Bantleman, Agnes D'Cruz,  
Gladys Gordon, Yvette Paul

### 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 Bismath, 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

Alba Rose Shaw  
Daughter of Jett and Amber

Zaiden Laylo Miclat  
Son of Nicole and Ariane

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Sharon Campbell at reception on 9234 7555  
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Parish Meetings
<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> Tuesday, 8th August Parish Centre at 6.45pm
<b>Vinnies</b> Wednesday, 9th August Parish Centre at 7.30pm

Feast Days this Week		
Jul 31	Mon	St Ignatius Loyola
Aug 1	Tue	St Alphonsus Liguori
2	Wed	St Eusebius of Vercelli, St Peter Julian Eymard, St Peter Faber
3	Thu	St Dominic, St Germanus of Auxerre, St Oswald, St Ethelwold
4	Fri	St John Mary Vianney
5	Sat	The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

### 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
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl Le Guay		

### Rosters for 5/6 August, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spice	Pam Davies	Angel Donina	Colin Loh	Bridget Soh Miriam Villan	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Angel Villan, Carl Agus Maria Donina, Abigail Raganas
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Ronan Roach	Dion Robson	Volunteer	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Tom Antu, Aydriel Ratnasekera Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Kerry Keys Bec Malagui-Hicks	Maureen Byrne	Florence Ayeni	Lenny Dcruz	Silvana Sciorilli Evelyn Yozzi	Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin Alisha Liyanage, Keanu Malagui-Hicks Joshua Manda, Julia Marano

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## Vinnies Community Sleepout

This weekend the Gosnells SVDP Conference had their community sleepout on the Gosnells Parish Church grounds sleeping in their cars. Help them to make a real difference to the lives of over 55,000 Western Australians that are 'sleeping rough' each year. You can place your donation in a 'Sleepout' labeled envelope and put it into the SVDP donation box located in the church, 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. 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.




## 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.




### First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in the Parish Centre.  
8.30 -11am. It's for everyone! And it's free!  
Treat yourself to some time out, come relax,  
meet someone new and enjoy!  
Why not join us for our next Coffee Corner  
this Friday, 4th August after Mass.



### Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses next 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.




### St Munchin's Year 3 Mass

The year threes will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 4th August at 9am.  
All are welcome to come and celebrate.

### 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.  
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## Golden Age Club



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



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.

## 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.

## Readers : Break Open The Word

The 2023 Book for Readers is available for Proclaimers of the Word to borrow to help prepare for their reading ministry. All copies are 'Parish' stamped and should be held by the Readers for just one week at a time.

## 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.

## Archdiocesan Marriage Mass

**Saturday, August 19th 10am, St Mary's Cathedral**

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couples who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating a milestone anniversary 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2023>.

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Please contact the Parish Office for further information 9398 2331.

## 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.



## On The Bulletin Board

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