

## WHERE IS GOD?

We are told in the Catechism that “God is everywhere”. However, the question of how God reveals the divine presence to each of us – how God becomes real for us, or speaks to us – is not so simple. In today’s first reading, the prophet Elijah is told to go to the mountain so he will see the Lord passing by. However, Elijah only experiences earthquake, wind and fire which do not reveal the Lord to him.

Then, after this failure to see or find God, Elijah experiences the presence of the Lord in the “still small voice of a gentle breeze”. This voice of God, which Elijah hears in his heart and soul, calls on him to set out from the mountain to become the Lord’s spokesperson. Elijah sets out and meets Elisha who becomes his fellow disciple in promoting the Lord’s covenant with the people of Israel.

In today’s gospel story, Peter comes to believe in Jesus as ‘The Son of God’ through the experience of almost drowning. Like so many of us, Peter is a person of ‘little faith’ who meets the God of Jesus in a situation of distress. Peter is fishing when he sees a ‘ghost’ walking towards him on the water. But the ghost turns out to be Jesus telling the disciples not to be afraid.

So, Peter, following Jesus’ invitation to come to him across the water, begins to do so before the winds arrive and he begins to sink, crying out “Lord, save me!”

Jesus stretches out his hands to catch Peter before chastising him: “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Peter and the disciples then cry out together: “Truly you are the Son of God”.

The question then becomes, how God speaks to us in our daily lives? As with Elijah and Peter, we may find ourselves searching for the voice of God in the wrong places, or without sufficient trust. Moreover, it is especially when we are in situations of challenge and distress that the Lord may pierce our defences to tell us not to be afraid, but to believe in his divine forgiveness, love and mercy.

Our contemporary secular culture has been described as a culture where ‘God has gone missing’. So many people appear to be able to live without any notion of God. But we should not think this is a particularly modern issue. The prophet Isaiah speaks of “a God who lies *hidden*” (45:12); for St Paul, Christ is “the image of the *unseen* God” (Col. 1:15). Indeed, St Augustine tells us “if we think we understand God, it is not God we understand”.

So, we are left with the paradox that, while ‘God is everywhere’ – present in every created reality – this God is always present as Mystery. There is no human experience from which God is absent. Yet, our faith is constantly tested, like Elijah and Peter, that we may find the God of Jesus Christ in places we may least expect.

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## 13th August, 2023

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Today's Readings

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

## 20th August, 2023

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

### 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**



**Deceased**  
Agnes Tee

**Death Anniversary**  
Beryl Gyi, Bill Hornsby, Sr Alexin Mary OSM,  
Sr Edwin Mary OSM, Sr Gunnaseeli Mary OSM,  
Sr Santhosha Mary OSM, Bernard Tan

**Deceased**  
Lucia Candog, Macario Candog,  
Natalia Torremocha, Olempio Torremocha

**Our Sick**  
Pat Simm, Gerry Peters,  
Ammini Jose, John Breg, Conrad Briggs,  
Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,  
Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly,  
Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess,  
Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen,  
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**Parish Meetings**

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Tuesday  
12th September  
Parish Centre at 6.45pm

**Vinnies**  
Wednesday  
13th September  
Parish Centre at 7.30pm

Feast Days this Week		
Aug 14	Mon	St Maximilian Kolbe
15	Tue	The Feast of the Assumption
16	Wed	St Stephen of Hungary, St Rock
18	Fri	St Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga
19	Sat	St John Eudes, St Ezekiel Moreno, St Oswin

**Rosters for 12/13 August, 2023**

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Sandra Wren	Carina Limgenco	Volunteer	Mark Van Ingen Ludette Van Der Spil	Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig Matthew Calupig, Jacob Malou Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Robertson Saw	Sr Savarie	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Callie Abogado
Sunday 9.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Lance Dcruz	Kaye Cox	Dan Hewitt	Joe Yozzi Francisco Aung	Patrina Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan Able Biju, Juan Carlos Borlongan Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szelezak		

**Rosters for 19/20 August, 2023**

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spice	Vilma Lyra	Clarence Pereira	Martin Loh	Tracy van Ingen Sandra Wren	Jacob Raymond, Angel Villan Carl Agus, Maria Donina Abigail Raganas, Melanie Beacher
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Diobett Bangayan	Greg Drew	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Michael Almen, Bionney Bangayan Tom Antu, Diobett Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Ben Gradisen	Leslie Dcruz	Phillip Magness	Michael Ayeni Anne Brink	Angel Garavillas, Leslie Dcruz John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Liam James, Sanjay Jojo

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## National Marriage Week

The parish thanks and wish all married couples God's blessing on your love for each other.



## Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday 15th August at 9.00am (whole School Mass) and 7.00pm. The Feast of the Assumption is a Day of Obligation.

## Vinnies Community Sleepout

A big thank you to all that donated and supported our sleepout recently. If you still wish to donate, you may 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.



## Children's Mass

There will be a children's Mass at the 9.30am Sunday Mass on the 17th September. We would like to invite all the children in the primary schools to participate in this Mass in an active way. We are looking for children to be involve in the choir, as readers and other ways. Please register in the foyer if you are interested in being involved.

## Our Lady Of Sorrows Feast

The Servite Sisters cordially invite all parishioners to participate in the grand celebration of Mass for their congregation Feast of Mother of Sorrows Servants of Mary on Saturday, 9th September at 10am. All are invited to join us after Mass for lunch in the St Munchin's School Hall. Thank you and God bless.



## 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.

## 'Come and See' The Shrine of Mary

Join us to learn about the little Shrine on the hill and what it holds for you. The Schoenstatt Movement is a spiritual family offering formation and events for families, couples, singles, youth and children. Experience a fun-filled afternoon with guided tours, afternoon tea, testimonies and information materials, activities for children and teenagers. We will conclude with prayer & song at the Shrine at 3.30pm. Sunday 27 August, 2 - 4pm, Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon. Free event. Inquiries: Terry Huxtable 0403 910 925 or email [WAINFO@schoentatt.org.au](mailto:WAINFO@schoentatt.org.au)

## 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.

## Reach Beyond To New Horizons

Palms Australia is offering Australian Catholics the opportunity to undertake a Global Mission. We need your help to reach out to qualified and experienced Australians requested by vulnerable communities overseas in support of sustainable poverty reduction through skill development. To see current opportunities please visit <https://palms.org.au> or to request an info pack email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



## 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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The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 15th 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.

## From the Parish Archives – Dedication of our Church

On 15th August, 1979 His Grace, Archbishop Launcelot John Goody was the principal celebrant at the Mass of Dedication of the new Church of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Julian Singers, under the direction of Father Raeson (Blessed Sacrament Fathers) and the Gosnells Folk Group, under the direction of Mrs Billie Lewis, rendered the music and singing during the Mass. From Once, Twice, Three Times a Parish.

A few weeks earlier, on 8th July, 1979, many hundreds of people walked the three kilometres from the old church site on Albany Highway to accompany the Blessed Sacrament as it was transferred to the new church, here in Corfield Street. Altar Servers, Acolytes and Musicians lead the procession along Dorothy Street with the Gosnells Catholic Boy Scouts forming a guard of honour as the Lord entered the new church. See photos from the book up on the notice board.

## 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>.

## Youth Night

Our next event is on 18th of August, from 6:30pm to 9pm. Please register your attendance in the foyer, via reply text or email by 7pm Thursday 17th August.

## Young Adults

For anyone in Year 12 onwards, join us on the 26th of August at 7pm for another dinner! Bring questions along with you for discussion and be sure to register in the foyer.

## Catholic Youth UNITE - Rise Up and Follow Mary's Example!

We are thrilled to continue the spirit and theme of World Youth Day by coming together on the 25th of August for UNITE. This event will be a beacon of unity, where young hearts can connect, share their faith, and grow stronger together. Join us Friday, 25th August, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at the University of Notre Dame, Drill Hall [32 Mouat St, Fremantle]. Tickets are only \$ 12ea. For more details and to purchase tickets scan the QR code or visit [unite.cym.com.au](http://unite.cym.com.au)



## 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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