

LIVING ON THE MARGINS

Matthew's community consisted of Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles), which contributed to tension and disharmony. The Jewish Christians still saw themselves as Jews. For them, they hadn't changed their religion. Christianity was simply another reform-movement within Judaism. However, being Jewish was not solely about religion, it was also cultural; giving identity, meaning, understanding and depth to life.

The Jews saw themselves as a holy nation, a people set apart; and non-Jews were considered the opposite! So, when non-Jews began joining the new community and growing in number, the Jews felt overwhelmed and uncomfortable with the religious and cultural blending. Questions arose: Were non-Jews welcome in the Christian movement and on what conditions? Who decides about membership and participation? Is there openness to integration and compromise?

Throughout his gospel, Matthew confronts attitudes of superiority and contempt for Gentiles among the Jewish Christians. For example: He introduces and gives prominence to the Gentile Magi. He has Jesus calling his followers to *"love your enemies"*. He shows Jesus curing the servant of a Gentile centurion and exorcising Gentile demoniacs.

In today's story, Matthew addresses the differences between a woman and Jesus' disciples. Matthew doesn't just identify her by geography but uses the term *'Canaanite'*; an ancient word for Israel's' long-time enemies. He shows that it's the disciples who first have a problem with her: *"She's shouting after us."* Matthew uses the usual Jewish objection by having Jesus say: *"I was sent only to the lost-sheep of the House of Israel."* But then he adds a balancing statement by having Jesus respond to the woman and praise her faith: *"Woman, you have great faith."*

Matthew shows Jesus being deeply moved by the woman's desperate motherly love and her readiness to trust him. Jesus has no interest in her 'religion' or any questionable moral worthiness, and certainly not that she was a Gentile woman. Jesus is as close to those on the margins as he is to those who belong to the so-called 'inner circle'.

In the conversation between the woman and Jesus, Matthew demonstrates God's abundance: *"Even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table."* (Recall the feeding of the 5000 - twelve baskets-full of scraps were collected from what was left over). God's grace, mercy and compassion are lavish and reach out *beyond* Israel to embrace the whole world.

So, who might be today's equivalent of the ostracised Gentile woman or the Gentile and Jewish members of Matthew's community?

Like Matthew, perhaps we can use the story to examine contemporary life, with all its questions, differences, uncertainties, tensions and complexities. A good starting point is to see life through the lens of God's unconditional love for everyone and to reach out with respect, compassion and sensitivity to others, especially those pushed to the edges.

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20th August, 2023
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Green

Today's Readings
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

27th August, 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Green

Next Sunday's Readings
Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

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	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

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Christine Avery, Dr Henry Black,
Paul Shellaw, Nike

Death Anniversary

Daniele Di Martino, Domenico Di Martino

Deceased

Ainsley Da Silva, Vivienne Da Silva,
Douglas Higginson, John Higginson,
Phyllis Higginson, Kunle, Segun, Woye

Our Sick

Pat Simm, Gerry Peters,
Ammi 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,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui,
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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 21	Mon	Pope St Pius X
22	Tue	Our Lady, Mother and Queen, St John Kemble
23	Wed	St Rose of Lima, St Eugene, St John Wall
24	Thu	St Bartholomew, Apostle
25	Fri	St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz, St Mary of Jesus Crucified Baouardy
26	Sat	Our Lady of Czestochowa, St David Lewis, St Caesarius of Arles

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 DcruJohn Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Liam James, Sanjay Jojo
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Slezak				Tellers next week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin		

Rosters for 26/27 August, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Ayden Ratnasekera	Lynette Lieveaux	Volunteer	Remi Biju Carina Limgenco	Athena Calupig, Matthew Calupig Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Franklin D'Cruz	Geoff Mills	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Aydriel Ratnasekera, Scott Tido Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Karen Suarez Robert Slezak	First Eucharist		Nigel Hayward	Jim Brink Angela Bushby	Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin Alisha Liyanage, Keanu Malagui-Hicks Joshua Manda, Julia Marano

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Parish First Communion Mass

We will be celebrating the children's First Eucharist at the 9.30am Mass next Sunday, 27th August. Please keep those preparing for their First Eucharist in your prayers.

Thank You

We would like to thank the Parish Social Committee for organising the wonderful Wedding Anniversary Dinner.

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.



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 involved in the choir, as readers and other ways. Please register in the foyer if you are interested in being involved.

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.

St Charles Seminary Vocations Sunday Morning Tea

Young men, aged 17yrs and above, are you tired of trying to change the world all by yourself? Come along and have a chat, celebrate Mass and share in a wonderful morning tea with our Seminarians. Sunday, 10th September at 9.30am. St Charles Seminary, 30 Meadow Street, Guildford. RSVP by 7th September via email stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au or phone 9279 1310

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.



'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

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.



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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Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 22nd 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.

Charismatic Healing Service - Sunday 27th August

ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group will conduct a Healing Service immediately after the 10.30am Mass, at the church of Sts John & Paul, Willetton. This is a wonderful opportunity for all who struggle physically, emotionally or spiritually to seek the Lord's healing touch. Prayer teams will lay hands on those who come forward, inviting Jesus to touch their lives and heal their woundedness ... a wonderful opportunity to invite family, neighbours and friends to receive from our awesome God! The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. For further information please call Irene 0466 807 019.

Cornerstone Conference - Christ Alone

Parishioners are invited to attend and register for the Cornerstone Conference 2023 - speakers include Dr Ralph Martin (USA), President of Renewal Ministries, author and consultant to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization - Fr Christian Irdi (Perth), Parish Priest Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scarborough - Laura Firth (Perth), Academic Dean at the Acts2 College of Mission and Evangelisation - Jacinta Walsh (Perth) Youth Minister and Teacher. Join us 22nd to 24th September, John XXIII College Auditorium, Mooroo Drive, Mt Claremont. Full Price \$80 - Concession \$40 Please visit www.cornerstoneconferenceperth.com/ for conference details and Registration. Email Mario Borg at cornerstone.conference.perth@gmail.com or phone 0411 641 245.

48 Hour Perpetual Rosary Bouquet

The 48hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday from 6pm Tuesday 5th September to 6pm Thursday 7th September. Presentation of the scroll of names will be made at the 12.10pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 8th September. Place your committed time slot/s on the roster in the church foyer. Your Rosary can be prayed wherever is convenient. For more information please visit: www.legionofmarywa.org or email: comitiumwa.secretary@gmail.com.



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



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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