

LOVE IS THE GREATER POWER

A wandering preacher's violent execution by a long-gone empire a couple thousand years ago is the salvation of the world? *That* eccentric rabbi is the king of heaven and earth? Are you joking? He said what? It is more blessed to give than to receive? He taught *who* will inherit the earth? Everybody knows what happens to the meek: they lose. Every time. If I strike you, and you turn the other cheek, I won. Right?

If they remind you of anything, today's readings from Sirach and from the gospel recall the equally startling line in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." The petition makes our forgiveness by God contingent on our forgiving others. It's terribly sobering. It's also deeply rooted in the hopes and aspirations of the historical people of God in their (our) covenant with the Creator.

Let us reflect on the Christian account of true power: Anger slams a door, gentleness waits patiently; arrogance thrusts itself to the front, humility withdraws to the back; strife loudly divides into pieces, peace quietly smooths out; revenge grasps and squeezes, forgiveness lets go; hatred pushes, love embraces. Which is more powerful? "Love is stronger than death," says the author of the Song of Songs. If death is most evidently the greatest power in the world, then what is love? Love is stronger, greater, more powerful in what it effects than death.

Of course, love's greatness of power—even over death—is not evident. If you have suffered the death of a loved one, for example, you are certainly confronted with this fact. No matter how much you love him or her, death has caused a definitive breach between you. Love seems impotent, weak, *non-effective* in the face of death.

Death makes an aggressive claim to be the greatest and most universal power there is. Faith, however, says death is not definitive, not absolute. Faith says love is greater, definitive, absolute, universal.

If Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, if he overcame death, then his suffering on the Cross meant something. It meant, in the first place, that love is stronger than death. Faith seems faint, yet, in reality, it is the epitome of force. Forgiveness seems weak, yet, in reality, it enacts a profound degree of strength. Love appears impotent, but, in reality, it is the greatest power there is.

So, how does this reflection help us understand the line from the Our Father? If forgiveness is the greater social power—disarming antagonism, healing hostility, transforming enemies into partners and foes into friends—then in the prayer we are seeking to be the kind of people that belong to and live from his ultimate Kingdom—that Kingdom where love rules, where forgiveness is the condition of entry.

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17th September, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Green

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

24th September, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Green

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

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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

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Parish Meetings
Parish Pastoral Council Tuesday 10th October Parish Centre, 6.45pm
Vinnies Wednesday 11th October Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Grace Marie George, Agnes Tee

Death Anniversary

Margaret Boudville, Des Carroll
Hazel Roberts

Deceased

Dulcie Fatima Tuazon, Jacobo Tuazon,
Myrna Tuazon

Our Sick

Fran Vallis, 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

Feast Days this Week		
Sep 18	Mon	St Edith of Kemsing, St Stanislaw Kostka
19	Tue	St Januarius, St Theoore
20	Wed	St Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions
21	Thu	St Matthew, Apostle
22	Fri	St Maurice and the Theban Legion
23	Sat	St Pio of Pietrelcina, St Adomnan of Iona

Rosters for 16/17 September, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spice	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limgenco	Martin Loh	Miriam Villan Mark van Ingen	Carl Agus, Maria Donina Abigail Raganas, Melanie Beacher Athena Calupig, Matthew Calupig
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Ann Ralston	Inoka Ratnasekera	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Scott Tido, Callie Abogado Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Veronica Ayeni Anne Brink	Helen Magness	Hedwig Kanari	Phillip Magness	Helen Magness Lorna Mitchell	Alisha Liyanage, Keanu Malagui-Hicks Joshua Manda, Julia Marano Patrino Paesu, Yatumika Shelvan
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay				Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez		

Rosters for 23/24 September, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Vilma Lyra	Clarence Pereira	Volunteer	Tracy van Ingen Ludette Van Der Spil	Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Angel Villan, Carl Agus
Sunday 7.30am	Alan & Yvonne Da Silva	Jack Roach	Ronan Roach	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Leslie Dcruz Kerry Keys	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Nigel Hayward	Bec Malagui-Hicks Clarence Pereira	Able Biju, Carl Borlongan Juan Carlos Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz Florian Christstar, Angel Garavillas

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Accompanying People On The RCIA Journey

Discover ways to accompany people on their RCIA journey through one of three important aspects of RCIA ministry:

Tuesday 19th September, 7 - 8.30pm, *Accompanying the Inquirer*, Sacred Heart Thornlie. Please Register your interest with Anne via email at officer.christian.initiation@perthcatholic.org.au or call 0426 561 328.

New Altar Servers Training

Are you interested in serving God by being an Altar Server in the celebration of the Mass? Boys and girls who have made their first Eucharist are invited to this special ministry. We will be training new altar servers for the parish on Thursday, 21st September at 4.30pm in the Church. Please register in the foyer. 

Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 22nd October after 9.30am Mass. Please do come and support our parish and share a common vision for the future. New Parish Councillors are needed to reflect the diversity of our parish and to represent the different groups and ministries therein. Please collect a Nomination Form today. Completed forms need to be lodged with Fr Philip or the Parish Office before Wednesday, 18th October.

Revive - SRM Events

Spiritual Renewal Ministries, supported by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is conducting two Healing/Deliverance and Teaching events in Perth, with international guest, Stanley Joseph. The first on Friday, 29th September, from 7.30pm - 10.00pm, at Orana Catholic School hall, 37 Querrin Ave, Willetton. The second on Saturday, 30th September, from 9.30am - 4.00pm, at Queen of Apostles parish hall, 55 Tudor Ave, Riverton. Both events are free entry; Saturday includes a free light lunch. For further info see flyer on noticeboard or contact Varghese 0425 807 434.

Good Shepherd Soccer Tournament

Saturday, 21st October, from 10am to 4pm at the Good Shepherd School Grounds Kelmscott. Registration fee is \$20 per player (lunch, fruit and drink included), which can be paid by bank transfer. Registrations close 12th October so be quick to pick up a form from the church foyer and register your team. For bank details, any further inquiries or questions about the tournament, please email us at gspk@iinet.net.au or call us on 9495 1204.

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.

Young Adults Dinner

For anyone in Year 12 onwards, join us on the 23rd of September at 7pm for another dinner! Bring questions along with you for discussion and be sure to register in the foyer.

Position Vacant

Sacred Heart Parish in Thornlie has a vacancy for a part time parish secretary. Three days a week, currently Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Applicants must be mature, with proven administration experience as well as experience with Microsoft office programmes. A high level of confidentiality and good communication skills would be required. An understanding of parish life and supportive of the values and ethos of the Catholic Church would be an advantage. To submit your application with reference / to receive the full job description, please email to thornlie@perthcatholic.org.au or george.james@perthcatholic.org.au. Applications close 10th October 2023.



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 19th September 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.

Behold

Evangelisation Australia is blessed to bring you the 2023 WBC Conference entitled BEHOLD which features the team from Catholic Answers. This year, the Conference will be held at Sacred Heart Highgate, October 12th, and Our Lady of the Mission Whitford, October 13th and 14th. As the title suggests, this year's event will be all about the Eucharist. More details and registration can be found at www.evangelisationaustralia.com/events and remember, early bird savings ends on September 14th. Come and join us for an amazing few days of prayer and discovery - with talks, Adoration and Liturgy - that will inspire you to a deeper understanding and love of our Eucharistic Lord.



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Cornerstone Conference - Christ Alone

Parishioners are invited to attend and register for the Cornerstone Conference 2023. Join us 22nd to 24th September, John XXIII College Auditorium, Moor Drive, Mount 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 call 0411 641 245.



Catholic Faith Renewal wishes to remind you about our coming Weekend Retreat with Fr Gino Henriques. "Set Our Hearts on Fire" starts Friday, 27th October from 5.00pm to Sunday 29th

October, 1.00pm. Venue: Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Rd, Maida Vale, Perth. Each day will begin with morning Prayers, Praise & Worship, followed by teachings from Fr Gino Henriques, daily Holy Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Retreat starts at 6.30pm sharp! (light supper will be provided). Cost is \$130.00 per person (live-in). Includes shared accommodation, all sessions and meals. Non live-in is \$70.00 pp, includes all sessions & meals. Bring a notepad, pen & Bible. Live-in retreatants bring single bed sheets or sleeping bags/duona. Pillows, towel, toiletries & torchlight. Booking & Payment must be made by 15th October. Direct Debit payments: BSB: 306 - 074, Account: 0905643, Account name: CFR, Reference: Payee's Name. SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY. To register or for more information please contact Charles on 0413 755 799, email: clteh@inet.net.au or catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com

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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