

## AN INVITATION TO GOD'S BANQUET

The image of the abundant, fulfilling feast is used throughout the scriptures to explain God's promise of eternal life. On the mountain of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah says in today's first reading, God will "provide for all peoples a feast of juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines."

This metaphor of the abundant feast is used to describe the promise of God that he will "destroy the veil" between himself and humanity, "wipe away the tears from every face" and "destroy death forever".

In today's gospel, Jesus uses this imagery of Isaiah and ties the prophet's promises into his own mission. Jesus' parable reveals how the great reunion between God and humanity, where God will provide for his people and defeat death forever as foretold by the prophets, is exactly what is being through Jesus' death and resurrection at Calvary. Hearing about Christ's coming, death and resurrection is like receiving an invitation to a great wedding banquet, where the banquet represents eternal life with God.

And as Isaiah says, this provision is for "all peoples." However, as Jesus goes on to say, "many are invited" to this heavenly banquet "but few are chosen."

There are people who reject the invitation to the eternal life that God has planned for us. As Jesus' parable explains, people often dismiss God's messengers without hearing what they have to say. Some have other business they consider more important. Others react aggressively to the message. Some receive the message and come to the party, see everything that God has provided, but reject the way that has been prepared.

This invitation to eternal life that is being offered is more than just being assured of going to a nice place after we die. It is not about our souls receiving psychological enlightenment or a prize for good behaviour. Eternal life, as Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, is to know God, to know his goodness in the depths of our being, and to know Jesus Christ, and his message of salvation. In the life to come, we will be restored to communion with God and participation in his very nature. Eternal life, therefore, involves stepping into a new way of living. Not just accepting the invitation but living in the new life of love and holiness that we were created for.

What God wants more than anything else is that his children freely choose the life that he has on offer. And so, while we walk on this earth, the invitations are constantly issued to those of us willing to hear. Unlike the man who rejects to wear the wedding garment in this parable, which symbolises living the love and justice that God has created us for, we can respond differently to the king's gentle question: "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?"

The gospel reminds us to keep accepting Jesus' invitations. The eternal life he is calling us to be part of is the one we have been created for.



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**Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 1.30pm**

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**15th October, 2023**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

**22nd October, 2023**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 2:15-16

### 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

<b>Parish Pastoral Council AGM</b> Sunday 22nd October Church, 11am
<b>Vinnies</b> Wednesday 8th November Parish Centre, 7.30pm

## Praying For You



### Recently Deceased

Agnel Prem D'Cruz, Tiji George

### Deceased

Darrell D'Monte, Valerie Robertson

### 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

### Baptised Recently

Mikaela Rose Hormillada  
Daughter of Kirk and Mary

### Feast Days this Week

Oct 16	Mon	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Hedwig, St Gall, St Richard Gwyn, St Marguerite d'Youville
17	Tue	St Ignatius of Antioch
18	Wed	St Luke, Evangelist
19	Thu	Sts John de Brebeuf, Isaac and Companions, St Paul of the Cross, St Philip Howard, St Frideswide, St Peter of Alcantara
21	Sat	St John Bridlington

### Rosters for 14/15 October, 2023

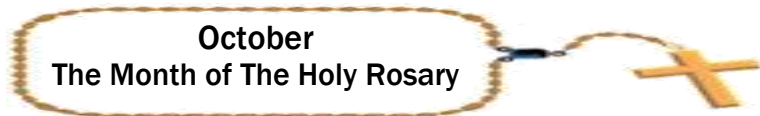
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Pam Davies	Angel Donina	Volunteer	Ludette Van Der Spil Mark van Ingen	Melanie Beacher, Teron Bouzin Athena Calupig, Jacob Malou
Sunday 7.30am	Dion Robson Shania Tido	Franklin D'Cruz	Greg Drew	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Robert Szlezak	Hanna Allen	Phillip Magness	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

### Rosters for 21/22 October, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Carina Limgenco	Lynette Lieveaux	Martin Loh	Tracy van Ingen Miriam Villan	Kyle Marquis, Joshua Manda Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Eric & Wendie Almen	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Robert Szlezak Francis Xavier	Yuriy Volikov	Haizelmary Ani Jacob	Nigel Hayward	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob Liam James, Kripa Jojo

## 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.



## First Penance

Many of our parish children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday 25th October. Please keep them and their families in our prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament..

## Memorial Plaques Special Price

Limited time only. Plaques for our Memorial Wall are available at the special price of \$350 until 12th November. A wonderful way to honour family members and/or former parishioners who have formed the history of this parish. Application forms are available in the church foyer and the Parish Office.

## Columbarium Memorial Mass

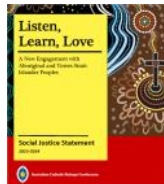
Sunday, 12th November, 9.30am Mass will be dedicated to the memory of all those interred in our Columbarium or honoured on the Wall of Remembrance. Families concerned are invited to attend this Mass and the Annual Blessing of the Columbarium which will follow. Please bring a framed photo or memento of your loved one to place on the Memory Table. Other parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one are also invited to share the Memory Table and the light refreshments that follow in the Parish Centre.

## Columbarium Coin Collection

Thank you to all parishioners who drop their small change into the container in the foyer. This helps support the upkeep of the Columbarium gardens. A generous \$252.80 was last collected which brings us to a total of \$6,683.52 collected to date.

## Social Justice Statement 2023 - 2024

'LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE – A new engagement with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples. *'At the heart of this year's Social Justice Statement is a call for all the People of God to embrace a new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, an engagement which involves a commitment to listen to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers and to learn from them. This listening and learning and the actions which flow from them must be grounded in a spirit of love if there is to be a change for the better.'* (taken from Page 2 of the SJS) Limited copies of the Social Justice Statement is now available in the church foyer.



## Refugee Family Sponsorship

To celebrate Migrant & Refugee Sunday, The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) would like expressions of interest from parishioners for the Refugee Family Sponsorship. Refugee Family Sponsorship requires 5-8 volunteers to form a group to financially sponsor a family from a refugee camp to live in Perth. Refugee Family Sponsorship is overseen by Federal Government and is fully safeguarded. This is also a wonderful opportunity for a parish and school community to practise welcoming a displaced family in need. To register your interest or for inquiries, please contact: [wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:wacmro@perthcatholic.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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## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 17th October 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.

## Youth Night

There is an upcoming Youth Event on Friday 27th of October from 7pm to 9pm. Come along if you're in high school and bring your friends! Register in the Church foyer, via email at [gossnellsyouth@gmail.com](mailto:gossnellsyouth@gmail.com) or text Veronica on 0424 812 632. Fun, faith and food are served as always. God bless!

## New Rosters - Proclaimers of the Word - Out Now

Please collect your new roster from the foyer today. Commentators should arrive at least 15 minutes before their rostered Mass and let the Acolyte know that you are there. Readers are asked to prepare for their ministry by using 'Break Open The Word' a book for Readers, which is available in the Church foyer. Remember to organise your own swaps from the list provided if you cannot attend when rostered. Thank you to all those who are helping out with this ministry.

## Project Compassion 2023 - Thank you!

Caritas Australia would like to thank you all for your generous support of Project Compassion 2023. The total donation by the parish was \$8,031. Your generosity has made it possible for Caritas Australia to bring hope, support and compassion to the world's most vulnerable people.

## WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Are you between 11½ -15yrs or starting Year 7 in 2024? Come and join us for this 5 day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. From only \$270 (less than \$54 a day). Contact Fr Philip, visit the website or contact Graham Maher on 0418 979 600 for more information. Early Bird pricing closes Friday, 17th November. Register now at: [www.wayoungsalesians.com](http://www.wayoungsalesians.com)



## WACMRO Seeking Help

The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) is seeking accommodation for a Ukrainian family (mother and young daughter). If you are able to assist or advise, please contact [wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au) or ring 0413 623 949. Many thanks, Deacon Greg Lowe.

## Mothers Prayers National Day of Prayer - October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Mothers Prayers groups in Australia are called to a National Day of Prayer in October to give thanks and praise to God for the many gifts of answered prayers and blessings received through Mothers Prayers. This year the National Day of Prayer also marks the 20th anniversary of Mothers Prayers in Australia. For a copy of the Prayers of the Faithful or more information about Mothers Prayers, please email WAMP coordinator Su Goh at [perth@mothersprayers.org](mailto:perth@mothersprayers.org).

## 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

Various employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth.

WA Josephite Spirituality Brochure for 2023

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