

## OH LORD, IT'S HARD TO BE HUMBLE

Keeping Up Appearances' is a popular British sitcom that ran from 1990-1995. The plot centres on Hyacinth Bucket (pronounced "Bouquet"), a snobbish middle-aged Englishwoman on a lifelong quest to escape her working-class background, climb the social ladder and claim her rightful place in society.

Hyacinth hosts elegant soirees, including her famous 'candlelight suppers' complete with Royal Doulton tea set, in an effort to impose herself on high-society people, usually involving her long-suffering, but compliant husband, Richard; while striving to 'hide' her less-refined sisters, Daisy and Rose, and Daisy's slothful husband, Onslow. Yet somehow, Hyacinth's family always manages to spoil her grand designs to find fame, usually resulting in chaos and embarrassment. However, Hyacinth is a determined lady, who has one mission in life - to impress people of influence, status and wealth!

In today's gospel, we meet some scribes and Pharisees who are also intent on 'keeping up appearances'! For them, religion has more to do with personal gain and they set out to cultivate a greater public profile, attract attention and improve their social status. They shine the spotlight firmly on themselves by wearing "broader phylacteries and longer tassels"; taking "the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues" and having people call them "Rabbi."

But Jesus wants none of it.

True religion is never about external things, craving power and influence or putting on a show for others. Jesus confronts such superficial, shallow and self-indulgent understandings of holiness. He calls his followers to reject such an empty way of life and instead, build their lives on integrity, love and service, and to build relationships of solidarity, equality and mutual concern.

Jesus is also conscious of what the scribes and Pharisees say about the Law and how they act. They do not, as Jesus says, practice what they preach. Their teaching about the Law and its prescriptions places great burdens on people, which they do nothing to ease or remove. Their role, as they see it, puts them above others and they demand, and obviously get, plenty of attention and respect from those around them.

Ultimately, Jesus says: those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Humility is realising that all we are and have is a gift; that we are dependent on God for everything. Humility is an awareness that we're not alone, but embraced by God who loves us unconditionally and in whom we can have complete trust. Therefore, we have no need to inflate our egos, be seduced by fame, dominate or put others down, consider ourselves superior or find our value in physical attributes, possessions or reputations.

As humble disciples of the Good News, may we die to power, domination and ostentation; and rise to simplicity, authenticity, integrity and servant leadership.

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## Gosnells Catholic Parish

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## 5th November, 2023

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Today's Readings

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Matthew 23:1-12

## 12th November, 2023

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

### 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
Parish Meetings	
<b>Vinnies</b>	Wednesday, 8th November Parish Centre at 7.30pm
<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Tuesday, 14th November Parish Centre, 6.45pm

## Praying For You



**Recently Deceased**  
U Shel Law, Conchita Tan

**Death Anniversary**  
Bill Tucker

**Deceased**  
Margaret Alexander, Michael Alexander,  
Paul Lwin Snr


**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**  
Mason Gyeong Ko  
Son of Ryan and Margret



**The Sign**  
Advent and  
Christmas  
Daily  
Reflections  
2023  
Coming soon!

**EXAMS**



All the very best to  
all who are sitting for  
year 12 and tertiary  
exams. You are in our  
prayers.



**AVAILABLE SOON**

Feast Days this Week		
Nov 6	Mon	St Nuno Alvares Pereira
7	Tue	St Willibrord
9	Thu	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10	Fri	Pope St Leo the Great
11	Sat	St Martin of Tours

Rosters for 4/5 November, 2023						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Joshua Mahamu	Jemima Pinto	Colin Loh	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Jacob Malou, Kyle Marquis Joshua Manda, Clinton Matthews
Sunday 7.30am	Alan & Yvonne Da Silva	Ann Ralston	Chloé Pereira-Smith	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Kaye Cox	Lance Dcruz	Lenny Dcruz	Kerry Keys Cigi Dcruz	Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szezak		

Rosters for 11/12 November, 2023						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Sandra Wren	Ayden Ratnasekera	Volunteer	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Jacob Raymond, Carl Agus Melanie Beacher, Teron Bouzin
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Jack Roach	Inoka Ratnasekera	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Tom Antu, Aydriel Ratnasekera Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Leslie Dcruz	Leslie Dcruz	Ben Gradisen	Phillip Magness	Carolina Hayward Angela Bushby	Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob James Jacob, Liam James

## Parish Busy Bee

Saturday, 11th November 8.30am onwards. Come along and help tidy the grounds and gardens. Many hands make light work! Any queries please contact Nigel or Kim through the parish office 9398 2331



### Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses this weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the company of other parishioners. Take a moment to get to know someone new! Thanks to all on the Morning Tea Roster.



## Archbishop's Christmas Appeal For Lifelink 2023

Will be held next weekend on 11th & 12th November. Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and please give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's social service agencies. You may mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Mass next weekend. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card via [www.lifelink.com.au](http://www.lifelink.com.au)

## 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.

## November Masses for Deceased



November is the month where we especially pray for our loved ones who have died. Please enter in the Book of Remembrance the names of your loved ones for whom you wish us to pray. You may also write their names on the envelopes provided. These will be placed at the altar at all Masses during the month of November.

## 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.

## New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period November 2023 to March 2024, is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during this time, please contact the Parish Office so new rosters may be ready for collection mid November. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: [secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au)

## Mothers Prayers Australia 20th Anniversary Mass

Mothers Prayers Australia invites all mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers to a Mass to celebrate its 20th anniversary on Wednesday 22nd Of November at 10am, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton. Please come early to place the names of your children and grandchildren in the basket which will be brought up to the altar at the start of Mass, signifying our surrender of these children into Jesus' care. Mass will be followed by morning tea, during which those new to Mothers Prayers will be introduced to the worldwide Mothers Prayers ministry where mothers come together to pray for their children and all children throughout the world. For all enquiries please email Su Goh, WA Mothers Prayers Coordinator at [perth@mothersprayers.org](mailto:perth@mothersprayers.org)



## 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

Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday, 7th November, 10am start. Join us in the Parish Centre for sweeps, raffles and lots more. Please bring lunch to share, drinks and nibbles are provided. Come along in your fanciest hat and watch the fillies fly!



## Youth Night

There will be a Youth Event on the 17th of November from 7pm to 9pm. Those in high school are invited! Feel free to bring your friends along! You can register in the Church foyer or through email and text. As always, we will have a great time with fun activities, faith discussions, and delicious food.

## Young Adults Dinner

For anyone in Year 12 onwards, join us on the 18th November at 7pm for another dinner! Bring questions along with you for discussion and be sure to register in the foyer.

## 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 Help Found!

The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) appreciates the assistance extended in finding accommodation for the Ukrainian family (mother and young daughter). The family have decided on a 1-2 bedroom flat. The request is now closed.

## Flowers for Christmas

We once again are asking parishioners to help with the purchase of flowers for our Christmas decorations. There is a container in the foyer to take your donation. May God bless you and your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.



## BJ Hickey Scholarships Now Open

BJ Hickey Scholarship in The Centre for Faith Enrichment is once again calling for applications to the BJ Hickey Scholarship! The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level. You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to further their knowledge of Scripture and to help others with that knowledge. To access application details and Application Form, please visit <https://cfe.org.au/scholarships/> Please note that applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 17th November 2023. For all related inquiries, please email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au) or call 9278 0261

## 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.

Advent Events For Families, Women And Girls At The Schoenstatt Shrine  
17th November to 17th December.

Little Sisters of the Poor from Glendalough are hosting a weekend Advent Retreat for young women, 1st to 3rd December.

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