

WE ALL BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER

What sort of king is revealed to us in today's readings? It seems he's not like other kings. In the first reading God is spoken of as 'a true shepherd', one who doesn't abandon his flock, but cares for them.

Kings, who had once been thought of as shepherds, had long abandoned their people. Consequently, the reading focuses on the ways of this 'true shepherd', this true king. In the gospel there is awe and majesty and judgement and, if we wonder where this king is to be found, we hear he's to be found among the 'nobodies' and outcasts.

To which we might say, come again? We're surprised by this, as are the righteous and unrighteous in the gospel, because it's not quite what we expected. Of course, we might contribute to a couple of charities, or volunteer with St Vinnies; we might even say hello to the person sitting outside Coles, though as for her being Jesus, or bumping into Jesus on a visit, that might seem a bit of a stretch.

Still, almost unawares, we may have begun to make room in our lives for others, and in doing so, at moments, begin to see this king and recognise the ways in which he doesn't seem to resemble the popular images of Christ the King. He's more like the well-known sculpture of the Homeless Jesus lying on a bench, his body covered over, with only his wounded feet showing.

What this image suggests is that his life and death have been all about God's kingdom and Jesus is there, waiting for us in the 'nobodies' and outcasts, and we can enter this kingdom whenever we find ourselves able to be with them. Then we may realise, 'there's no more them and us, just us.'

It's a kingdom characterised by mercy and justice and this king dispenses justice mercifully, as he will at the last judgement when we're all to be judged. We shouldn't worry unnecessarily about it, however awesome and decisive it might seem, because it will come, and our lives will speak for us: they will be the answer we give to Christ. This judgment isn't meant to fill us with fear, rather, it's a cause for hope when all will be revealed to us; and this future is to be lived now, because his judgement is a call to be present to the person before me, who is my future.

Take to heart then what Mother Teresa once said about the world's problems: 'We've forgotten that we belong to one another.' Belonging to one another is the hope Christ offers us, as the second reading says, a life he wants to share with us all.

Who doesn't belong in our local churches and in our lives? Where is Jesus to be found? On our streets, in prisons, in boarding houses, wherever, still waiting to be seen, to be welcomed. Whenever this happens, God's kingdom is made real on earth, as in heaven.

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26th November, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

Year A

White

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

3rd December, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Year B

Violet

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

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Sunday Bulletin

| Parish Liturgies | |
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| 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 |
| Parish Meetings | |
| Parish Pastoral Council | Tuesday, 12th December Parish Centre, 6.45pm |
| Vinnies | Wednesday, 13th December Parish Centre at 7.30pm |

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

John Ollukaran, Anya Romeo,
Donald Van Der Spil

Death Anniversary

Bernadette D'Amico

Our Sick

Fran Vallis, 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,
Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Rene Priest,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans,
Erika Magness, Mavis Hall, Ian Ballantyne

Baptised Recently

Adora Luna Bishop & Angel Pearl Bishop
Daughters of Tetiere and Agnes

Dustan Agnus

Son of Marjoan and Melinda

Jaehon Riley Villahermosa

Son of John and Maggie-Mae

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Feast Days this Week

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| Nov 27 | Mon | St Fergal |
| 28 | Tue | St Andrew, Apostle, St Cuthbert Mayne |
| Dec 1 | Fri | St Alexander Briant, St Ralph Sherwin, St Edmund Campion |

Rosters for 25/26 November, 2023

| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Saturday 6.00pm | Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer | Kaye Cox | Mary Ann Bombita | Volunteer | Ludette Van Der Spil Mark van Ingen | Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher |
| Sunday 7.30am | Dion Robson Shania Tido | Diobett Bangayan | Robertson Saw | Aruna Ratnasekera | Russell Lally Rod McAtee | Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan |
| Sunday 9.30am | Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks | Paige Jacob | Jomy Jose | Dan Hewitt | Bec Malagui-Hicks Lorna Mitchell | Julia Marano, Patrina Paesu Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar |

Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys

Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes

Rosters for 2/3 November, 2023

| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Saturday 6.00pm | Sandra Wren Mercy Burton | Angel Donina | Pam Davies | Colin Loh | Tracy van Ingen Sandra Wren | Teron Bouzin, Athena Calupig Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda |
| Sunday 7.30am | Eric Almen Wendie Almen | Franklin D'Cruz | Greg Drew | Clint Barnes | Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera | Diobett Bangayan, Rosemary Saw Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw |
| Sunday 9.30am | Silvana & Andy Sciorilli | Helen Magness | Tiffany Mitchell | Lenny Dcruz | Geraldine Pereira Peta Phillips | Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob |

WE CARE

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Marycare Maureen L 0414 937 440 Anne 9490 3377 Maureen B 0411 691





Marycare Volunteers Thank You

Fr Philip and the Marycare coordinators greatly appreciate the many Volunteers that we have on our list and invite all current volunteers to a Thank You gathering in the Parish Centre on either Thursday, 30th November 7.00 - 8.30pm or a Morning Tea on Friday, 1st December from 9.30 - 11.00am. If you have not been asked to help, it is still so important that we have people to call on, if and when a need does arise. Other interested parishioners are also most welcome to attend. RSVP by 28th November or for more information, please call one of the coordinators, Maureen Labouchardiere 0414 937 440, Anne Brink 9490 3377 or Maureen Byrne 0411 691 959.



First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in our Parish Centre. 8.30 - 11am. For everyone! Treat yourself to some time out, come relax and enjoy! Join us for the last Coffee Corner for 2023. This Friday, 1st December. We will return 2nd February 2024.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

St Vincent de Paul Gosnells Conference will be having our annual Christmas Appeal in church next weekend, 2nd and 3rd December at all three masses. We ask for your support and to give generously as we have so many families in need within our community.



Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses next weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the company of other parishioners. Take a moment to get to know someone new! Volunteers, please check the roster to see if you are on. Thanks to all on the Morning Tea Roster.



Funeral Notice



The Funeral Mass for Don Van Der Spil (Husband of Ludette) will be held here at Our Lady of The Most Blessed Sacrament Church Thursday, 30th November at 10am.



Jesus is the Reason for the Season Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 13th December at 7.00pm

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will take place with several priests present. Let us prepare for the Season of Peace by reconciling ourselves with God and with one another.

Second Rite of Reconciliation will also be celebrated at:

Good Shepherd Kelmscott, Tuesday 12th December, 7.00pm.

St Francis Xavier Armadale, Thursday 14th December, 7.00pm.

Sacred Heart Thornlie, Tuesday 19th December, 7.00pm.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink held recently. If you still have one of the special giving envelopes please return your envelope and donation to the parish as soon as possible, mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or you may also donate (securely) online by credit card at www.lifelink.com.au. Thank you for your generous support to help the work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies and our brothers and sisters who are struggling in the community.



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 28th November 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.

Christmas Family Mass Acting out the Nativity Story



We invite all children in primary school to participate in acting out the story of the birth of Jesus at the Family Christmas Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December. Please register in the foyer. Rehearsals will be held in the church on Wednesday 13th and 20th December at 4.30pm.

Youth Night

Thank you to all those who were able to join us last Friday. Our final 2023 youth night is on the 8th of December. Feel free to dress up in something Christmas themed or with Christmas colours. Bring a bean bag or chair if possible so you can be comfortable for our movie night. Please make sure you register in the Church foyer, through email or text before the usual deadline. We hope to see you all there.

2024 Columban Calendar

Support your Vinnies by purchasing a 2024 Columban Calendar at only \$10 each. Calendars are available in the Church foyer. Please place your contribution in an envelope before placing in the SVDP poor box in the church next to the sliding doors.



Christmas Choirs



Please join us on Mondays at 7pm in the church if you would like to sing with the Christmas Choirs. Don't wait until the last moment. It puts us in the 'mood' for Christmas, and we give to each other, and to the Lord, by sharing time together for the benefit of others. We would love some more male voices. Children are welcome to join in as well, with their parents. Enquiries Brenda 0414 098 705 or Dan 0409 849 049.

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.



Readers : Break Open The Word

The 2024 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.

Archdiocesan Advent Event on Modern Slavery



The Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery will be held at the Redemptorist Monastery Church in North Perth from 7pm to 8.15pm on Saturday, 2nd December. Come and enjoy an evening of beautiful music, provided by renowned soloist Paul O'Neill as tenor and the St Elizabeth of the Trinity Choir conducted by Emma Oorschot, combined with evocative readings and Archbishop Timothy Costelloe delivering his Advent blessings. Entry is FREE but registration is essential. Please go to www.trybooking.com/CNDPT to register on-line.

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.

Young Hearts Strong Faith getaway weekend 1st to 3rd December.

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