

## GOD'S FLOCK WILL NOT GO WITHOUT

For centuries, the Jewish people had treasured the words of prophets like Isaiah. They would have had the promises we see in today's gospel and first reading inscribed on their minds and hearts.

Isaiah, particularly, spoke of the promise of God's decisive response to the suffering of his people and to evil in the world. Through Isaiah, God promised his people that, in the "year of favour from the Lord and the day of vindication", he would "reveal his glory", "feed his flock like a shepherd" and "gather the lambs in his arms". On that day, God would raise a king from the house of David, whom he would anoint to "bring good news to the poor", "bind up hearts that are broken" and "proclaim liberty to captives".

And after years of waiting, John the Baptist was telling his people that the day was arriving.

By quoting Isaiah 40, John casts himself as Isaiah's prophesied "voice crying out in the wilderness". John proclaims that he is the herald for the moment when, as Isaiah describes, "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together".

The mention of God's glory is a crucial point, as the glory of the Lord was often described in the Old Testament as a pillar of consuming fire that showed God's strength and holiness. This glory would go before them in extraordinary moments of salvation and deliverance, such as during the Exodus, or moments of the revelation of God's will, such as the giving of the Law at Sinai. God's presence was so holy and mighty that when it appeared before them, it needed to be concealed from the people of Israel in a pillar of cloud or, later, in the Temple.

The prophets spoke forward to a day when God's glory would be revealed in a way that was no longer concealed but fully disclosed for all to see. John the Baptist's quoting of Isaiah calls to mind this promise of the day when the one true God would dwell among them without barrier or division between them.

So, when John the Baptist explains that he is preparing people to meet "the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie", he is describing this person as the revelation of God's glory, coming with the power and holiness of God himself.

Through Jesus, the glory of God witnessed in the gospels is not the fiery presence of the Old Testament but the radiance of the character of God, the grace and truth about which Moses heard and Isaiah witnessed, in the person and life of Jesus.

In Jesus, who John the Baptist will soon reveal as the "lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world", we can know the God who is so powerful, holy and unlike us that there should be barriers between us. But we know him now as God with us, anointing us with the same Spirit that Isaiah promised would anoint the Messiah.

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## 17th December, 2023

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Year B**

**Violet**

**Today's Readings**

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

1 Thess 5 16-24

John 1 6-8, 19-28

## 24th December, 2023

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**Year B**

**Violet**

**Next Sunday's Readings**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

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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

## Praying For You



### Death Anniversary

Germano D'Alonzo

### Our Sick

Bethwyn Johnson, Owen D'Souza, Fran Vallis, Pat Simm, 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.

### Prayers for the Sick:


We thank God that our prayers have been answered for several people on our list. Some names have now been removed. If you wish to have any name re-instated, or removed, please contact the Parish Secretary.

## The Jesse Tree

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating our Christmas trees to the events leading to the birth of Jesus.

The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1:  
"A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophesies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.





## The Sign

Advent and Christmas Reflections available in the foyer.

Feast Days this Week		
Dec 18	Mon	St Flannan
21	Thur	St Peter Canisius
23	Sat	St John of Kety

Rosters for 16/17 December, 2023						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Joshua Mahamu	Vilma Lyra	Martin Loh	Vivian Loh Faye Mitchell	Melanie Beacher, Teron Bouzin, Athena Calupig, Jacob Malou
Sunday 7.30am	Alan Da Silva Yvonne Da Silva	Jeanette Pedulla	Sean Mullins	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu, Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Francis Xavier Hanna Allen	Jerlyn Patrick	Dion Robson	Nigel Hayward	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Julia Marano, Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay				Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez		

Rosters for 23/24 December, 2023						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Clarence Pereira	Gemima Pinto	Volunteer	Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh	Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Chloe Pereira-Smith	Ann Ralston	Aruna Ratnasekera	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw, Aydriel Ratnasekera, Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Jude Ayeni Debora Ayeni	Lenny Rodaje	Silvana Sciorilli	Dan Hewitt	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob



## Jesus is the Reason for the Season Our Christmas Celebrations

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Please join with the choir for Carol singing from 5.15pm Carols followed by 6.00pm Family Vigil Mass  
Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or kings.

11.15pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass



**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8.30am Christmas Morning Mass



Let's invite our family, friends and neighbours to our Christmas celebration and share our joy with them.

The overflow carpark for Christmas Masses will be on the St Munchin's School oval, accessed via the Corfield St carpark.

### Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us prepare for the Season of Peace by reconciling ourselves with God and with one another.

Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at:  
Sacred Heart Thornlie, Thursday 21st December, 7.00pm.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Gosnells,  
Saturday 23rd December, 11.00am to 12.00pm  
and from 5.00pm - 5.45pm.

### 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 today. Another rehearsal on Wednesday, 20th December at 4.30pm.

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Winners will be drawn after 9.30am Mass, Sunday, 24th December. All proceeds to aid parish funds.



### Christmas Rosters

There are still places for Eucharist Ministers, Acolytes and Altar Servers for our Christmas Masses, as many of those who regularly serve will be away for the Christmas Service. If you can help, please put your name down on the list in the foyer. The roster will be prepared during the week.

### Emeritus Archbishop Hickey's Memoirs

Emeritus Archbishop Hickey has completed his memoirs titled 'My Spirit Land'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, priests, cardinals, popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia. The book is available online at [www.myspiritlandmemoir.com](http://www.myspiritlandmemoir.com) for \$44.95 plus \$15 postage and handling or collect at Our Lady of the Mission Church, Craigie for \$44.95 on Wednesday - Friday, 9am - 4pm. Please email [myspiritlandmemoirs@gmail.com](mailto:myspiritlandmemoirs@gmail.com) for enquiries.

### Morning Tea Helpers are Needed

The new roster for Morning Tea will be drawn up soon for 2024. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer.



### 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

Merry Christmas to all and have a safe and Happy New Year.  
We will be in recess until club days resume in January 2024.



### 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.



### Vinnies Christmas Appeal - Thank You

The Vinnies would like to say a big THANK YOU for your support of the Christmas Appeal recently. Through your generosity we raised \$5099.25 Thanks also to all those who added gifts to our Christmas Tree - today is the last day. We do have a number of school back packs available for free. Please phone 0417 941 670 if you would like to pick one up.



### Christmas Choirs



The Christmas choir continues to practice on Monday at 7pm in the church—last chance to join in. 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.



### 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?  
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Various employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth.  
Garden of Eden, Young Catholics Ball, 17th February 2024.  
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