## A CALL TO CONVERSION

The Greek word "metanoia" is often used by theologians as well as psychologists to describe a deep change of heart and mind, which results from having our previous beliefs and values challenged and consequently, turning towards a way of living which embraces a greater openness to growth and to God. It is this invitation which Jesus put to his disciples by the sea of Galilee in today's gospel.

Erik Varden, a Trappist monk whom Pope Francis appointed bishop of Trondheim, Norway, described his own experience of conversion in his book *Entering the Twofold Mystery: On Christian Conversion* (Bloomsbury, 2022) Returning home one night to the priory he was living at, while he was a esearch student in Paris, he was shocked to find a dishevelled, homeless man sleeping in the doorway.

Annoyed at first, he collected his thoughts and roused the man, who was irate at being wakened. Bishop Varden offered to help the man find accommodation. As they walked through the streets of Paris, the man said his name was Manu (short for Emmanuel) and in the darkness pointed out the vague outlines of homeless people known to him, who were sleeping. He saw to it that the man had warm, safe accommodation for the night. As they parted, the man took his hand, thanked him warmly and expressed the hope that perhaps one day, they would meet again.

Bishop Varden writes that "my heart previously dark, was charged with a joy so profound it was painful." Although he had previously intended to return to a secure job after his studies, this encounter made him feel a deep call to commit his life to praying for the world "in union with the sacrifice of Christ." To him, this would be a way to "breathe hope into our too often hopeless world." This experience set him on the life-changing path to becoming a monk.

For some, responding to a call may set us on a path to the consecrated life or priesthood. For all of us though, it is an invitation to turn away from a world view which is egocentric, narrow, exclusive, or judgmental; to both ourselves and others, towards a broad empowering vision. It is saying yes to a way of being which is intimately grounded in God.

Thomas Merton writes of his moment of insight "In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the centre of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realisation that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs."

A call to conversion helps us realise that it is the deep reality of beauty, mystery, awe and generosity to which we are ultimately called to commit

ourselves. May this sacred commitment to be in intimate communion with God and with all creation, inspire us to live in a way which makes a radical difference to our communities and to the world.

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21st January, 2024

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

Year B Green

**Today's Readings** 

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

28th January, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28



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					
<b>Buckley Caring Centre</b>	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month					
Juniper Aged Care	r <b>Aged Care</b> 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					

# **Praying For You**

### **Death Anniversary**

Catherine Callaghan, Lawrence Loh, P. C. Simon, Saminibaggiah Irudararaj

#### Deceased

Leoncia Padillo

#### **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.



# First Friday Coffee Corner 2024

Returns Friday 2nd February First Friday of every month in our Parish Centre. 8.30 -11am. For everyone!

Treat yourself to some time out!



Come relax and enjoy! Spread the word and bring a friend!

# Lenten Program 2024



Coming soon!

Feast Days this Week							
Jan 22	Mon	St Vincent, St Publius					
Jan 23	Tues	St Marianne Cope					
Jan 24	Wed	St Francis de Sales					
Jan 25	Thur	The Conversion of St Paul					
Jan 26	Fri	Australia Day					
Jan 27	Sat	St Timothy & St Titus, St Angela Merici, St Henry de Osso					

Rosters for 20/21 January, 2024								
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers		
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Pam Davies	Angel Donina	Martin Loh	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Athena Calupig, Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis		
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Franklin D'Cruz	Greg Drew	Aruna Ratnasekera	Russell Laily Rod McAtee	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu, Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan		
Sunday 9.30am	Keanu Malagui-Hicks Karen Suarez	Lance Cruz	Kaye Cox	Lenny Dcruz	Kerry Keys Alex Liyanage	Austin Jacob, James Jacob, Liam James, Kripa Jojo, Olivia Justin, Aung Kintha		
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl Le Guay				Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez				
Rosters for 27/28 January, 2024								
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers		
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limgenco	Volunteer	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher		
Sunday 7.30am	Alan & Yvonne Da Silva	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Aydriel Ratnasekera, Rosemary Saw		
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Ben Gradisen	Leslie Dcruz	Dan Hewitt	Helen Magness Bec Malagui-Hicks	Gei Long Ya Kintha, Alisha Liyanage Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Julia Marano Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo		





#### Parish Religious Education Program Enrolments for 2024

After school classes for Children attending non-Catholic Schools are held each Wednesday in Term time from 4.30pm - 5.30pm to prepare the children for reception of the Sacraments. Preparation for each Sacrament is:

Reconciliation – 1 year, First Eucharist – 1 year, Confirmation – 2 years Enrolments will be in the Parish Centre Wednesday 31st January 4.30pm-5.30pm. If this is the first time you are enrolling your child, please bring a copy of his/her Baptism Certificate. Classes begin the second week of the school term, Wednesday 7th February. Enquiries are welcome. Please phone Genevieve De Souza (RE Coordinator) 0408 717 809 or Parish Office 9398 2331.

#### **Funeral Notice**



The Funeral Service for Phyllis Ryan will be held here at Our Lady of The Most Blessed Sacrament Church Tuesday, 23rd January at 10.30am.

#### Greeters are needed

New rosters are being drawn up soon. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. All those on the current roster are asked to recommit by also adding their name to the list.

#### 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.



#### Thank You For Your Stamps

The fund raising through your stamp donations raised \$33,600 last year. It was used by the Sisters of St Joseph for their Mary MacKillop Today program to give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea; to fund training programs for poor women to learn life-skills in Peru and provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste.

#### 2024 Breakfast In The Park

Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones ... Join us 8am, Saturday 9th March in the leafy gardens of St Joseph's Convent South Perth. Please bring: \$20 for brekkie, byo chairs, sunscreen and lots of smiles. Please RSVP (for catering purposes etc) before 5th March to Roberta Scanlan at robscan52@icloud.com or 0459 364 872

©Free raffle ticket on entry. ©Assorted range of pot plants and chrysanthemums in time for Mother's Day. Location - GARDEN VENUE at the Mary MacKillop Centre 16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent)

#### **Charismatic Prayer Group**

The Charismatic Prayer Group will recommence their weekly meetings at 7:15pm on Thursday, 1st Feb, in the church. The Charismatic spirituality is abut helping people to meet Jesus in a very tangible and personal relationship of love, and to discover the real power of the Holy Spirit available to change our lives for the good! All are welcome to attend. Entrance is from Corfield Street. For further details, contact Dan on 0409 849 049.

#### **Car Batteries Wanted!!**

Safeguarding

Do you have any old car batteries (or any other scrap lead) you are willing to donate for a special parish project? If so, please contact Dan on 0409 849 049 to arrange pickup.

# 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 23rd January 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.

#### **Young Adults**

Our first event of 2024 is on Saturday 3rd February at 7pm. If you are in year 12 onward, join us for friendly dinner and discussions in the church hall. Register your attendance on the sheet in the church fover.

#### **Gosnells Youth**

Join us for an exciting "Back-to-school" Youth Night on Friday 9th February from 7pm to 9pm for those in year 7 onward. Registration is available in the church foyer or alternatively register through email or text. Expect a fantastic time filled with engaging activities, meaningful faith discussions and delightful food. We look forward to seeing you! Please phone Veronica on 0424 812 632 or email gosnellsyouth@gmail.com

#### Teenagers and the Sacraments

A process to accompany young people towards lifelong discipleship is available. Some interest has already been expressed. Families, with teens or young adults who may wish to complete the Sacraments of Initiation and become full members of the Church are urged to contact the parish office ASAP. A start date early in February is possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

RCIYP Workshops – will help participants discover the richness and diversity of 'Come and See', the Archdiocesan resource created for use with teenagers and young adults. The workshops are ideal for current or prospective, PREP Catechists, RCIA team members, parish priests, High School teachers, or indeed anyone interested in supporting young people in their faith development.

#### **RCIYP Workshop Dates:**

Tuesday 20th February 9.30am – 1pm, CEWA course @ Newman Sienna, morning tea provided. Registrations close Tuesday 13 February. Cost \$10 Saturday 24th February 9.30am-2.30pm, St Thomas More Parish, Dean Rd, Bateman. Light refreshments provided for morning tea. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch. Registrations close Monday 19th February. Cost \$10 Registrations for either of the above to: <a href="mailto:christian.initiation@perthcatholic.org.au">christian.initiation@perthcatholic.org.au</a>

#### Lent Prayer Vigil 2024

The Right to Life Association of WA invites you to join the Global 40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer Vigil. Choose any two-hour slot on any day Monday to Saturday 7am to 5pm. From Wednesday February 14th to Thursday 28th March at Parliament House. Parking is available. More than ever, Christianity and the defence of human life relies on us. Love them both! Call the office on 9221 7117, ring Steve on 0417 184 789 or email admin@righttolifewa.com to book your time on the front line.

#### **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 <a href="https://www.myspiritlandmemoir.com">www.myspiritlandmemoir.com</a> 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 for enquiries.

# On The Bulletin Board

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

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