

HOW TO STOP THE SUFFERING

The story of Job was a huge challenge to the accepted moral outlook of the Old Testament people: namely, that suffering was God's way of punishing the sinner. Yet, Job was convinced of his innocence and was not afraid to bemoan his lot, complaining to God, despite his friends' admonitions that he must be guilty.

I doubt whether, at times, there is anyone who is unable to identify with Job's sentiments. For example, the times when we have cried out, at least internally: Is not ... life on earth nothing more than pressed service, ... time no better than lived drudgery?... Like the slave, sighing for the shade... months of delusion I have assigned to me... nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, "When will it be day?" Risen I think, "How slowly evening comes!"

Job, possibly more than anyone else in the Scriptures, is the one who cries out on behalf of all those who want an explanation for the suffering of the innocent.

In every generation people yearn to be released from their pain and suffering, yearn for a messianic figure to transform their lives. The Old Testament people were convinced that when that day came, there would be an end to the suffering, which was why they did not recognise Jesus as the one. As we listen to how Jesus reached out to all those who came to him for healing or for release from the enslavement of the devil, we can glimpse how we are to deal with suffering.

Jesus entered into the pain and suffering of our world, identified himself with those who were suffering and would eventually endure his own passion and death. In entrusting his mission to the disciples, he tried to prepare them, not only for his passion and death, but also for their own. Paul, who originally thought that his mission was to persecute the early Christians, came late to discipleship, but his encounter with Jesus taught him that in fact he needed liberating from his enslavement.

Accordingly, he was able to proclaim: So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Our age is no different to any other, except perhaps that, as we discover more and more ways of alleviating the suffering that accompanies so many of our ailments, we seem less able to conquer the evil spirit that sows the seeds of discord and division, leading to ever greater violence and conflict. The call to discipleship for you and me is undoubtedly to seek every possible means to bring Christ's peace and healing to our broken world. What are we waiting for?

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4th February, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

11th February, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

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Sunday Bulletin

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
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

Feast Days this Week		
Feb 5	Mon	St Agatha
Feb 6	Tues	St Paul Miki and his Companions, St Gonsalo Garcia & St Peter Baptist and Companions
Feb 7	Wed	St Mel
Feb 8	Thur	St Jerome Emilian, St Josephine Bakhita, St Cuthman of Steyning
Feb 9	Fri	St Teilo
Feb 10	Sat	St Scholastica, The shipwreck of St Paul

Lenten Program 2024



Coming soon!

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Stewart Rowe

Death Anniversary

Dorothy Beachell, Clifford Dragon,
Stanley Newman, Darlene Pereira

Deceased

Jim Paine, Rosa, Paine,
Kevin Paine-Coombs, Phillip Paine-Coombs

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.



On The Bulletin Board

**Various employment opportunities
from the Archdiocese of Perth.**
Garden of Eden, Young Catholics Ball,
17th February 2024.
**Please have a look on our bulletin
board for more information.**

Rosters for 3/4 February, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Vilma Lyra	Clarence Pereira	Colin Loh	Bridget Soh Mark Van Ingen	Athena Calupig, Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Jeanette Pedulla	Ann Ralston	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu, Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins
Sunday 9.30am	Robert Szlezak Francis Xavier	Cecilia Jacob	Ciara Jacob	Philip Magness	Lorna Mitchell Clarence Pereira	Carl Borlongan, Florian Christar, Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore, Martin Yatar
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak				Tellers next week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin		

Rosters for 10/11 February, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Joshua Mahamu	Jemima Pinto	Volunteer	Ludette Van Der Spil Tracy van Ingen	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Jacob Raymond, Carl Agus
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Sean Mullins	Chloé Pereira-Smith	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan Diobett Bangayan, Aydriel Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni	Jomy Jose	Paige Jacob	Nigel Hayward	Geraldine Pereira Peta Phillips	Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob James Jacob, Liam James Kripa Jojo, Olivia Justin

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Catechists and Assistants Needed

We are looking for catechists and assistant catechists for our after school Religious Education program. Training will be provided. You will initially be held in reserve and called when needed. Please see Fr Philip or register in the foyer.

Wanted: Your Old Palms

Please bring your old palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration. These will be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. A box is in the foyer to receive the palms.



Parish Religious Education Program 2024

After school classes for Children attending non-Catholic Schools resume this week starting Wednesday 7th February 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

For all enquiries please phone Genevieve De Souza (RE Coordinator) 0408 717 809 or 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! Volunteers, please check the roster to see if you are on. Thanks to all on the Morning Tea Roster.



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.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue needs homes to go to. Please choose a week and put your name down in the booklet provided in the foyer. If you would like to invite other parishioners to your home for the Rosary, please indicate in the space provided.



Gosnells Youth

Join us for an exciting "Back-to-school" Youth Night this 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

Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group recommenced their weekly meetings at 7:15pm on Thursday, 1st Feb, in the church. The Charismatic spirituality is about 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!!

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 6th February 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.

Lent 2024 With The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

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<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

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)

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: christian.initiation@perthcatholic.org.au

Personal Advocacy Service

Personal Advocacy Service is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth and is committed to the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. We have a place in our Sacred Heart Thornlie group for volunteer to become a catechist to a friend with intellectual disabilities. You would experience a different approach to faith development. You would learn to slow down and explore the simple things of life. You would experience belonging in its truest form - and be accepted just for who you are! "Let us ask the Lord that we may all be men and women who keep the memory of God alive in ourselves and are able to awaken it in the hearts of others." Pope Francis 2013

Please explore our website www.paswa.org.au, contact Karen Toledo 0407 468 044 or Paulin Chua 0411 196 899 for more information.

We meet every Monday 6.30pm-8.30pm (during school term) in the Foley centre. Our friend with disability is just waiting for the news there is a new person willing to be their friend!



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