

HEALING THE 'UNCLEAN'

The Old Testament Law existed to protect God's people from physical and moral hazards that could harm the whole community. The Law's emphasis on spiritual and bodily purity established how God's people could live together in a healthy relationship with God and each other.

And a leper was a danger to the whole community. While leprosy, more commonly known today as Hansen's disease, is still a highly contagious infection, in ancient times, it was incurable, and its diagnosis was virtually a death sentence.

The only thing a community could do to protect itself was to quarantine those infected permanently. As a result, lepers had to live outside walled cities, could no longer enter God's presence in the Temple and were forbidden to interact with the community. Even a chance encounter with a leper could make someone unclean.

To re-enter right relationship with God and the community, a leper would need to be healed and ceremonially purified. The process required a Temple priest to investigate a leper claiming to have been healed and then pronouncing them fit to re-enter contact with God and with other people. The healing of leprosy was so rare that many rabbis considered it akin to raising someone from the dead and the rare holiness of the healer.

The leper in today's gospel identifies Jesus as the one through whom the power of God is uniquely present. Instead of notifying Jesus of his condition by shouting "unclean, unclean" and avoiding contact with Jesus, as the Law demanded, the leper's plea of "If you wish, you can make me clean" shows his utter confidence in Jesus' power. And instead of avoiding the leper to preserve his cleanness, Jesus touches him. From the perspective of the leper, this may have been the first time another human being touched him in years. In this moment, Jesus restores both human and divine contact to the leper who had been cut off from both.

The response of Jesus to the leper is his response to all of us who have been devastated by the effects of sin, sickness, and death. Jesus is not disturbed, scandalised, or tainted by any human impurity. Instead, he restores in us the capacity for communion with God and others.

As St Paul reminds us, the true fulfilment of the Law, and the primary healing work of God, is cleanness from the disease of sin, which rots the inside of a person and prevents authentic communion. As Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, "First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean."

Jesus' holiness goes beyond what the Temple priests could accomplish and what the Law of Moses could prescribe. Jesus can purge uncleanness from everyone who comes to him in faith since no defilement can touch him. Jesus does not just pronounce us clean, like the Temple priests could, but he makes the whole person clean, inside and out.

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11th February, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

18th February, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Year B

Violet

Today's Readings

Gen 9:8-15
1 Peter 2:4-9
Mark 1:12-15

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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 14	Wed	Ash Wednesday, St Methodius, St Cyril
Feb 15	Thur	St Claude La Colombiere
Feb 17	Sat	The Seven Founders of the Servite Order, St Fintan


Lenten Program

2024



Coming soon!

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Bethwyn Johnson, Elijah Nathan

Death Anniversary


Fr Peter Lay, Sr Silvin Mary OSM, Ester Rebello, Maurice St Anne, Karl Aguiar

Deceased

Tranquilino Rodrigo, Eugenio Medrano Snr, Maria Medrano

Our Sick

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.



Funeral

The funeral for Bethwyn Johnson (Naomi Newman's mother) will be held at the Holy Family Church, corner of Railway Road & Burt Street, Kalamunda on Thursday, 15th February at 10.15am

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
Tellers this week: Geoff & Jenny Mills,			Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys			

Rosters for 17/18 February, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteers	Ayden Ratnasekera	Natasha Pinto	Martin Loh	Miriam Villan Sandra Wren	Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig Jacob Malou
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteers	Jack Roach	Inoka Ratnasekera	Aruna Ratnasekera	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteers	Tiffany Mitchell	Helen Magness	Lenny Dcruz	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Slezak	Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha Alisha Liyanage, Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Julia Marano, Patrina Paesu



We wish all our Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean parishioners a Happy Lunar new Year.



Ash Wednesday, 14th Feb

Masses will be celebrated at 9.00am and 7.00pm There will be no 8.00am Mass.



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Parish Religious Education Program 2024

After school classes for Children attending non-Catholic Schools are conducted each Wednesday, during School Term, from 4.30pm - 5.30pm to prepare children for reception of the Sacraments. For enquiries please phone Genevieve De Souza (RE Coordinator) 0408 717 809 or Parish Office 9398 2331.

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.

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.



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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Your Vinnies meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 13 February. New Members are always welcome. Support us by picking up one of the few remaining 2024 Columban Calendars in the Church foyer. Place your money in the envelope provided and drop it into the Poor Box. Society of St Vincent de Paul. God Bless !

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.

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! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE! To sign up or for more information, please visit:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

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.



From the Parish Archives

We would dearly love to have more photos of parishioners and/or parish functions that have been taken over the years included in our parish archives. If you are able to share, please provide the date and details of functions and names of parishioners included in the photo. Parish Privacy Document is available if required. Please email digital prints to archives@gosnellsparish.org.au or leave hard copies at the Parish Office.

Thanks, Maureen Byrne, Parish Archivist



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.

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