

## OBEDIENCE BRINGS THE BLESSING

Abraham is a problematic figure in the biblical story. He lies to Pharaoh about his wife, hanging her out to dry to protect his own skin. He does the same thing a few chapters later to another king, Abimelech. But when push comes to shove, at the moment of the test, he ... *'passed with flying colors'* as we used to say in school.

Abraham was not perfect, but he did pass where Adam and Eve failed. The Parents of humanity were called to partnership with God in accomplishing his creation plan. They were given a privileged place of rule in the world; they named the animals; they were fruitful and multiplied. But when push came to shove, at the moment of the test, they took the fruit of the tree and ate it. They failed the test. The serpent deceived them, saying, in effect, that God, in forbidding them access to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, did not have their good in mind.

They needed to take for themselves the good thing that God held back from them. They decided to determine right and wrong for themselves. Taking the fruit was *'good in their own eyes'*. They rejected the only possible path by which they—we—can find the fullness for which we were made. That path is obedience to God's commands. In obedience we are liberated. To ride a bicycle you must *obey*, so to speak, the law of gravity. You must *trust* that collaborating with the bicycle's pedals, seat, and handlebars, and through them, the wheels, will work.

You must submit yourself to be free. Otherwise, you are going to get hurt. The price of being God's (GOD'S!) special collaborator in his creation project is obedience. Trust. We must trust that God has our good in mind, that our Creator is *supremely good*, even when—most especially when—we do not see *how* that can be the case.

Abraham is the Old Testament exemplar of obedience. He was put to the most difficult test imaginable. He trusted God's goodness even through the command to sacrifice his 'one and only son', Isaac. He trusted what God had *promised* him (through his numerous descendants all nations will be blessed) and what God *gifted* him to initiate the fulfillment of that promise (a son).

Obedience brings the blessing. For Abraham, this meant being the father of the people Israel, through whom, finally, the Messiah would come to bless all creation, to bring, in Jesus' words, *the kingdom of God*.

Beyond Abraham, the Messiah, Jesus, passed the test. That test reached its make-or-break moment in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he sweated drops of blood, bringing his fully human will to complete transparency with the divine will, obedience to the point of death, death on the cross. In that obedience, Christ Jesus won *the ultimate blessing* for himself, for humanity, for the world. And he makes us now his collaborators in the project.



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## Gosnells Catholic Parish

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## 25th February, 2024

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**Violet**

**Today's Readings**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

**3rd March, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**Violet**

**Today's Readings**

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

6pm & 7.30am Masses - John 2:13-25

9.30am Mass - John 4:5-42

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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



**Recently Deceased**  
Patricia Mathieu

**Death Anniversary**  
Calvin Le Guay, Ivan Tims,  
Una & Emile Fischer


**Deceased**  
Lionel Harding, Tony Harding,  
Paul U Shel Law

**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.



Feast Days this Week		
Feb 26	Mon	St Alexander of Alexandria
Feb 27	Tue	St Gregory of Narek
Feb 28	Wed	St Peter Damian, St Robert Southwell
Mar 1	Fri	St David
Mar 2	Sat	St Chad

### Stations of the Cross



**7.00pm**  
**Every Friday**  
**during Lent**

**On The Bulletin Board**

Various Lenten retreats  
**Please have a look on our bulletin board for more information.**

Rosters for 24/25 February, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteers	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Pam Davies	Volunteer	Remi Biju Carina Limgenco	Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteers	Sr Savarie	Ronan Roach	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteers	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Dan Hewitt	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz, Angel Gravavillas
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes			Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl Le Guay			

Rosters for 2/3 March, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Jemima Pinto	Mary Ann Bombita	Kaye Cox	Colin Loh	Vivian Loh Faye Mitchell	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Teron Bouzin, Athena Calupig
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Diobett Bangayan	Volunteer	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Diobett Bangayan, Rosemary Saw Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni	Dion Robson	Jerlyn Patrick	Phillip Magness	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob Liam James, Kripa Jojo



## Second Sunday of Lent



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.



### Please donate to Project Compassion.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the church foyer, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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## Reconciliation

The Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Thursday 7th March at 7.00pm. This is God's gift to us to encounter His merciful love as we prepare for our Easter Celebrations.

The following parishes will also be celebrating the second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Armadale - Thursday 14th March at 7.00pm & Thornlie - Thursday 21st March at 7.00pm.

## Rosters for Holy Week and Easter

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Commentators and Acolytes are sought for Palm Sunday and the Easter weekend services.

Please place your name on the list in the foyer if you are able to assist in any of the wonderful liturgies of Holy Week.

## Flowers for Easter

Once again we seek your generous support for our appeal to enhance the church for our Easter celebrations. There is a box in the foyer for your offering.



## Good News - Priestly Ordination of Deacon Errol Lobo

You are invited to the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Errol Lobo on Friday, 19th April 2024 at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth. You are also invited to attend Fr Errol's Masses of Thanksgiving at St Francis Xavier Church, Hilbert on Saturday 20th April at 6.00pm, Sunday 21st at 7.30am, 9.30am and 6.00pm. His thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday 27th April at 6.00pm

## New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

A new roster is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during the coming months, please contact the Parish Office so new rosters may be ready for collection early March. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: [secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au)

## New Rosters - Greeters - Out Now

Volunteers, please make sure you have the latest roster so that you can attend on the dates allotted to you. The rosters are available in the church foyer. Remember to arrange your own swaps when necessary. Thank you to all those who continue to serve their parish through these various ministries and particularly to those who have offered their services for the first time. May God bless your generosity.



## 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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## Attention New Parishioners: Census Form

We would like to welcome all new parishioners. We would like to encourage you to fill out a census form which can be obtained from the foyer and place it in the box for new forms or hand it to either Fr Philip, the parish office or to one of the parish councillors. We also invite anyone else who have not filled out a census form to please do. It would be good for us as a parish to get to know.

Sincerely, From the Parish Pastoral Council.



### First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in the Parish Centre. 8.30 -11am.  
It's for everyone! And it's free! Treat yourself to some time out, come relax, meet someone new and enjoy!  
Why not join us for our next Coffee Corner this Friday, 1st March after Mass.



### 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.

## Thank You

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank Fr Philip and my Gosnells Parish family for all your support, thoughts and prayers for our mum and our families through this difficult time. We are truly blessed to be apart of such a wonderful community. Sincerely, Naomi Newman, Parish Secretary

## Golden Age Club

There is no club day this week, as members will be enjoying lunch at Harold Hawthorn Carlisle, meeting at 11.30am.



## Your Vinnies

We have only a few Columban Calendars left for sale - now at a one off reduced price of \$5 each. These calendars are a valuable, liturgical diary and your generous contributions assist us in helping others in need. Please use the envelopes provided and leave them in the Poor Box. God Bless.



Invites you, to bring your family & friends to enjoy this evening of Songs and praise from 7.30pm, thanksgiving Mass from 8pm, followed with a talk by Fr Vincent Glynn on "Experiencing the Presence of God in our lives - The Lens of Sacramentality" followed by fellowship & light supper. Friday, 1st March 7.30pm at St John & Paul's Church Willetton. Bring along with you any petitions as they will be taken up during Offertory. A plate to share for supper is always welcomed.

## FAST24 Perth 2024

Fast24 is a beautiful experience of Catholic community journeying together for 24 hours, from the Eucharistic Fast to the Eucharistic Feast during the season of Lent. From Friday evening 1st March 2024 till Saturday evening 2nd March 2024  
Venue: John Luemmen Hall, Our lady Queen of Apostles Parish, 55 Tudor Ave South, Riverton WA. SIGN-UP ONLINE [catholicityouthapostolate.com/fast24](https://catholicityouthapostolate.com/fast24) by 26th February. Leaflets are available in the foyer.

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