

JESUS' DIVINE MISSION

If there is one incident in Jesus' life that leads us to question his judgment, the story of him taking a whip and angrily driving people out of the temple must rank as a strong contender. We have heard in recent weeks that Jesus can be forthright in challenging people – even calling pharisees 'hypocrites' to their faces!

But our major image is of a patient and forgiving Jesus rather than someone striking out at people with a raging temper.

So, how are we to understand this story? A good place to start is another story of Jesus visiting the Jerusalem temple with his mother and father when he was a twelve-year old boy. On that occasion, Jesus becomes so caught up by the temple experience he misses the caravan taking his family back to Nazareth. When his parents realise Jesus is missing, they hasten back to find him among the temple priests and elders, engaging with them about the meaning of the Scriptures.

Now, the temple for traditional Israelites was the holiest of all places on earth enabling people to experience the presence of the living God in their lives in an unsurpassed way. This must have been Jesus' boyhood experience evident in his response to his confused parents: *"Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"*

So, when Jesus returns to the temple some twenty years later and finds it filled with hawkers, merchants and other traders, he is incensed that greed and money-lust have turned his "Father's house" into a marketplace.

However, rather than directing his anger to the little people who are simply trying to make a living in a hostile world, surely Jesus should have confronted the temple priests who allowed – no doubt benefited financially from – this defilement of God's house.

Jesus has this opportunity to respond to the chief priests when they challenge him for his table-turning, whip-lashing behaviour. In answer to their question – *"On what authority do you do this?"* – Jesus' strange response confounds everyone: *"Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days"*.

Somehow, this is a moment of insight for Jesus. He begins to realise his mission of communicating God's love and forgiveness will result in the destruction of the other temple – his own body – on a Cross. Yet, God's glory will always shine through beyond suffering, cruelty and death itself.

This is the paradox St Paul writes about in his letter to the Corinthians. He realises how preaching a crucified Christ is folly to Jews and Greeks alike. Yet Paul also knows we must acknowledge our own sinfulness and stupidity if we are to experience God's power and wisdom.

Too often, we are like the temple traders busy with our own pursuits rather than seekers of the living God. We often ignore God's covenant because we are afraid to witness to a crucified-and-risen Christ who heals our weakness and failures with divine love and mercy.

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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

10th March, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B

Violet

Today's Readings

Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

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Sunday Bulletin

| Parish Liturgies | |
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| 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 | | |
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| Mar 4 | Mon | St Casimir |
| Mar 5 | Tue | St Kieran, Pope St Lucius I |
| Mar 6 | Wed | St Kyneburgha |
| Mar 7 | Thu | St Perpetua & St Felicity |
| Mar 8 | Fri | St John of God, St Senan, St Duthac, St Felix |
| Mar 9 | Sat | St Frances of Rome |

Stations of the Cross



**7.00pm
Every Friday
during Lent**

Praying For You



Recently Deceased
Karen Batchelor, Elijah Nathan

Death Anniversary
Jim Murphy, Peter Fisher,
Urban Minjoot, Robert Woodford

Our Sick
Owen D'Souza,
Fran Vallis, Pat Simm,
Ammi 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 Lenten retreats
Please have a look on our bulletin board for more information.

| Rosters for 2/3 March, 2024 | | | | | | |
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| 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 |
| Tellers this week: : Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl Le Guay | | | Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez | | | |

| Rosters for 9/10 March, 2024 | | | | | | |
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| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
| Saturday 6.00pm | Mercy Burton Rosa Ford | Sandra Wren | Angel Donina | Volunteer | Christy Ravanez Bridget Soh | Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond |
| Sunday 7.30am | Shania Tido Eric Almen | Franklin D'Cruz | Greg Drew | Geoff Mills | Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley | Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake Antu |
| Sunday 9.30am | Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni | Silvana Sciorilli | Lenny Rodaje | Nigel Hayward | Anne Brink Jim Brink | Olivia Justin, Aung Kintha Gei Long Ya Kintha, Alisha Liyanage Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Julia Marano |



Third Sunday of Lent



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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, Kelmscott - Wednesday 20th March at 7.00pm & Thornlie - Thursday 21st March at 7.00pm.

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.

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 - 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@gosnellparish.org.au



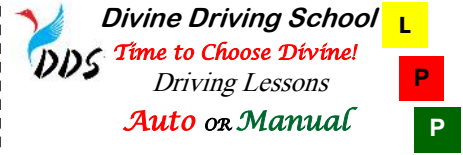
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| SATURDAY | 09 | 6:00PM |
| SUNDAY | 10 | 9:30AM |

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.

Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 5th March 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 is only \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

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.



Your Vinnies

The Vinnies appreciate your continued support of donations to the Poor Box in the Church foyer. This goes a long way in helping us assist those most vulnerable within our own community. God Bless!



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>

Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes - New Roster available now

Please collect your new roster from the foyer today. Please arrange your own swaps from the list if unable to attend. Thank you to all who continue to serve the parish through these ministries. May God bless your generosity.

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)

Catechists and Assistants Needed

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