

# NEVER GIVE UP BECAUSE GOD DOESN'T

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, so called because of the first word "Rejoice" in the Entrance Antiphon of the liturgy. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Midway on our long Lenten journey to Easter, our energy and enthusiasm may well be flagging. Today's readings remind us of the source of our joy as Christians and prompt us to renew our resolve and to persevere for the rest of the journey. In the gospel, we hear the reason for our rejoicing: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).

In the Old Testament, from Genesis on, the constant thread in all the books is the steadfast love that God has for God's people. No matter how many times the people and their leaders faltered in their faith and hope in God, from Exodus to the Prophets, like Isaiah and Jeremiah, to the Kings, such as David and Solomon, and in the time of the Exile in Babylon after Jerusalem was besieged and captured and the people were exiled from Israel, God stood by and cared for the people and, each time they wavered and fell, God called them back and reminded them to try again and be faithful.

In the reading from John's gospel, we learn about Nicodemus, a prominent member of Jewish society, who wanted to speak to Jesus but, perhaps afraid or confused or embarrassed, went to meet him under the cover of darkness. He was an admirer of Jesus but he was unsure about who Jesus really was: Did Jesus really perform miracles and was he the Messiah?

Jesus reveals to Nicodemus the astonishing truth at the heart of our faith and the source of our joy: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son . . . God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." In Jesus, this overflowing super-abundant love of God for the world is revealed in its unsurpassable fullness. He is the Light of the World. No amount of darkness will ever be able to cover it or shroud it.

So, as we continue to journey through this Lenten period, let us stop for a moment on this Laetare Sunday, to marvel, celebrate, give thanks, and rejoice in God's abundant and faithful love that continues to overflow in and around us in spite of the many troubles in the world. We may waver in our hope and faith, but God will never give up on us, even when we give up on ourselves and lose hope.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. The gift of God's Son was the ultimate gift of love. Let us rejoice! And let us press on with our Lenten journey.



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## 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

## 17th March, 2024

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**Violet**

### Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-30

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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

Parish Meetings	
<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Tuesday, 13th February Parish Centre at 6.45pm
<b>Vinnies</b>	Wednesday, 13th March Parish Centre at 7.30pm

**Stations of the Cross**




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

**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.




**Praying For You**



**Recently Deceased**  
Linus Ayu, Fazal Hoosen,  
Con Le

**Death Anniversary**  
Kaye Ballantyne,  
Michael Curran,  
Emmanuel Malagui,  
Sr Baptista Mary OSM,  
Urban Minjoot,  
Michael Thom Nguyen

**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.



Feast Days this Week		
Mar 11	Mon	St Aengus

Rosters for 9/10 March, 2024						
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
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szelezak		

Rosters for 16/17 March, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Mercy Burton	Carina Limgenco	Lynette Lieveaux	Martin Loh	Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Athena Calupig, Jacob Malou
Sunday 7.30am	Wendie Almen Jennifer Barnes	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Gerard Peters	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Tom Antu, Aydriel Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Leslie Dcruz	Yuriy Volikov	Robert Szelezak	Lenny Dcruz	Maureen Byrne Cigi Dcruz	Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz

## Parish Sacramental Program Enrolments

Our thoughts and prayers are with our young people enrolling this Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9.30am Mass this weekend to receive the Sacrament of First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Let us support these children and their families at this special time in their faith journey through witness and prayer.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent



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## Reconciliation

The Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us to encounter His merciful love as we prepare for our Easter Celebrations. The following parishes will be celebrating the second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Armadale - Thursday 14th March at 7pm, Canning Vale - Tuesday 19th March 7pm, Kelmscott - Wednesday 20th March at 7pm & Thornlie - Thursday 21st March at 7pm.

## 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.

## Calling All Choristers

Practice for Easter services starts Monday 11th March from 7.00pm. Please join us in the Church via Corfield Street entrance. Everyone is welcome to join us. We really encourage new members to come along and join our happy crew. Thank you to all of our stalwart regulars who so generously give their time and effort to provide music for all of our services. For more information, please contact Brenda Parsons on 0414 098 705.



## Parish of Gosnells

1949 - 2024

## 75th Anniversary

The first Mass celebrated in the new separate Parish of Gosnells was on 20 March 1949 being offered by Fr Patrick J. Carmody, the first Parish Priest.

Two weeks later on Passion Sunday, 3 April, Archbishop Redmond Prendiville officially declared it a Parochial entity.

Thirty years had passed since the blessing and opening of the tiny wooden church of St Munchin, in the then parish of Gosnells-Armadale-Jarrahdale, this parish having been declared in 1918.

It was in October 1945, at the end of the Second World War, that the separate Parish of Armadale-Gosnells was formed with Fr John Patrick McGillicuddy as Parish Priest. Subsequently, the Catholic population increased through the areas of Gosnells and Armadale to such an extent that it was necessary for a new parish to be formed, thus the Parish of Gosnells came into being in 1949 - 75 years ago.



## 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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## Funeral Notice

The Funeral Mass for Warren Bacaron will be held here at Our Lady of The Most Blessed Sacrament Church Thursday, 14th March at 10.00am.



## 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.

## Your Vinnies

Your Vinnies meet in the Parish Hall every second Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is this Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm. Parishioners interested in volunteering with us are welcome to attend. Your 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.



## 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.



## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 12th 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.

## Daughters Of Mary - Mothers and Daughters

Girls aged 11+ and their mums are invited to join us at various locations in the Perth metropolitan area to journey together as mothers and daughters in relationship with Mary towards Christ. In all of our events mums and daughters are enabled to join with like-minded women and girls, and also grow in appreciation of one another. Saturday 16 March, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, All Saints Parish, Greenwood. Further info: Marissa Yang, peacefulspirit180@gmail.com 0448 966 998 or Sr M Luka srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843.

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## 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.

## 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.

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