

A KINGDOM OF NUISANCES AND NOBODIES

In 2006, Franciscan theologian Richard Rohr visited Australia and was interviewed on ABC Radio National's "Religion Report". At the time, I was particularly impressed by a point Rohr made in distinguishing between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", where the first constituted a challenge to the prevailing wider societal mores and values, while the second supported the cultural status quo.

Whatever one may think of Rohr's distinction between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", it does open up a fruitful line for discussion of the meaning of Mark's gospel. Written at a time when the Jesus movement was anything but part of the status quo, the gospel is culturally subversive.

The problem that confronted the Markan Christians, as it does us today, is to steer a middle course between the twin tensions of conformity to cultural expectations and the vocation to be counter cultural (where necessary) in working for a better world. Mark's Jesus proclaimed a new world order that would privilege the marginalised and the forgotten; or as Biblical scholars John Dominic Crossan and Tom Wright have variously called, "a kingdom of nuisances and nobodies".

In Mark's gospel, Jesus is a man who haunts the fringes of society, fraternising with the marginalised, touching the untouchables, speaking to those with whom he should not speak and, thereby, breaking the taboos of his Jewish faith and the mores of the Greco-Roman culture.

Positive interactions with Jesus are typically displayed by characters living on society's margins – the "nobodies"; people who were of no consequence: the leper (1:40-45); the paralytic (2:1-12); the deaf (7:31-37); the blind (8:22-26; 10:46-52); the widow (12:41-44); as well as tax collectors and sinners (2:15).

In his preaching, Jesus repeatedly criticises the abusive use of power by society's wealthy and respectable authorities. And it is this critique of abusive power that eventually ends in Jesus' arrest and execution as a rabble rouser and a criminal of the State.

As Richard Rohr points out, Jesus was not an "insider" or a "company man" (Rohr, 2006); which is not to say that Jesus is an "outsider" per se.

Mark's Jesus is a reputable teacher and scholar – a man of some consequence – but he refuses to operate within the boundaries set by either the religious elites or civil authorities, the somebodies of "good society". Indeed, he even refuses to stay dead!

Mark's Jesus is not interested in "Churchianity" – that is, sticking to rules that govern membership in the club or the "ekklesia" (assembly or church). He is a social reformer who seeks the company of those deemed to be "beyond the pale"; an agent of God who proclaims, not a kingdom of the wealthy and notable – the "somebodies" in society – but that of the poor, the forgotten, the "nuisances and nobodies" – and he calls his disciples to go to the margins and do the same.

The final command in Mark's gospel is the call to "return to Galilee" (16:7), to the dirt-poor farmers and fishers at the rural fringes of Roman Palestine.



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24th March, 2024

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

Year B

Red

Today's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

31st March, 2024

Easter Sunday

of the Resurrection of the Lord

Year B

White

Today's Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

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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

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Death Anniversary

Hazel, Bunyan, Shirley Giddens,
Jeff Partington, Monica Partington,
Philip Pereira, Lawrence Shepherdson

Deceased

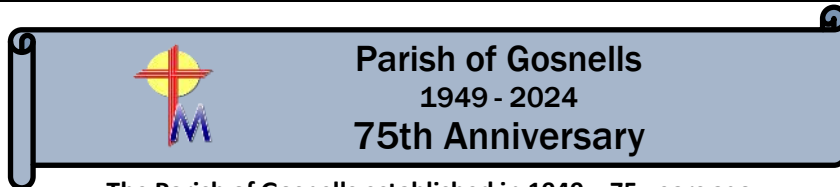
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Our Sick

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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.

Baptised Recently

Valentina Sara Sorgiovanni
Daughter of Lucas and Elana



The Parish of Gosnells established in 1949 – 75 years ago.

It was Passion Sunday, 1949 when the Parish of Gosnells was officially declared. The first Parish Priest was Fr Patrick Carmody born in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland in 1913. He came to Western Australia soon after his ordination in 1937 and became curate for the Queen's Park parish during the period when Queen's Park parish was ministering to the people of Gosnells. Fr Carmody did not own a car during the early part of his term as parish priest so it was a common sight to see him riding his pushbike around to visit his parishioners in Gosnells and throughout the Maddington and Orange Grove areas which were still part of the Gosnells parish.

Feast Days this Week

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Easter Colours

We invite you to wear the liturgical colours for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations: Red for Good Friday, White for Holy Thursday and white or gold for Easter Sunday.

Rosters for 23/24 March, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Jemima Pinto Mercy Burton		Palm	Sunday	Roster	
Sunday 7.30am	Alan & Yvonne Da Silva		Palm	Sunday	Roster	
Sunday 9.30am	Bec & Ciara Malagui-Hicks		Palm	Sunday	Roster	
Tellers this week: Geoff & Jenny Mills				Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys		

Rosters for 30/31 March, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteer		Easter	Sunday	Roster	
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteer		Easter	Sunday	Roster	
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteer		Easter	Sunday	Roster	

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Sixth Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday



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Mass Time Changes

There **will** be Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 8.00am for Holy Week.

There will be **no** 5pm Eucharistic Adoration or Mass at 6pm on Tuesday.

Please note that there is no morning Mass on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 28th March ~ 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 29th March ~ 10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 30th March ~ 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass (**Not 6pm**)

Easter Sunday 31st March ~ 7.30am & 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation After Good Friday Services and Holy Saturday 10.00 - 11.00am

Prayer of Desolata ~ An hour with Mary Holy Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am

Rosters for Easter

We are still looking for Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, and Acolytes for Easter Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am 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.



"Your Sorrow is My Sorrow, You are not Alone"

The Way of Mary 30/03/2024 - Holy Saturday

The Servite Sisters are leading a prayer of Desolata, An hour with Mary. This prayer is a traditional for all the Servite around the world and helps them to focus on the pain endured both by Christ on the Cross and mainly Mary in her heart as she watched her Son be crucified. It is only an hour prayer service accompanying Mary in her Sorrows and seeking her guidance in our difficult moment. The Servite Sisters would like to extend their humble invitation towards each and every one of you (no age limit) to join with them on Holy Saturday, 30th March, from 9.30am to 10.30am here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church.

Invitation Annual Chrism Mass

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB invites you all to the Annual Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 26th March at 7.00pm. During this Mass the Holy Oils will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. The Priests will also renew their Ordination commitment and the Laity are invited to renew their commitment to holiness of life and to service of the Church and society.



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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The 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. The parish is organising a courtesy bus which will leave the Corfield Street carpark at 5.00pm. Please add your name to the list in the church foyer before 7th April.

Father Errol's Thanksgiving Mass

Fr Errol will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday 27th April at 6.00pm followed by a buffet style dinner in St Munchin's School Hall. Please register your name on the list in the church foyer before 7th April for catering purposes.

Fr Errol will celebrate his Mass 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.

Youth Night

Join us for an exciting Youth Night on Friday, 5th of April 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! Veronica Ayeni 0424 812 632 or email gosnellsyouth@gmail.com

Young Adults

Our next event is on Saturday 6th of April at 7pm. If you are in year 12 onward, join us for friendly dinner and discussions in the church hall. Register your attendance on the sheet in the foyer.

The Holy Rosary for Juniors

The Parish invites all Juniors (Years 5 and above) and their parents to pray the Rosary on the First Sundays of each month, immediately after the 7.30am Mass. It will take place at the statue of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and will last for half an hour. The wider parish community is also welcome. Contact Alan on 0491 141 103 to express your interest. It will start next month.

Your Vinnies

The Vinnies Poor Box is located in the Church foyer. Your donations, however small, help us assist the most vulnerable and disadvantaged within our own community. God Bless.



Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 26th 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.

Used Stamps Needed

Mary MacKillop International and the Sisters of St Joseph are helping to eliminate poverty and suffering by collecting used stamps from various parishes and selling them to raise funds for community programs in Peru, Timor and Papua New Guinea. Our parish has a box for donations of used stamps.



Invites you, to bring your family & friends to enjoy this evening of Songs of praise. Sharing by Fr Nicholas Diedler on "Encountering Christ in the Liturgy", Thanksgiving Mass Fellowship & Light supper. Friday 5th April from 7.30pm at St John & Paul's Church Willeton. Bring along with you any petitions as they will be taken up during Offertory. Feel free to bring a plate for our fellowship After Holy Mass

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