### THE OFFER OF GOD'S FRIENDSHIP

Parents often offer these words of encouragement and support to their children when they have to move to a new place or to a new school, "It will be alright; you will make new friends."

It can be difficult not only for children but for anyone to leave old friendships behind and to seek new friends. It reinforces the importance that we place on strong relationships, and the common bonds that develop through important milestones and junctures of our lives.

Many people enjoy friendships that start in primary school that last through university, careers, relationships, children and grandchildren. Lifelong friendships can be some of the most cherished and important things in our lives. Priceless treasures.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers us God's friendship. "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." With these words, Jesus reveals God's desire to have a different type of relationship with us. A relationship that is based on a deep, true and personal friendship.

This relationship is about God being with us in the very ordinariness of our lives. In the marketplace, at the coffee shop, the park, the beach and, more importantly, in our homes. It is because in these locations that we normally catch up with our friends to share our thoughts and desires, God wants to have that kind of relationship with us too in these places.

God wants to establish a relationship that moves beyond worship and one that enters into deep, heartfelt and very real conversations. To move beyond sterile prayer halls and into the sometimes messiness and grey areas of our very human condition. Importantly, we should understand that in God wanting to be friends with us, there is a deep acceptance and understanding of our flawed person. A safe place where we can bare all with no fear of condemnation. A place where God is listening and accepting.

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists wrote extensively on this wonderful idea of God as a friend and these writings have been compiled into a book titled, *Praying to God as a Friend*. Despite the gospels revealing this more than 2000 years ago and St Alphonsus writing about this over 300 years ago, the notion of God as a friend is still a relatively novel idea today. But it's there, right in front of us in today's gospel.

God's friendship is waiting. It is truly priceless treasure that is freely offered and freely given. It is up to us to respond positively.

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 1.30pm

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5th May, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter Year B

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#### **Today's Readings**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

12th May, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

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**Today's Readings** 

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mark 16:15-20

### St Munchin's Catholic Primary School



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**Follow Truth** 

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					
<b>Buckley Caring Centre</b>	ckley 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	ition 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					

Parish Meetings				
Vinnies	Wednesday, 8th May Parish Centre at 7.30pm			
Parish Pastoral Council	Tuesday, 14th May Parish Centre at 6.45pm			

### The Month of May, The Month Of Mary

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return.. in celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary**, the **Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully

contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. CS 102, 103 We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday this month.

### Praying For You

### Recently Deceased

**Bob Gomes** 

### Death Anniversary

Eugene D'Sylva, Paul Hart, Jacintha Liyanage, Darlene Pereira, Paul Smith, Mart Tang, Maria Giuseppe & Tommaso Tinari

### Recently Deceased

Jim Paine, Rosa Paine, Kevin Paine-Coombes, Phillip Paine-Coombes, Artemio Presbitero

### **Our Sick**

Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll,
Assunta Wambeck, 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.

### **Baptised Recently**

Jion Tobias Ocampo Ramos Son of June and Christle

Feast Days this Week							
May 6	Mon	St Francois de Laval					
7	Tue	St John of Beverley					
9	Thu	St George Preca					
10	Fri	St John of Avila, St Damien of Molokai, St Comgall, St Antoninus of Florence					

wholly to be. C3 102, 103 We livite you to pray the Rosaly everyday this month.						Florence			
Rosters for 4/5 May, 2024									
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Pam Davies	Angel Donina	Colin Loh	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond			
Sunday 7.30am	Yvonne Da Silva Jackie Hall	Franklin D'Cruz	Greg Drew	Aruna Pay Tru Ratnasekera Diana Chong		Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan			
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Leslie Dcruz	Cecilia Jacob	Paige Jacob	Phillip Magness	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szlezak	Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob			
Te	Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay				Tellers next week: Jim	& Anne Brink, Kerry Keys			
Rosters for 11/12 May, 2024									
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Jemima Pinto	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limgenco	Richard Serrano	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Athena Calupig, Jacob Malou			
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Jeanette Pedulla	Sean Mullins	Clint Barnes	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Aydriel Ratnasekera, Rosemary Saw			
Sunday 9.30am	Bec Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Jomy Jose	Helen Magness	Nigel Hayward	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	James Jacob, Liam James Kripa Jojo, Olivia Justin Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha			







### 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.

### 75th Anniversary of Gosnells Parish & Fr Philips' Farwell

Our Parish is celebrating 75 years on Sunday May 12th after the 9.30am Mass in the St Munchin's School Hall. As we have a diversity of cultures, we invite you to come in National dress and contribute a dish for the luncheon. Please indicate your attendance on the sign up sheet in the church foyer and if you would like to perform a dance or song, feel free to do so. Please see one of the Parish Councilors for further information.

This will be a duel celebration as this will be the only opportunity to farewell Fr Philip. Please sign the card for Fr Philip in the church foyer.



### Parish of Gosnells 1949 - 2024 75th Anniversary

### The Parish of Gosnells established in 1949 - 75 years ago.

The 1990s - Fr Joss Breen was welcomed as our fourth Parish Priest and he, like all our previous parish priests was of Irish descent. Sister Gabrielle McDermott returned to the parish as a pastoral worker and to assist with secretarial duties. The parish celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Sr Kathleen Hitchcock, RSJ. Sr Kathleen who had attended St Munchin's School. Prior to a Family Mission Novena, 'seventy-two disciples' had volunteered to visit all the families in the parish to encourage attendance. Functions were generally organised to provide opportunities for social interaction among parishioners: monthly Pot Luck suppers, Saturday morning Fellowship, Wine Tasting evenings, Cabarets and Dances were organised along with Dinners and Quiz Nights. Sports days also provided opportunities for community growth. The parish celebrated its Golden 50th Anniversary celebrations in 1999. (from Once, Twice, Three Times a Parish)



Safeguarding

### St Munchin's Whole School Mass for Mothers

This Friday, 10th May at the 9.00am Mass, our school will celebrate Mass with their mothers and those who fill the role of mums. All are welcome.

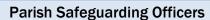


### From the Parish Archives - Parish photos needed!

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

### The Holy Rosary for Juniors

The Parish invites all Juniors (Years 5 and above) and their parents to pray the Rosary on the second Sunday 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.



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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### Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 7th May 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 \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

#### Vinnies

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



### CCR Pentecost Mass - Canning Vale Parish - Sunday 19th May

Charismatic Renewal will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, at St Emilie's church, Canning Vale, starting with praise & worship at 4:20pm, CCR Perth is celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with praise, Mass and the *'laying on of hands'* for healing and the renewing of God's Spirit working in us. Mass will commence at 5:00pm. The service will include praying over LiSS attendees and all who are keen for prayer. The afternoon will conclude with light refreshments around 6:30pm. Queries to Dan 0409 849 049.

### 2024 A Year Of Spiritual Growth

At the Centre for Faith Enrichment we offer a wide range of courses and events. Please see the bulletin board for brief outline of term two courses and visit <a href="https://cfe.org.au/courses-events/">https://cfe.org.au/courses-events/</a> for more information and registration.

### St Munchin's Enrolments 2025 - 2026

Families interested in securing a Pre Kindy or Kindy place in either 2025 or 2026 are asked to please submit an enrolment form at your earliest convenience. As 2025 will be our fourth year in offering Pre Kindy to our community, positions will be limited - first in, best dressed. We still require a waiting list for Four-Year-Old Kindy, Year 1 and Year 3! Limited Pre Kindy places available... Don't wait to enrol until the year before commencing. Enrol now for 2025, 2026... For enquiries concerning enrolments please contact Sharon Campbell at reception on 9234 7555 or email <a href="mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au">admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au</a>

### Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish.

To register please visit:

https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction or phone 9221 7762.

Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.

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