# BEING VULNERABLE BEFORE GOD

When people hear the word 'myth', they often think 'fiction' or 'untrue'. However, in ancient times, myths – stories rich in symbols, expressions, and characters that were easily recognisable and familiar to audiences – were the primary way for people to ponder and talk about events and experiences that were important to them, but beyond their understanding.

In the Jewish-Christian tradition, the Book of Genesis uses a mythic story to portray the origin of sin. In today's first reading, we're invited to imagine a garden where there's complete harmony between man and woman, between humans and nature, and between humans and God. Peace and union are the hallmarks of this garden.

However, eating from the tree that gives full knowledge is forbidden. Despite God's warning, the woman and man know better! Tempted and seduced by the serpent, the woman eats the forbidden fruit and shares it with the man who also eats. Both think they can act independently of God and follow their own desires without proper discernment. Both fail to grasp the reality that human beings must live within limits.

Their eyes are opened, but rather than becoming like God, they become estranged and naked, fully exposed and vulnerable; which neither can handle. Afraid of God and ashamed of themselves, they sew fig leaves together to hide from each other and from God. Concealment, cover-up and discord are now the hallmarks of this garden.

This mythic story teaches us a fundamental truth about sin: that our lives and relationships become fractured and disconnected, and we're unable to face ourselves, God and others honestly and openly.

Thankfully, God doesn't abandon humanity in its shame and sinfulness. God takes the initiative and is portrayed walking in the garden seeking and searching for the fearful and hiding couple, who are unable to face the consequences of their choices. God asks, *"Where are you?"* It's not a threat, but a question from someone who cares deeply.

Like so many of us, rather than accept their fault, the woman and man look for excuses and try to justify themselves by blaming each other. The man blames: *"the woman you (God) gave me."* Of course, he doesn't blame the woman alone; he also indirectly blames God who had generously blessed him with a partner. On the other hand, the woman blames: *"the serpent that tempted me."* Neither of them says, I'm sorry, I'm wrong, it's my fault or please forgive me.

God created humanity with a capacity for freedom and self-determination, and at times we make wrong choices and poor decisions. By acknowledging our mistakes and wrong doing we maturely take the first step in accepting responsibility for our lives and choices, rather than blaming God or others.

Wherever we find ourselves in life and whatever struggles we're carrying, God is with us. Listen attentively to God's personal and loving



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#### St Munchin's Catholic Primary School

question to each one of us today: "Where are you?"

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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# 9th June, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Green Today's Readings Genesis 3:9-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

16th June, 2024 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Green Today's Readings Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

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						
Buckley Caring Centre	Buckley Caring Centre 10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month						
Juniper Aged Care	uniper Aged Care 11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month						
Rosary	After weekday Masses						
Exposition	sition Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm						
Charismatic Prayer	rismatic 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							

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Parish Pastoral Council	Tuesday, 11th June Parish Centre at 6.45pm				
Parish Finance Committee	Tuesday, 11th June Parish Centre at 7pm				
Vinnies	Wednesday, 12th June Parish Centre at 7.30pm				

#### Prices are increasing

Prices for niche reservations in our Columbarium are due to increase as from 1st July. Application forms are available in the Church foyer and need to be lodged with the Parish Office before the end of June. Please collect a copy of the

Columbarium Conditions and Privacy Policy which are to be read in conjunction with the application. The Columbarium is available for all parishioners, past and present, and their immediate families.



# **Praying For You**

Recently Deceased Nora Anne Barbara Wells

#### Death Anniversary

Peter Cox, Derrick John D'Cruz, Violet D'Cruz, Maureen Hipworth, John Jordan, Sam Marino, Arsenio Romero, Sr Giva Mary OSM, Sr Rosey Mary OSM, Sr Victory Mary OSM

#### **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

Carter Maxwell Cupido Son of Chad and Ashleigh Jack Htoo Son of Day Say and Dah Meh Nikodem Lucky Bararuhanya Son of Niyo and Halina Jaymeson Michael-John Taylor Son of Jordan and Caris Kiara Minmin Van der Spil Daughter of Brendon and Amanda

Feast Days this Week						
June 11	Tues	St Barnabas, apostle				
13	Thur	St Anthony of Padua				

Rosters for 8/9 June, 2024							
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Richard Serrano	Richard Serrano	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews	
Sunday 7.30am	Alan & Yvonne Da Silva	Franklin D'Cruz	Diobett Bangayan	Aruna Ratnasekera	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido Caleb Watkins, Callie Abogado	
Sunday 9.30am	Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni	Robert Szlezak	Yuriy Volikov	Nigel Hayward	Angela Bushby Carolina Hayward	Austin Jacob, James Jacob Liam James, Kripa Jojo Olivia Justin, Aung Kintha	
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak Tellers next week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay						o Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay	
Rosters for 15/16 June, 2024							
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Jemima Pinto	Sandra Wren	Mary Ann Bombita	Graham Maher	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher	
Sunday 7.30am	Jackie Hall Bette Lyra	Sean Mullins	Greg Drew	Clint Barnes	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Jake Antu, Tom Antu Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan	
Sunday 9.30am	Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Hanna Allen	Florence Ayeni	Lenny Dcruz	Alex Liyanage Helen Magness	Gei Long Ya Kintha, Alisha Liyanage Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Julia Marano Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo	



#### Your Parish Needs Your Support

Renewal of the Planned Giving Program commences this weekend. To assist the parish to manage and plan for its future, all parishioners will be encouraged to complete a Planned Giving commitment card. You can choose to help your parish through the envelope system or via a Direct Debit which will be arranged through the Catholic Development Fund. Envelopes will be available for those currently enrolled in the Envelope system and also for new contributors in the next couple of weeks. The First Collection is for the upkeep of our Parish Priest, Priests in small parishes as well as contributing to the welfare of retired priests; the Second Collection/Planned Giving is for the benefit of the parish.

Confirmation The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to many of our youngsters by Father Vincent Glynn next Sunday, June 16th at 9.30am Mass. Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers. Danica Agus, Zai Almoite, Lily Bairstow, Malaika Bararuhanya, Charli Boddy, Jan Bueta, Frances Cano, Lance Cano, Sandra Chan Jack Christie, Kobe De Glanville, Nate Famoso, John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo, Aaron Kang, Fiona Keji, Michael Lariosa, Elisha Liyanage, Kipp Pace, Mary Ma Awn Awi, Joshua Manda, Julia Marano, Hailie Posidio, Jac Rodgers, Sophie Rodgers, Keanna Speyers, Akur Sufara, Sophie Torregoza and Abbie Tyson.

# **Parish Planned Giving Program**

As the financial year draws to a close all parishioners who support the parish through the planned giving program are asked to bring their pledges up to date. Your support is greatly appreciated. New commitments will be invited shortly.

#### New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for July to October 2024, is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during this time, please contact Naomi at the Parish Office so new rosters may be ready for collection mid June. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

## **Project Compassion Receipts**

For those who requested a receipt for your Project Compassion Caritas donation, these are now available in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

## Holy Land Commissariat Receipts

For those who requested a receipt for your Good Friday Collection donation for the Holy Land Commissariat, these are now available in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.

## CFR Retreat 2024

Save the date Saturday, 27th July 2024. Retreat with Fr Greg Donovan on "This is My Son, The Beloved; Listen to Him" 9am to 3pm at Mary McKillop Centre, York St, South Perth. \$20/per person, includes morning tea (Coffee, Tea & Biscuits). Please BYO Lunch. SPACE IS LIMITED PLEASE REGISTER EARLY. For more info please call: Charles 0413 755 799, Ivan 0428 898 833 or Email Catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com



## **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



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## **Golden Age Club**

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 11th June with indoor activities from 9am and monthly meeting at 10.45am. BYO Lunch. Bingo at 12.15pm! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome

#### 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.

#### Youth Night

Join us for an exciting "Back-to-school" Youth Night on Friday 14th June from 6.30pm to 9pm for those in high school. 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! For all enquiries and registration please contact Veronica on 0424 812 632 or email gosnellsyouth@gmail.com

## **Interested In Volunteering?**

St Catherine's House of Hospitality is a retreat and conference centre located at 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill. In order to keep the Centre affordable for those who need it, we are reliant on the support of volunteers. We'd love to hear from you if you can offer a few hours a month. Opportunities for volunteering include: hospitality (setting up the dining room and serving in the kitchen); cooking and gardening. You'll join a vibrant community where strong friendships are made. Please ring Sr Elizabeth rsm on 9443 9020 or email stcatherines@westnet.com.au. You are invited to a Social get-together for volunteers on either 1st July or 22nd July at 10.00am at St Catherine's House.

# **Christian Healing Course**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting Module 1 of this 3 module course over 2 weekends, June 14th -16th and July 5th -7th, (both weekends are required!). Participants will learn how to pray effectively for healing of life's deepest wounds be they physical, psychological or spiritual! NOTE - a PREREQUISITE for this course is to have completed a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. The course will be conducted in Claremont and is based on the healing ministry of Fr Francis MacNutt. If you feel called to the Healing Ministry, please make the inquiry! Participants who decide after 1 weekend not to continue will receive a full refund. Cost per module is \$65. The remaining modules will be conducted over the following few months. For more info contact Dan on 0409 849 049 or email daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com.

## 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 Sateguarding 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.

#### **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.



## On The Bulletin Board

Employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth. Various pilgrimages, retreats, youth events and lots more! Please have a look on our bulletin board for more information.



**Peter Yotar Home Services** 



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Brochures are available in the foyer.

