

THE VICTORIOUS CROSS

St Jerome said: *“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”* On the back cover of my Bible, this famous line is printed beneath an image of the fourth-century hermit-saint in his study. Scriptures in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin are open on desks behind him. He seems to be taking a break from his translation project to pull the thorn out of the lion’s paw.

One thing Jerome meant is that understanding the New Testament requires deep familiarity with the Old Testament, the original Scriptures. The New is *contextualized* by the Old. The Evangelists wrote in such a way as to *embed* the story of Jesus in the biblical horizon. We could therefore elaborate on Jerome’s words and say: Ignorance of the Old Testament makes the New Testament opaque.

The story of Christ’s feeding of the five thousand is an example of Jerome’s principle. Having John 6 set beside the story of Elisha’s miraculous feeding from 2 Kings 4 is useful. We can see that the gospel author emphasises parallels between Jesus and Elisha. Barley loaves are used in both miracles; incredulous disciples in both stories are commanded to feed the people; and there are plenty of leftovers in each.

The first part of Elisha’s wider story chronicles seven key miracles; and John organises the first part of his story of Jesus with seven miraculous *“signs.”* Elisha and Jesus both cure the blind, heal lepers, and raise the dead. Both are betrayed by the love of money. Even their names are similar in Hebrew: Elisha means *“God is salvation,”* and Jesus means *“Yahweh is salvation.”*

When you see the similarities, the differences between the stories become more important: Elisha feeds one hundred with food enough for twenty; Jesus feeds five thousand with a lot less. Elisha feeds with bread; Jesus feeds with bread and fish; Elisha’s story says *“there was some left over;”* Jesus’ story says there were *“twelve basketfuls”* in excess, an incredible amount of abundance from out of such a small beginning. And the people fed by Jesus realise how much more he is than a miracle working prophet: he is *“the Prophet,”* they exclaim, the savior-king whom Moses told them to wait for. They even try to make him king by force.

Elisha’s prophetic role was to hold unfaithful kings of Israel accountable to God for their abject failure in administering justice and steering God’s people away from idolatry. Elisha apparently failed: the story shows Israel falling into greater and greater apostasy that culminates in national disaster. Yet the suffering of Israel becomes the seedbed of their salvation.

The gospel story intensifies the role of the miracle-working prophet, Jesus, to the point of something truly new: the prophet is himself the expected king, and yet his kingship is unexpected. John portrays Jesus’ elevation on the cross as his enthronement! An apparent failure that is actually victory. Jesus embodies the story of Israel and transforms it.



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28th July, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Green

Today’s Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

4th August, 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Green

Today’s Readings

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

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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	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

Praying For You



Death Anniversary
Yvette Paul, Michael Price
Joyce McMahon

Our Sick
Ann Ralston, Kathleen Mansfield,
Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll,
Assunta Wambeck, Fran Vallis, Pat Simm,
Ammini Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs,
Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,
Wendy Kraft, Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen,
Annabelle McNess, Erika McNess,
Abby McNess, Richard Bisnath,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen.

Baptised Recently
Cove Landon Vitler
Son of Luke & Taylor

Feast Days this Week		
July 29	Mon	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
30	Tue	St Peter Chrysologus
31	Wed	St Ignatius of Loyola
Aug 1	Thu	St Alphonsus
2	Fri	St Eusebius of Vercelli, St Peter Julian Eymard
3	Sat	St Dominic

Parish Meetings	
Parish Pastoral Council Tuesday 14th August, Parish Centre, 6.45pm	
Vinnies Wednesday 15th August Parish Centre, 7.30pm	

Want to support your Parish?
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First Collection
Supports our Parish Priest, Priests in smaller Parishes
or remote Parishes that require assistance.
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Reference: 1st Collection (your name optional)

Second Collection
Ongoing administration costs, funds for future growth
and improvements of the Parish.
A/c name: Gosnells Parish, **BSB:** 086-006, **A/c:** 773984777,
Reference: 2nd Collection (your name optional)

Rosters for 27/28 July, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Ayden Ratnasekera	Richard Serrano	Martin Loh	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Clinton Matthews, Kyle Marquis Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Jeanette Pedulla	Volunteer	Larry Cavallo	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni	Helen Magness	Jomy Jose	Nigel Hayward	Michael Ayeni Anne Brink	Gei Long Ya Kintha, Alisha Liyanage Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Julia Marano Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo
Tellers this week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay				Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys		

Rosters for 3/4 August, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Sandra Wren	Colin Loh	Bridget Soh Mark van Ingen	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Jerlyn Patrick	Tiffany Mitchell	Lenny Dcruz	Jim Brink Maureen Byrne	Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore

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Catholic Mission Appeal

This weekend's Catholic Mission Appeal invites you to assist our missionaries in Mongolia provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence & homelessness. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programs throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au to explore the possibilities.

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First Friday Coffee Corner
First Friday of every month in the Parish Centre 8.30 -11am.
It's for everyone! And it's free! Treat yourself to some time out, come relax, meet someone new and enjoy! Why not join us for our next Coffee Corner this Friday, 2nd August after Mass.

Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!
After all Masses next 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.

Accompanying People on the RCIA Journey
Help shepherd our RCIA enquirers, and all visitors searching for hope and purpose in life. Every person craves to belong. A friendly smile, words of welcome or a chat over coffee, are the invitation to begin that journey. These are the same starting points for the RCIA. If comfortable with the above, join other parishioners on 14th August for the Come and See workshops to: discover more about the RCIA process and ways you can help to shepherd those seeking to know Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. Workshop 1 will take place in the Gosnells Parish Centre from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Wednesday 14th August. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact the parish office to register.

New Greeters Roster - 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 Planned Giving
Don't forget to pick up your envelopes today! Our Parish Planned Giving Program forms part of the Second Collection providing for the ongoing upkeep and development of the parish. If you want more information about contributing to your parish by this means, please contact the Parish Office, 9398 2331.
Thank you to all who generously support the Parish.

Charismatic Prayer Group
The Charismatic Prayer Group have their weekly meetings at 7.15pm on Thursdays in the church. The Charismatic spirituality is about helping people to meet Jesus in a very tangible and personal relationship of love, and to discover the real power of the Holy Spirit available to change our lives for the good! All are welcome to attend. Entrance is from Corfield Street.
For further details, contact Dan on 0409 849 049.

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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Please ask if you need help with anything else.

Golden Age Club

There is no club day this week, as members will be out enjoying lunch at Attfield Tavern.

Youth Night - Date Change

Join us for another Youth Night on Friday 2nd August at 6:30pm for those in high school. Registration is available in the church foyer, through email or text. Another event of engaging activities, faith discussions and delightful food. See you soon! Please contact Veronica on 0424 812 632 or email gosnellsyouth@gmail.com

Young Adults

Our next event is on Saturday 3rd of August 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.

St Munchin's Year 6 Mass



The year sixes will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 2nd August at 9am. All are welcome to come and celebrate.



St Munchin's Catholic School - Our Parish School

Caters for students from 3 year old Kindergarten to year 6. Vacancies still available for 2025. We have three year old Kindy

and Community Playgroup, Before and After School Care Program, as well as Vacation Care. Exciting extra curricular opportunities in The Arts, Sports & Digital Technology. For enquiries concerning enrolments please contact Sharon Campbell at reception on 9234 7555 or email admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au



Catholic Earthcare Convocation for the Season Of Creation (2024)

Wonder, Weave, Heal

You are invited to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Convocation for the Season of Creation, Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th of September. We are called to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' Earth and the whole of creation.

Gather online during Day 1 and 2 to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. Day 3 of the convocation has us gathering together in our diocese to transform our learnings into action. The Perth hub will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Highgate.

For more info visit <https://jedo.perthcatholic.org.au/>.

Please register at <https://www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation>.



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.



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.

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