

## OPENING OURSELVES UP TO GOD

Get yourself a life coach says an online ad and you can 'turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.' At some point in our lives, it may serve a purpose but contrast it with a local parish which decided to have a weekly meal for anyone who wished to come along.

On the first occasion they had nine guests and eleven helpers, and they responded to this potential embarrassment by everyone eating together. "It was coming together and a blessing I felt," said one of the organisers.

We can see here how the ordinary stuff of our lives, eating together, can be the context for something quite unexpected to happen. The life coach ad invites us to take control of our lives and make it happen, whereas in the parish setting, something else happened.

It relates to what we hear in the first reading. The prophet Elijah is in a dark place, alone and hungry, wanting to die. In the midst of his desolation, he is fed by an angel, and comes to understand God is present in what he's living through. In doing so he discovers a renewed purpose. The food he's given enables him to make the long journey to Mt Horeb (Sinai), the holy mountain, where God speaks to him. Desolation, the gift of food, the long journey - in the ordinariness of our lives, quite unexpectedly, we may come to discover the presence of God.

Again, in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he speaks of our daily commitment to loving one another as Jesus loves us; learning to befriend each other whatever our differences; avoiding the petty behaviours which bring us undone. Our learning to love in this way is enabled by the Holy Spirit, who reveals the unending love of the Father and Son. We're slowly learning to open ourselves to a God who loves us, come what may.

In the gospel, when Jesus says, "I am the bread from heaven," the authorities are shocked. They insist he's not from heaven, he's a local boy, we know his father. In other words, he's too ordinary. Then, amid their complaints, Jesus speaks of his divine origins and reminds us, this is God's initiative, to which we're invited to respond.

We're asked to let go of our securities and our prejudices and open ourselves to a bigger God, a loving God. A little like the moment at the parish meal when they decided to eat together. This is the God who draws us into Christ and into unending life, through our eating together with him. Jesus gives us his life and invites us to do the same - to give of our lives.

Before the parish meal, with everyone's agreement, they prayed, and concluded their prayer with these words: 'Thank you Lord for the blessings you have given us in our lives, especially one another. Amen.' Often, we may yearn for a special experience of God, only to miss the presence of God here, in our lives.

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 1.30pm**

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**11th August, 2024**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**Green**

**Today's Readings**

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

John 6:41-51

**18th August, 2024**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**Green**

**Today's Readings**

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

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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

### CCR Formation Day - Sat 17th August

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is holding a 'Formation Day' from 9:00am to 4:45pm, Saturday 17th August, at the L J Goody Bioethics Centre, 39 Jugan Street, Mt Hawthorn. All are welcome to attend. Participants will experience teachings on our spirituality and on topics 'close to our heart!' Also, there will be testimonies to the powerful work of God as well as workshops on the 'gifts of the Holy Spirit' (1 Cor 12: 1-11). No charge for the day but a collection will be taken up. Tea & coffee freely available but we ask you to bring a lunch plate to share. For more information call Dan 0409 849 049, email [daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com](mailto:daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com) or Mariza on 0435 435 013.



### Find out about Foster Care with MacKillop Family Services

Presented by Sue Harrison (Carer Recruitment & Development Worker) at St Emile's Church hall, 151 Amherst Road, Canning Vale, Saturday 7th September, 3pm – 5pm. For catering, please register: [canning.vale@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:canning.vale@perthcatholic.org.au)

## Praying For You



### Death Anniversary

Anthony Dumenil

### 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 Magness, Abby Magness, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen.

### Baptised Recently

Kudiwanashe Amaya Kwaramba  
Daughter of Kudzai and Tracy  
Xyza Dephanie Esteves  
Daughter of Abcdef and Erolene

### Feast Days this Week

Aug 12	Mon	St Jane Frances de Chantal
13	Tue	Sts Pontian & Hippolytus
14	Wed	St Maximilian Kolbe
15	Thu	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16	Fri	St Stephen of Hungary

### Parish Meetings

<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> Tuesday 14th August, Parish Centre, 6.45pm
<b>Vinnies</b> Wednesday 15th August Parish Centre, 7.30pm

### Rosters for 10/11 August, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Faye Mitchell Jemima Pinto	Mary Ann Bombita	Kaye Cox	Richard Serrano	Ludette Van Der Spil Miriam Villan	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Shania Tido Eric Almen	Ann Ralston	Chloé Pereira-Smith	Gerard Peters	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido Caleb Watkins, Callie Abogado
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Maureen Byrne	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Dan Hewitt	Angela Bushby Cigi Dcruz	Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob James Jacob, Liam James Kripa Jojo, Olivia Justin
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley		

### Rosters for 17/18 August, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Pam Davies	Angel Donina	Graham Maher	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda
Sunday 7.30am	Wendie Almen Jennifer Barnes	Jack Roach	Inoka Ratnasekera	Aruna Ratnasekera	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Jake Antu, Diobett Bangayan Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Leslie Dcruz Bec Malagui-Hicks	<b>FIRST EUCHARIST</b>		Phillip Magness	Carolina Hayward Alex Liyanage	Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha Alisha Liyanage, Julia Marano Patrina Paesu

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## Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Mass for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Thursday 15th August at 9.00am (whole school Mass) and 7pm. The Feast of the Assumption is a Day of Obligation. There will be NO MASS at 8.00am



### Parish First Eucharist

We will be celebrating the children's First Eucharist at the 9.30am Mass next Sunday, 18th August.

Please keep us in your prayers as we journey through our final preparations for our First Eucharist.

Alexander, Alice, Aluel, Aswan, Axel, Bae, Brianna, Brooklyn, Bryan, Caleb, Charles, Chelsea, Cooper, Cynthia, Emilie, Ethan N, Ethan S, Evan, Garrick, Gumwa, Ivy, Jean, Kiana, Joanna, JP, Lacey, Luke, Marina, Matthew, Myron, Nicholas, Olivia, Roselle, Savannah, Sebatson, Shaun, Simon, Sophie and Thejus.

## Accompanying People on the RCIA Journey

Faith is caught not taught – those seeking to a home in the Catholic church learn most from the lived experiences of parishioners. Please Come and See what the RCIA journey entails and how all parishioners can accompany enquirers on their journey. The Come and See workshop is taking place this Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm in the parish centre. We'd love to see you there. Bring along a friend too. Thanks, the RCIA team.

Sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact the parish office to register.

## Youth Night

Join us for an exciting Youth Night on Friday 23rd August from 7pm 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! Please phone Veronica on 0424 812 632, email [gosnellsyouth@gmail.com](mailto:gosnellsyouth@gmail.com) or dm on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/gosnellsyouth/?next=%2Fgosnellsyouth%2F>

## 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.**

## Adult Faith Education

Understanding the New Testament: Using Greek to Unlock Biblical Terms. Join us Tuesdays for 4 sessions, starting 27th August, 7:30pm – 8:30pm at Thornlie Parish for a suggested donation of \$20.

Dr Peter Christofides will help us discover the "real meaning" of the following words: DISCIPLE, EVANGELISM, FELLOWSHIP, CHURCH and see how these words apply to our lives today. When reading the Scriptures, we sometimes find words that are difficult to understand. Most of our English translations of the Bible are great interpretations of the original Hebrew or Greek. However, in any translation, not everything that was communicated in the original language can be precisely conveyed in another language. As a result, a translation rarely is a perfect version of the original. Let us "bridge the gap" together and receive "fuel for the journey".



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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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## Vinnie

Your Vinnies hold their next meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 14th August at 7.30pm. We welcome any parishioners, wishing to volunteer with us, to join us at our meeting and explore options on how best you could assist us in the Good Works of the Society. God Bless!

## Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 13th August 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.



## Why Be Catholic - A Family Conference

Discover God's love and your unique calling at this year's WBC24 Family Conference, a transformative retreat for all. Themed "*Beloved: We love, because he first loved us*" (1 John 4:19), this is an invitation to three days of prayer and discovery as we reflect on God's love and His plans for us, both individually and as families. Join us for this weekend of faith, love, and purpose that will inspire you to embrace God's unique plan for your life. Early bird registration is now open invest in your spiritual future at WBC24! See bulletin board for conference overview. For more information and registration, visit [www.evangelisationaustralia.com/events](http://www.evangelisationaustralia.com/events).



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Thursday, 5th September 2024

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Social Justice Statement for 2024-25 will be launched in Perth by Aux. Bishop, Don Sproxtton, 9.45am (for a 10am start) at John XXIII College, John XXIII Avenue, Mount Claremont. We would love to see you at the 2024-25 launch of what is sure to be another insightful and very timely document, focusing on '*Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World*'.

## 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.

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