

WALKING FAITHFULLY WITH JESUS

In the book of Exodus, God appeared to Moses asking him to free the Israelites who were enslaved by the Egyptians. Unsure of his ability to achieve this outcome, Moses asks God what he is to say to the Israelites.

God says to Moses, *"I am who I am,"* and that he should answer their question by saying *"I am has sent me to you."*

When Jesus tells his followers, *"I am the bread of life,"* his words confused his audience as they understood them literally. They also wondered if Jesus was making a claim about his identity. His followers understood the statement as an assertion that Jesus was identifying himself as God.

There are six more incidents in John's gospel where Jesus uses the words *"I am,"* and each time an action accompanies his words. In this first saying, Jesus' claim follows the feeding of five thousand in the wilderness.

"I am the light of the world" is the second of the *"I am"* statements and comes after the healing of a man born blind. Jesus not only says he is the light, but he proves it, and in doing so echoes the words of Genesis where God said, *"Let there be light and there was light."*

"I am the door," and *"I am the good shepherd"* are both statements about the sheepfold, and the shepherd as the one who loves and cares for the flock even to the point of death. The title of good shepherd is unmistakably one of God's titles as we learn in the beloved twenty-third psalm.

Jesus states, *"I am the resurrection and the life,"* after raising Lazarus from the dead. Again, his words are not empty rhetoric but substantiated by action. This gospel, written at a time when the followers of Jesus were being cast out of the synagogues, offers a definitive response to those who rejected them by asserting, *"I am the way, and the truth and the life."*

The final statement, *"I am the true vine, and you are the branches,"* emphasises the sustaining power of Christ without whom we will not bear fruit in the Christian life.

There are two more *"I am"* statements in John's gospel, but they are not metaphors like the above seven instances but are instead declarations applied by Jesus to himself. *"I tell you the truth,"* Jesus says, *"before Abraham was born, I am."* The final instance occurs in the Garden of Gethsemane when the mob comes to arrest Jesus and, when he asks them whom they seek, they say, *"Jesus of Nazareth,"* and Jesus replies, *"I am he."*

All of these statements of Jesus make it abundantly clear that Jesus is God. Each day we are invited to accept the presence of Jesus in our lives and to walk faithfully in his way.

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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

25th August, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

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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



Recently Deceased

Andrew Frawley

Death Anniversary

Martin Polley,

Daniele Di Martino, Domenico Di Martino

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

London Donna Sandra Piggott
Daughter of Bradley and Sheree

Feast Days this Week

Aug 19	Mon	St John Eudes
20	Tue	St Bernard
21	Wed	St Pius X, Pope
23	Fri	St Rose of Lima
24	Sat	St Bartholomew

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday 10th September, Parish Centre
6.45pm

Vinnies

Wednesday 11th September, Parish Centre,
7.30pm

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First Collection

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Ongoing administration costs, funds for future growth
and improvements of the Parish.

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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	FIRST EUCHARIST		Phillip Magness	Carolina Hayward Alex Liyanage	Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha Alisha Liyanage, Julia Marano Patrina Paesu
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley				Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez		

Rosters for 24/25 August, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limgenco	Martin Loh	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Basel Black Jackie Hall	Sr Savarie	Ronan Roach	Clint Barnes	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins
Sunday 9.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Silvana Sciorilli	Lenny Rodaje	Nigel Hayward	Helen Magness Bec Malagui-Hicks	Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all of our children receiving their First Eucharist at 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

Sebatson Nishangan Arulpalan, Simon Aung, Lacey Beacher, Garrick Blason, Shaun Bryant, Myron Castillo, Axel Cruz, Evan Curley, Jean De Ocampo, Ivy Evans, Charles Famoso, Emilie Ford, Thejus Jojo, Brianna Kim, Bae Kingston, Savannah Lin, Bryan Lwin, Caleb Mahama, Sophie Manser, John-Paul Mawere, Cooper Mengel, Brooklyn Minn, Cynthia Moo, Marina Morales, Ethan Nguyen, Alexander Paesu, Chelsea Phillip, Roselle Robedniksan, Kiana Veloz Roldan, Ethan Sacare, Azwan Saravanachelvan, Gumwa Shadrach, Olivia Smile, Aluel Sufara, Luke Surtees, Nicholas Aung Thang, Alice Torres, Matthew Van Steyn and Joanna Win Kyaw.

Please keep the children in your prayers together with their families and teachers as they take this special step in their faith journey.

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 part 2 workshop is taking place this Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm in the parish centre. Bring along a friend too. Thanks, the RCIA team.



Funeral Notice

The Funeral Service for Andrew Frawley will be held at Fremantle Cemetery, West Chapel, Tuesday 27th August at 1pm.



Youth Night

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

Our Lady Of Sorrows Feast

The Servite Sisters cordially invite all parishioners to participate in the grand celebration of Mass for their congregation Feast of Mother of Sorrows Servants of Mary on Saturday, 14th September at 9.30am, celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Don Sproston. All are invited to join us after Mass for lunch in the St Munchin's School Hall. Thank you and God bless.



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".



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 will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 20th August 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.

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.



Save The Date - Launch of the 2024-25 Social Justice Statement 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 Sproston, 9.45am (for a 10am start) at John XXIII College. 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. 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.

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