

STAYING IN THE GAME WITH GOD

It must have been tough being a disciple of Jesus, an eloquent public speaker, who could sway large crowds with his rhetoric. He healed the sick, cast out demons, stilled a storm at sea, walked on water and raised the dead. Jesus appeared to bear all the hallmarks of the expected Messiah.

And yet, there were times when Jesus said and did things that made him look like he was demented or demon-possessed.

At one point in Mark's gospel, as we heard back on the Tenth Sunday of the Year, Jesus' family sought to "restrain him" because people were saying "He has gone out of his mind" (Mk 3:21).

The gospel presents us with another of these episodes where Jesus' claims proved a threat to the cohesion of his team of disciples. Last week, we heard how Jesus said he was "the bread of eternal life" whose "flesh is real food and [whose] blood is real drink" (Jn 6:55), and "anyone who eats [his] flesh and drink [his] blood has eternal life" (Jn 6:54).

This week, we learn that numerous members of Jesus' team found this teaching "intolerable" (Jn 6:60). But, instead of offering an explanation, Jesus chose to *up the ante* by making an even more outrageous claim about his pre-existence as a being come down from heaven.

The reaction of his teammates was perfectly understandable. Such claims were "intolerable" on purely rationalistic grounds. Jesus refused to compromise, saying, in effect, "take it or leave it". John tells us that "many" decided to "leave it". They turned aside from their commitment to Jesus; or, as we would say, "they took their ball and went home" (Jn 6:66).

By contrast, when challenged, the Twelve through their spokesperson, Peter, admitted that despite their confusion they were prepared to stick with Jesus, because Jesus alone "had the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68).

In Peter and the Twelve, we find our models of discipleship – women and men who, despite doubts and dark moments of uncertainty, choose to stay in the game. Faith is not built entirely on reason – although it is far from completely irrational. It is built on a relationship with a personal God whom we have experienced as one who stays in the game with us. And so, like Peter we stay and say back to God, "To whom [else] can we go?" (Jn 6:68)

Every time I read this gospel story, I am reminded of these words from the prayer of Thomas Merton:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end...

*But I know you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, will I trust you always though I may
seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.*



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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

1st September, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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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
Angel Khuah Nai

Death Anniversary
Moiya McAtee, Thomas
Karen and Emmanuel Malagui,
Lynette Moss, Barbara Fisher

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

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and improvements of the Parish.
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Feast Days this Week		
Aug 27	Tue	St Monica
28	Wed	St Augustine
29	Thu	St John the Baptist

Parish Meetings
Parish Pastoral Council Tuesday 10th September, Parish Centre 6.45pm
Vinnies Wednesday 11th September, Parish Centre, 7.30pm


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
Tellers this week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szelezak		

Rosters for 31 August/1 September, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Faye Mitchell Jemima Pinto	Vilma Lyra	Joshua Mahamu	Colin Loh	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda
Sunday 7.30am	Alan & Yvonne Da Silva	Franklin D'Cruz	Diobett Bangayan	Larry Cavallo	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Yuriy Volikov	Robert Szelezak	Lenny Dcruz	Lorna Mitchell Clarence Pereira	John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob Liam James, Kripa Jojo

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First Communion Day Thanks

The parish would like to thank Melissa Hibben, Emma Franchina, Sr Win and the Sacramental Team for preparing the children for their First Communion last Sunday and Marie Bradshaw for coordinating the parish celebrations. We would also like to thank the parish choir and everyone else involved. The children and their families also donated a food hamper to St Vinnies. Photos from Sunday's celebration will be available to be viewed and ordered online soon.



Funeral Notice


The Funeral Service for Andrew Frawley will be held at Fremantle Cemetery, West Chapel, Tuesday 27th August at 1.00pm.






Funeral Notice

The Funeral Mass for Angel Khuah Nai will be held here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Wednesday 28th August at 10.00am.



St Munchin's Year 3 Mass



The year threes will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 30th August at 9am. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

St Vincent de Paul

Your Vinnies appreciate your continued support of our Poor Box. We hope you have some comfort in the knowledge that your donations go a long way to helping us assist the most vulnerable in our own community.

And besides, you could take advantage of a tax deduction for any donations over \$2.00. All you need to do is complete the form (at the back of the SVDP envelope) and place it in the Poor Box. God Bless!



48 Hour Perpetual Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday

The 48hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday from 6pm Thursday 5th September to 6pm Saturday 7th September. Presentation of the scroll of names will be made at St Joachim's Catholic Church, Shepperton Rd, Vic Park. The Rosary will be said at 10.30am, followed by Mass at 11am on 7th September. Place your committed time slot/s on the roster in the church foyer.

Your Rosary can be prayed wherever is convenient. For more information please visit: www.legionofmarywa.org, email: comitiumwa.secretary@gmail.com or phone Legion of Mary on 0421 580 783.




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 Sproxtton. All are invited to join us after Mass for lunch in the St Munchin's School Hall. Thank you and God bless.



Personal Advocacy Service

Personal Advocacy Service is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth and is committed to the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. We have a place in our Sacred Heart Thornlie group for volunteer to become a catechist to a friend with intellectual disabilities. We meet every Monday 6.30pm-8.30pm (during school term) in the Foley centre. Please explore our website www.paswa.org.au, contact Karen Toledo 0407 468 044 or Paulin Chua 0411 196 899 for more information.



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 27th 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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