

DON'T IGNORE THE 'UNWORTHY'

It's difficult not to make distinctions. Invariably, we favour some people over others. For example: we choose our friends, we choose a person to be our husband or wife, we choose 'sides' in disputes, we choose to avoid some people, and we choose to forgive some people and condemn others.

In the second reading, St James calls on believers never to make distinctions or show favour on the basis of social class, wealth, position, status or power. Everyone is to be treated equally regardless of their social background, and when it comes to worship, there are to be no seats of honour set aside for VIPs! Everyone ought to feel equally welcome and valued.

St Paul has a similar vision. In his letter to the Galatians (3:28) he declares that in virtue of baptism, *"there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*

Jesus doesn't make distinctions based on social class. In fact, the gospels portray him as having particular concern for the poor, the outcast, the voiceless, the afflicted, the vulnerable and the weak. Today's gospel is a classic example. A deaf man with a speech impediment is brought to Jesus by his friends.

In such an oral and aural culture where people were generally illiterate, not to be able to speak or hear properly was a significant disadvantage. Such people were virtually invisible. They couldn't communicate, and they couldn't be communicated with, in any meaningful way. Thankfully, the man in the story is blessed to have caring friends who bring him to Jesus who has a reputation for giving new life.

Jesus gives very personal attention to the man. He takes him away from the crowd, so that they can be alone. Although the man can't hear or speak, he *can* experience the sense of touch, and so Jesus touches his ears, puts his fingers into them, and touches the man's tongue with his own spittle. Jesus also looks up to heaven, in prayer, for it was Jesus' relationship with God that will bring new life to the man.

It's important to remember that the man was not a Jew. The Decapolis (ten cities) was predominantly Gentile territory. But, there's no distinction here. Jesus is the Messiah for all nations. He saw a brother in need, and in solidarity, lovingly reached out to him.

St James challenges us to 'look around' our faith community. Do we see any unhealthy favouritism? Are there people being forgotten, ignored or made to feel unwelcome? Are there voices not being heard? Are there people being discouraged from sharing their gifts and talents, or from becoming involved? Are people's contributions being devalued? Hopefully, such things are not happening; however, it's important for us all to 'keep our eyes and ears open'.

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8th September, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

15th September, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

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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

Yvonne Gertrude Surrao

Our Sick

Alfredo Barbuzza, Ann Ralston,
Kathleen Mansfield, Maria Siciliano,
Susanne Carroll, Assunta Wambeck,
Fran Vallis, Pat Simm, Ammini Jose,
John Breg, Conrad Briggs,
Joel Celine, Dennis Ford,
Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft,
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and improvements of the Parish.

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Feast Days this Week		
Sep 9	Mon	St Peter Claver
13	Fri	St John Chrysostom, Bishop
14	Sat	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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


Rosters for 7/8 September, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Ayden Ratnasekera	Jemima Pinto	Richard Serrano	Bridget Soh Ludette Van Der Spil	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Jenny Mills	Greg Drew	Geoff Mills	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido
Sunday 9.30am	Karen Suarez Robert Szlezak	Florence Ayeni	Hanna Allen	Dan Hewitt	Peta Phillips Silvana Sciorilli	Olivia Justin, Aung Kintha Gei Long Ya Kintha, Alisha Liyanage Julia Marano
Tellers this week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay				Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys		

Rosters for 14/15 September, 2024						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Natasha Pinto	Clarence Pereira	Graham Maher	Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Volunteer	Geoff Mills	Gerard Peters	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Caleb Watkins, Callie Abogado Jake Antu, 9Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Francis Xavier Hanna Allen	Kaye Cox	Maureen Byrne	Phillip Magness	Robert Szlezak Evelyn Yozzi	Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz

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Safeguarding Sunday

“Every child, in every community, needs a fair go”

“Every conversation matters”

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church’s work in this area at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024.



Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After all Masses this 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.

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!



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 next 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.

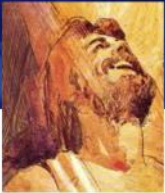


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Youth Night

Join us for an exciting Youth Night on Friday 13th September, 7pm to 9pm for those in high school. Please registration in the church foyer or through email or text. Expect a fantastic time filled with engaging activities, meaningful faith discussions and delightful food. We look forward to seeing you! Call Veronica on 0424 812 632, email gosnellsyouth@gmail.com or Instagram DM <https://www.instagram.com/gosnellsyouth/?next=%2Fgosnellsyouth%2F>

New Altar Servers Training

Are you interested in serving God by being an Altar Server in the celebration of the Mass? Boys and girls who have made their first Eucharist are invited to this special ministry. We will be training new altar servers for the parish on Thursday, 19th September at 4.30pm in the Church. Please register in the foyer.



Young Adults

Our next event is on Saturday 21st September 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 sign up sheet in the church foyer.



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 10th September 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.



New Rosters - Tellers

Please collect your copy from the church foyer today. Remember to make your own swaps from the list when necessary. Thank you to all those who serve their parish through this ministry.

<p>IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP</p>	<p>PILGRIMAGE 15th - 26th October 2024</p>	<p>FIND OUT MORE PHONE: (02) 8912 4818 or EMAIL: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au LINK: www.marymackillopplace.org.au</p>	<p>MARY MACKILLOP PLACE 100/102 Orderville</p>
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Convocation for the Season Of Creation Wonder, Weave, Heal

Join us for the Catholic Earthcare Convocation in 2024

as we come together to 'wonder,' 'weave,' and 'heal' creation. Thursday 12th & Friday 13th September: Online sessions with keynote presentations, workshops, and spiritual experiences. Saturday 14th September: Join us in person at diocesan hubs across the country to put our learnings into action. The Perth hub will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary Street, Highgate (online option is also available). Scan the QR code to get your tickets for one, two or all three days. We look forward to your participation in this transformative event!

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.

All online training is at your own pace video and quiz.



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