

TAKING UP OUR OWN CROSS

With the reading from the Gospel of Mark (Chapter 8), we come to a turning point in Jesus' public ministry, before the journey back to Jerusalem where he will be crucified.

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?"²⁸ And then, "But who do you say that I am?"

Having witnessed his authoritative teaching, his powerful acts of healing and his wonderful miracles, Peter replies on behalf of them all: "You are the Messiah."

And how they and all of Israel longed for the coming of the Messiah. But what the disciples are slow to understand is that this is not the Messiah that they had longed for and expected. It was unimaginable for them that Jesus, as Messiah and God's Beloved Son, was to suffer and die.

Instead of commending Peter for his response, not even confirming it, Jesus instead proceeds to speak to them of his impending passion and death.

The disciples' slowness to understand, their blindness, their struggle, and their resistance to this understanding that Jesus' mission would lead to his arrest, suffering and death is starkly depicted in Mark's gospel. We see it here in Chapter 8, again in Chapter 9 and again in Chapter 10. They just don't get it!

So, as Jesus, accompanied by his disciples, journeys to Jerusalem where he will be arrested tortured and crucified, the disciples slowly progress on a journey of coming to understand Jesus' identity and mission as the Messiah.

In our lives we too, each and every one of us, struggle in various ways to understand Jesus, our Saviour, and his role in our lives and in the world. We too often have misguided expectations of God. And we too, each one of us, are called to respond to Jesus' question: Who do you say that I am? What do I mean to you in your life?

Jesus, having explained to his disciples the suffering and death that he will soon endure, goes on to say to them that they too will also face suffering. He tells them: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

So too for us. Discipleship will inevitably require self-denial and taking up one's own cross. There's no denying it! And each one's cross is uniquely their own.

When we make the Sign of the Cross, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," we identify and mark ourselves as follower of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Our cross-making in the Sign of the Cross symbolises the reality of suffering not just in Jesus' life but in our lives as his followers, not just his cross but the cross that is ours to carry in our lives. It reminds us too of the resurrection and life of the world to come.

We are not alone in our journey. Jesus is with us every step of the way.

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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

22nd September, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16 – 4:3

Mark 9:30-37

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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

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.

A/c name: Gosnells Parish - 1st Collection Account, **BSB:** 086-006, **A/c:** 705883907,

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Second Collection

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Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Vergheese Padayatty, Esme Woodford

Death Anniversary

Iris Craven, Margaret Boudville,
Yvonne Tims, John Harte

Our Sick

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

Feast Days this Week

Sep 16	Mon	Sts Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
17	Tue	St Robert Bellarmine, St Hildegard of Bingen
19	Thu	St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
20	Fri	Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions, martyrs
21	Sat	St Matthew, Apostle

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday 8th October, Parish Centre
6.45pm

Vinnies

Wednesday 9th October, Parish Centre,
7.30pm

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 Slezak Evelyn Yozzi	Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

Rosters for 21/22 September, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Faye Mitchell Jemima Pinto	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Richard Serrano	Martin Loh	Sandra Wren Remi Biju (volunteer)	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Shania Tido Eric Almen	Chloé Pereira-Smith	Inoka Ratnasekera	Aruna Ratnasekera	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Jude Ayeni Debora Ayeni	Leslie Dcruz	Lance Dcruz	Nigel Hayward	Joe Yozzi Francisco Aung	Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob James Jacob, Liam James

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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8th to 10th November - Live-in at Vincentian Retreat Centre, Karrakup.

A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other.

For more information about coming Weekends please contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865, email WAb bookings@wwme.org.au or visit www.wwme.org.au

Happy Feast Day

Wishing the Servite Sisters, Sr Saverie, Sr Christine, Sr Fatima and Sr Stella a Happy Feast day for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Sunday.



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.



RCIA

"Who do you say I am?" How might you respond to Jesus' question to the disciples? Responding to the question and believing in our heart the faith professed in the Creed, is the essence of the RCIA journey. Consider the ways you might support, and engage in conversation with, those seeking to come to faith within our parish community. Sign up for one of the October workshops to find out how you and the parish might offer support. Sign up sheets are in the foyer or contact the parish office to register.



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.

St Vincent de Paul

Your Vinnies are always grateful for your continued support of our Poor Box. Remember, any donation over \$2 is tax deductible. All you need to do is complete the back of the donation envelope and place it in the Poor Box. God Bless!



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To register your interest and obtain further info please email thewitnesswa@gmail.com

CCR Retreat 11th - 13th October, 2024

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting a weekend live-in retreat with a number of presenters, at the Orchard Glory Farm Resort. The retreat aims to renew our Charismatic spirituality and to help us reclaim our God-given peace, hope and joy which have been so challenged by the world events of the past few years. Accommodation is in twin share chalets and, at \$160 total per person, this is excellent value for a soul-restoring weekend! All meals are supplied. Accommodation setup is perfect for spouses or friends to sign up together. For further details please see notice board flyer, contact Dan on 0409 849 049 or email daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com

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Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 17th 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.

Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 20th October after 9.30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Please do come and support our parish and share a common vision for the future. If you are interested in becoming a member, please collect a Nomination Form today. Completed forms need to be lodged with Fr Brennan or the Parish Office. We are having a shared meal after proceedings so please register your attendance in the foyer for catering purposes. All forms and registrations must be in before Wednesday, 16th October.

	<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>	 MARY MACKILLOP PLACE 10/17/18 Colindale
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Used Stamps Needed

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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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