

BEING GREAT IN GOD'S EYES

This week's reading from the Book of Wisdom illustrates the kind of thinking that was common in the ancient world: If God is with someone then, assured of God's protection, they will prosper. If, on the other hand, they are suffering and not prospering, then it must be that God is not on their side.

How, then, would the ancient world have understood the teaching of Jesus in the gospel? *"The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death."* If his enemies were to kill him, let alone if he was to be publicly humiliated and suffer, surely he could not be the messiah for whom the people waited.

This is the second time in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus has prophesied his death. At this point, the disciples don't understand and are too confused and afraid to ask Jesus what he really means.

When instead the disciples talk about who among them is the greatest, they still dream of becoming earthly lords and princes of status, power and authority. But before we judge the disciples too harshly, we must remember that this story from Mark's gospel has been recorded to mirror our own sins and temptations. We too have ambitions and desires that impede our ability to respond to what Jesus wants from us.

Jesus is charting a very unusual and very new path to what it means to be great in the eyes of God, one that cuts against the culture of his day. In his eyes, serving God means loving and serving the lowliest and those most in need.

When Jesus instructs his disciples to welcome children, he is taking the side of the most neglected, least powerful, and least respected members of society.

For Jesus, greatness is not in career achievement, status, power, attention or appreciation in the world. Instead, Jesus calls us to set aside our desires and ambitions to get ahead. As Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, it is those who are willing to lose their lives who will find life. It is those who put their own egos last and lowest who will be first and greatest in the eyes of God.

St James reflects on this mystery in the second reading. He describes the disciples' self-interest and ambition as told in today's gospel as destined to result in *"disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done"*.

But look at the benefits that come from discarding this self-centred way of living and thinking. James describes the wisdom that Jesus brings as bringing *"peace"*. It makes us *"kindly and considerate"*, *"full of compassion"*, and *"shows itself by doing good"*.

There in that way of living is true freedom and true greatness.



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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

29th September, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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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 Wednesday 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

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Death Anniversary

Flora Alice Vickery

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, Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft, Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Erika Magness, Abby Magness, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen



Feast Days this Week

Sep 23	Mon	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
26	Thu	Sts Cosmas and Damien
27	Fri	St Vincent de Paul
28	Sat	St Wenceslaus, martyr, St Lawrence Ruitz and companions, martyrs

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

AGM Sunday 20th October, Parish Centre 11am

Vinnies

Wednesday 9th October, Parish Centre, 7.30pm

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
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sidney & Esmie D'Souza, Faye Rodriguez		

Rosters for 28/29 September, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Pam Davies	Mary Ann Bombita	Martin Loh	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Wendie Almen Jennifer Barnes	Jeanette Pedulla	Volunteer	Clint Barnes	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Bionney Bangayan, Diobett Bangayan Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Veronica Ayeni Anne Brink	Ciara Jacob	Ben Gradisen	Dan Hewitt	Michael Ayeni Anne Brink	Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob James Jacob, Liam James

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RCIA

"Those who wish to be first must make themselves servants of all."

How am I responding to Christ's call to serve? Could I do so through one of the RCIA accompanying roles, as a parish sponsor, sharing God's Word, being a catechist, or more general support? Choose an area of interest and sign up for one of the October workshops to find practical ways of doing so. Ministers of the Word are especially encouraged to attend the workshop on 5th October. People not already involved in Ministry to consider one of the other workshops.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, communication and relationship? We invite you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is:

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

Youth Night

Join us for an exciting Mystery Movie Night on Friday 4th of October from 7 - 9 pm for those in high-school. Registration is available in the church foyer, through email or text. Expect a fantastic time of faith and fun! We look forward to seeing you! Please phone Veronica on 0424 812 632 or email gossnellsyouth@gmail.com.

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!



"How to make life choices?" Discernment Retreat

Fr. Joseph Laundry, Vocations Director, invites men aged 18+ to join our Discernment Retreat from 18th - 20th October 2024 at St. Charles Seminary, Guildford. This retreat offers spiritual formation, vocations talks, and more to help participants discern God's call. Only 3 spots remain! For more information and registration please visit vocations.perthcatholic.org.au/discernment-retreat-2024.

New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for October to January 2025, is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during this time, please contact the Parish Office so new rosters may be ready for collection mid October. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gossnellsparish.org.au

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



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@gossnellsparish.org.au

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Golden Age Club



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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.

Used Stamps Needed

Mary MacKillop International and the Sisters of St Joseph are helping to eliminate poverty and suffering by collecting used stamps from various parishes and selling them to raise funds for community programs in Peru, Timor and Papua New Guinea. Our parish has a box for donations of used stamps.

Catholic Singles Escape Room (20-35 yrs) Saturday 12th October, 2024

If you like escape rooms and are interested in connecting with other Catholics in a social setting, then come along to our escape room event for single Catholics! This event is a great opportunity to meet new friends and connect with like-minded people. For tickets and more information, please go to www.eventbrite.com.au/e/escape-room-perth-catholic-singles-tickets-1006153350757 or visit Perth Catholic Socials on Instagram, or contact Matt on 0421 952 963. Hope to see you there!

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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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