

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

The long form of this week's gospel reading includes some strange words that are worth our careful reflection. The disciples get annoyed at people bringing children to Jesus so that he can bless them.

You can imagine their grumbling: *"We have work to do, God's work! We don't have time to waste like this. We have to make it to the next town by nightfall. Crowds are waiting to be taught. Sick need healing. Possessed need deliverance. We will be here all day with all these children ..."*

The disciples, the insiders, the privileged participants in Jesus' mission, in their zeal and sincerity still miss the essential point. In fact, throughout the gospels, Jesus' most intimate friends and his most devoted followers, struggle to comprehend what following Jesus is really all about.

They put their understanding of God, of his Kingdom, of Jesus, before God, his Kingdom and Jesus. They make a box and place God, the Kingdom and Jesus inside of it, instead of letting their little box be broken open by the *wonder* of who God is, and what God is accomplishing in Jesus for the world (which is called the "Kingdom").

Just like the disciples, our ideas of Jesus and his mission can be too convenient and comfortable, too idolatrous and narrow. This was the problem with Jesus' disciples and it's the problem with Jesus' disciples today.

But again and again, Jesus mercifully and patiently corrects his disciples' misunderstandings; he breaks open their all-too-narrow, all-too-convenient understandings of himself and his Kingdom.

How does Jesus break open and transform our understanding in this story of the little children? It's all revealed in Jesus' response to them when they try to bar the children from coming to him: *"Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

On the one hand, the disciples know that Jesus' mission is the Kingdom; the reign and rule of God over all the earth, the eradication of all injustice, suffering and evil, the gathering of all peoples as one in obedience to their Creator — all of this and more is Jesus' singular purpose in his teaching and in his actions. The disciples, like us, believe this and devote their entire lives to it. What is the problem, then?

Jesus' disciples continually struggle to understand this rule and reign of God. Jesus demands a complete undoing of what we think rule and reign is. The Kingdom is not accomplished by might, strategy and self-interest, but by humility, self-sacrifice and love. Strength, wealth, good looks and smarts get you nowhere! Jesus tells us frankly: *"Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it."*



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6th October, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

13th October, 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Green

Today's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-27

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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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Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Clayton Pereira, Lena Macri

Our Sick

Alfredo Barbuzza, Ann Ralston, Kathleen Mansfield, Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll, Fran Vallis, Pat Simm, Ammini Jose, John Breg, 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

Luna Emerald Almenteros
Daughter of Jhonny and Christine



Feast Days this Week

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| Oct 9 | Wed | St Denis and Companions, St John Leonardi |
| 11 | Fri | St John XXIII, Pope |

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council
AGM Sunday 20th October, Parish Centre
11am

Vinnies
Wednesday 9th October, Parish Centre,
7.30pm

Rosters for 5/6 October, 2024

| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 6.00pm | Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren | Kaye Cox | Sandra Wren | Colin Loh | Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez | Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda |
| Sunday 7.30am | Basel Black Jackie Hall | Ronan Roach (Volunteer) | Jack Roach | Larry Cavallo | Russell Lally Rod McAtee | Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake Antu |
| Sunday 9.30am | Maureen Byrne Leslie Dcruz | Cecilia Jacob | Paige Jacob | Lenny Dcruz | Jim Brink Maureen Byrne | Kripa Jojo, Olivia Justin Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha Alisha Liyanage, Julia Marano |
| Tellers this week: Sidney D'Souza, Geoff & Jenny Mills | | | | Tellers next week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szelezak | | |

Rosters for 12/13 October, 2024

| Mass | Greeters | Reader | Commentator | Acolyte | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Saturday 6.00pm | Faye Mitchell Jemima Pinto | Angel Donina | Lynette Lieveaux | Richard Serrano | Bridget Soh Ludette Van Der Spil | Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond |
| Sunday 7.30am | Alan & Yvonne Da Silva | Franklin D'Cruz | Sr Savarie | Geoff Mills | Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera | Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw |
| Sunday 9.30am | Bec & Ciara Malagui-Hicks | Jomy Jose | Helen Magness | Phillip Magness | Angela Bushby Cigi Dcruz | Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz |

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Funeral Notice

The funeral Mass for Assunta Wambeck will be held here at

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Thursday 17th October at 10.30am.

The cremation service will be held at Fremantle Cemetery, West Chapel at 12.45pm with light refreshments to follow. Guests are requested to wear either blue or other bright colours. Live streaming is available for both the funeral mass and cremation service, please contact Sarah at swambeck@yahoo.com for the livestreaming links.

St Vincent de Paul

Your Vinnies' Conference appreciates your continued support. But, we are here to help you as well. Call our Emergency Relief on 1300 794 054 Monday to Friday if you are experiencing hardship or need financial counselling. God Bless!



Catholic Thank You From Catholic Mission

The amount donated by the Gosnells Parish for the 2024 Reach out. Give life. Catholic Mission appeal was **\$3,865**. Thank you for your generous response. The amount raised will go towards helping our missionaries in Mongolia to provide safe haven and support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness.

If you are interested in volunteering, or leaving a bequest for the missions, please contact Francis Leong on 6234 1760 or at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au.

Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes - New Roster available now

Please collect your new roster from the foyer today. Please arrange your own swaps from the list if unable to attend. Thank you to all who continue to serve the parish through these ministries. May God bless your generosity.

St Munchin's Whole School Mass

St Munchin's School will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 11th October at 9am. All are welcome to come and celebrate the start of term 4.

New Rosters - Proclaimers of the Word

Readers and Commentators are needed on the new rosters being drawn up soon. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. Those on the current rosters, are asked to recommit by adding your name to the list. Training will be provided for new Proclaimers of the Word.

CCR Retreat 11th - 13th October, 2024

Last chance to book your spot for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal weekend live-in retreat 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. 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@gosnellsparish.org.au



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The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 8th October with indoor activities from 9am and monthly meeting at 10.45am. BYO Lunch. Bingo at 12.15pm! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome.



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.



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

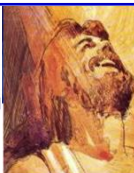
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Legion of Mary Torchlight Rosary Procession

On October 18th, at 7pm, the Legion of Mary Perth Comitium will hold our annual Torchlight Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady, around Lake Monger. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially families, Legionaries and members of Rosary confraternities. It is recommended to bring water, a hat and insect repellent. Those who cannot walk, can meet at the gazebo at the Dodd St Carpark to say the Rosary with other non-walking Legion members and parishioners while the main group progresses around Lake Monger. Please bring a chair if you are not walking. Please phone 08 93282726, email comitiumofperth@gmail.com or visit www.legionofmarywa.org for more information.

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.

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