THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM

At the year's end, God comes – Christ is coming – as a baby at Christmas, coming into the dailiness of our lives, and at the end of time. It may seem odd at the beginning of Advent to hear Jesus speak of the second coming, but when Jesus says we're to watch and stay awake, he doesn't say it to play on our fears. Instead, he calls us to be alert to the signs of God's presence in our lives, encouraging us to have faith in God who is present in the person with whom we are talking, and in the smallest act, though we may only come to understand this sometime later.

As we grow in our faith, his coming 'with power and glory' will seem less a fearful prospect than the moment of our liberation.

One way we can prepare for it, says Jesus, is not to let the cares of life overwhelm us. But what might we say to the woman with a life-threatening illness who said recently: 'My mental health is an ongoing battle because I live in the unknown. I'm scared every time I get sick. I live in fear.'

Her words speak to us whenever we find ourselves adrift in the unknown, where nothing makes sense anymore and everything we've done to secure our future is called into question. Often our fears are disabling, and we wonder where we might find help to face them. This is what Jesus is offering us in the gospel, the gift of himself; and receiving it, in turn we're asked to give it away. It's what the vivid, apocalyptic language of the gospel seeks to do: to help us be more aware of God's presence in our lives.

As we gradually grow into this awareness through prayer and our being with one another, when God's kingdom is revealed in its glory at the end of time, we will find ourselves able to stand with confidence before the Son of Man and we will be with God forever. This is the liberation of which Jesus speaks.

In the first reading, while the false prophets speak only of doom and gloom in the face of exile and what seems like impending disaster, Jeremiah re-assures the people that God will remain true to his promises and send them a ruler of honesty and integrity. Enabled to face what is happening, alert to God's presence, the prophet discovers there, not simply an end, but a new beginning.

In the second reading, Paul describes the life we're called to live in preparation for Christ's coming again. Whatever our differences, loving one another in a community of hope reveals the life of Christ to us and to 'the whole human race.'

Whenever this happens, God's kingdom is made real on earth, as in heaven. It's the coming of the kingdom both now and in the future: it's the promise of Advent.



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1st December, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent Year C Violet Today's Readings Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

8th December, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C Violet Today's Readings Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11 Luke 3:1-6



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	sition Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm					
Charismatic Prayer	natic 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?

You can now deposit your contribution directly into parish accounts.

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, Reference: 1st Collection (your name optional)

Second Collection

Ongoing administration costs, funds for future growth and improvements of the Parish.

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Praying For You



Recently Deceased Daphne Cullen, Teresa Highland

Death Anniversary

Our Sick

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



Feast Days this Week						
Dec 3	Tue	St Francis Xavier				
4	Wed	St John Damascene				
6	Fri	St Nicholas				
7	Sat	St Ambrose				
Parish Meetings						
Parish Pastoral Council In recess till February 4th 2025.						
Vinnies						

Wednesday 4th December, Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Rosters for 30 November/ 1 December, 2024								
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers		
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Angel Donina	Lynette Lieveaux	Colin Loh	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Jacob Malou, Joshua Manda		
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Jeanette Pedulla	Geoff Mills	Aruna Ratnasekera	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido		
Sunday 9.30am	Leslie Dcruz Bec Malagui-Hicks	Lance Dcruz	Leslie Dcruz	Phillip Magness	Anne Brink Jim Brink	Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob James Jacob, Liam James		
Tellers this week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay				Tellers next week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				
Rosters for 7/8 December, 2024								
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers		
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Carina Limgenco	Vilma Lyra	Richard Serrano	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Jacob Raymond, Clinton Matthews Aydriel Ratnasekera, Kyle Marquis		
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Jenny Mills	Greg Drew	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Caleb Watkins, Callie Abogado Jake Antu, Tom Antu		
Sunday 9.30am	Ciara & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Ben Gradisen	Ciara Jacob	Nigel Hayward	Angela Bushby Maureen Byrne	Kripa Jojo, Olivia Justin Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha Alisha Liyanage, Julia Marano		

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St Vincent de Paul Gosnells Conference Christmas Appeal

Your Vinnies launch our annual Christmas Appeal this weekend. Our Christmas Tree is up in the church foyer. Please pick up a STAR and bring back your age appropriate wrapped gift and place it under the Tree. We have a limited number of Columban Calendars (which make ideal family Christmas presents) at only \$10 each. Alternatively, a small donation to our Poor Box help us in our endeavours, every little bit goes a long way. We look forward to your continued support and help us put a smile on a child's face this festive season. God Bless.



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- ✓ Pickup & Deliveries

Please ask if you need help with anything else.





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.

Funeral Notice

The Funeral service for Pat Smithers will be held at Bowra & O'Dea Cannington, Friday 6th December at 10.00am.



First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in the Parish Centre 8.30 -11am. It's for everyone! And it's free! Treat yourself to some time out, come relax, meet someone new and enjoy! Why not join us for our last Coffee Corner for 2024, this Friday 6th December after Mass.

Monday Mass

There will be Mass on Monday 9th December at 8am for the Immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary.

Christmas Choirs

Please join us on Mondays at 7pm in the church if you would like to sing with the Christmas Choirs. Don't wait until the last moment. It puts us in the 'mood' for Christmas, and we give to each other,

and to the Lord, by sharing time together for the benefit of others. We would love some more male voices. Children are welcome to join in as well, with their parents. Enquiries Brenda 0414 098 705 or Dan 0409 849 049.

Flowers for Christmas

We once again are asking parishioners to help with the purchase of flowers for our Christmas decorations. There is a container in the foyer to take your donation. May God bless you and your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Christmas Family Mass Acting out the Nativity Story



We invite all children in primary school to participate in acting out the story of the birth of Jesus at the Family Christmas Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December. Please register in the foyer. Rehearsals will be held in the church on Wednesday 11th and 18th December at 4.30pm.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink

LifeLink thanks you for your generous contributions and continued support. Please continue to pray for the many agencies we do support and all the work that they do.



The Light Advent and Christmas **Daily Reflections 2024** Available now in the church foyer!

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Readers : Break Open The Word

The 2025 Book for Readers is available for Proclaimers of the Word to borrow to help prepare for their reading ministry. All copies are 'Parish' stamped and should be held by the Readers for just one week at a time.

Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 3rd December 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



Youth Night

It's almost that time of year again! Join us for a Youth Christmas Dinner on Saturday 14th December from 7pm to 9.30pm in the Parish Hall! Since it is the last event of the year, we invite you to dress up (green,

red, white or gold) and bring a plate to share! Scan the code to sign up and email gosnellsyouth@gmail.com to indicate what you are bringing or sign up and food forms are in the fover.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season **Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, 11th December at 7.00pm

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will take place with several priests present. Let us prepare for the Season of Peace by reconciling ourselves with God and with one another.

Second Rite of Reconciliation will also be celebrated at: St Francis Xavier Armadale, Thursday 12th December, 7.00pm. Sacred Heart Thornlie, Thursday 19th December, 7.00pm.

WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp 6th -10th January 2025

Are you between 11¹/₂ -15yrs or starting Year 7 in 2025? Come and join us for this 5 day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. From only \$270 (less than \$54 a day). Contact Fr Brennan, visit the website or contact Graham Maher on 0418 979 600 for more information.



Register now at: www.wayoungsalesians.com

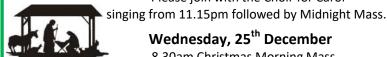
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Our Christmas Celebrations

Tuesday, 24th December

Please join the Children's Choir for Carol singing from 5.15pm followed by 6.00pm Family Vigil Mass. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or kings.

Please join with the Choir for Carol



Wednesday, 25th December 8.30am Christmas Morning Mass



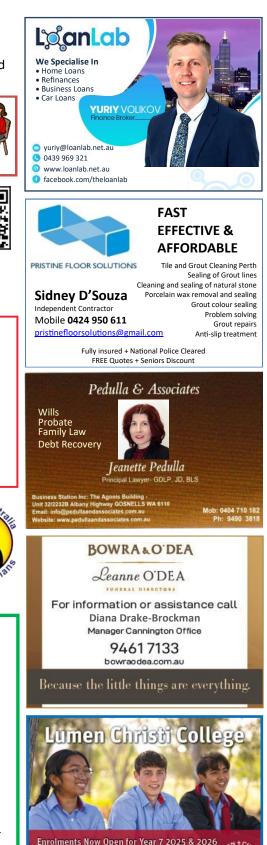
Let's invite our family, friends and neighbours to our Christmas celebration and share our joy with them.

The overflow car park for Christmas Masses will be on the St Munchin's school oval, accessed via the Corfield Street carpark.

Please note: There will be NO 8.00am Mass on Tuesday morning.

On The Bulletin Board

For all Archdiocese employment opportunities, please visit https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm Various pilgrimages, retreats, youth events and lots more! Please have a look on our bulletin board for more information.



Our Parish Columbarium

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A sacred place for all parishioners and former parishioners and their families. Brochures are available in the foyer.

