

BEING ZEALOUS FOR GOOD DEEDS

After our joyful celebration of the feast of Christmas, followed by the feasts of the Holy Family and, last week, the Epiphany, we come to the end of the Christmas season. We now enter what we call Ordinary Time and, on its first Sunday, we have the Baptism of Our Lord.

Following on from last week's Feast of the Epiphany, the gospel reading for the Baptism of Our Lord offers an even more vivid manifestation, another epiphany, revealing the identity of Jesus: "this is my beloved Son."

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah consoles the people of Israel, then in exile in the desert, reminding them of God's promises, telling them "prepare the way of the Lord" and assuring them that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ... the Lord is coming with power."

The Responsorial Psalm then proclaims, "You send forth your spirit ... and you renew the face of the earth."

Today's reading from Luke's gospel shows the realisation of these promises.

In preparation for the Lord's coming, John the Baptist had been preaching repentance for sin and a baptism of repentance in the waters of the River Jordan. So powerful was his preaching that many wondered if indeed John was the Christ, the One who was to come.

But John vehemently denied it, insisting that he was not even worthy to touch Christ's sandal, and that, while he baptises with water, the coming one, "someone who is more powerful," will baptise "with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

On the brink of his public ministry, Jesus, about thirty years old, emerges from the crowd and comes to John the Baptist for baptism. John, recognising that Jesus is the One, at first resists Jesus' request, but then agrees and baptises Jesus.

An extraordinary epiphany then follows. While Jesus is at prayer after his baptism by John, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily shape, like a dove, and a voice from heaven was heard, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The dove reminds us of the story of creation when God's spirit was described as hovering over the waters like a dove and of the story of Noah and the flood when the dove proclaimed a new beginning, a new era.

The words of the Father reveal Jesus' unique relationship to the Father, a relationship of sonship: he is the Beloved Son. It is no accident that this Feast of Our Lord's Baptism opens Ordinary Time, because it reminds us of our identity as daughters and sons of God, granted through the grace of our baptism.

Through our baptism, we enter into the family and hospitality of God. Our second reading reminds us that, as members of that family, we are called to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, to give up everything that does not lead to God, and to be a people who are zealous for good deeds.

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12th January, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord
Year C

White

Today's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

19th January, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

Green

Today's Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

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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

Praying For You



Our Sick

Alfredo Barbuza,
Ann Ralston, Kathleen Mansfield,
Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll,
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Ammini Jose, John Breg,
Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine,
Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,
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Feast Days this Week		
Jan 13	Mon	St Hilary of Poitiers
Jan 17	Fri	St Anthony of Egypt

Parish Meetings
Parish Pastoral Council In recess till February 4th 2025.
Vinnies In recess till January 22nd 2025.

Rosters for 11/12 January, 2025						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Joshua Mahamu	Lynette Lievaux	Richard Serrano	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Carl Agus, Lacey Beacher, Melanie Beacher, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Clint Barnes	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu, Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan,
Sunday 9.30am	Veronica Ayeni Anne Brink	Silvana Sciorilli	Lenny Rodaje	Dan Hewitt	Robert Slezak Evelyn Yozzi	Sebastian Arylpalan, Carl Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas, Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar
Tellers this week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay				Tellers next week: Jim & Ann Brink, Kerry Keys		

Rosters for 18/19 January, 2025						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Vilma Lyra	Graham Maher	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Aydriel Ratnasekera, Joshua Manda Jacob Raymond, Clinton Matthews
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Jeanette Pedulla	Geoff Mills	Larry Cavallo	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins
Sunday 9.30am	Maureen Byrne Leslie Dcruz	Yuriy Volikov	Robert Slezak	Lenny Dcruz	Joe Yozzi Francisco Aung	Julia Marano, Brooklyn Minn Marina Morales, Alexander Paesu Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo

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Isdell Place Car Park Closure 2025

Due to the first stage of the St Munchin's School renovations, there will be no access to the Church via Isdell Place from Tuesday 7th to Monday 27th January 2025. The only access to the Church and the Parish Office during this time will be via the Corfield Street entrance. The school basketball courts will be open for weekend Masses for extra parking. Thank you for your understanding through this brief time of inconvenience.

Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed from 24th December to 13th January 2025.

A heart felt thank-you to all our parishioners who donate their time by volunteering for our Parish ministries, out-reach programs through Marycare and St Vincent de Paul, our Parish Committees and to all that have contributed to our Parish in any way. May your Christmas be filled with the love and light of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May the new year be filled with many blessings.

Sincerely, Naomi, Parish Secretary



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Funeral Notice



The Funeral Mass for Grazia Pintaudi will be held at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday 16th January at 1.00pm. There will also be a Rosary on Wednesday 15th January at 7pm at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church.



Mary Mackillop Story

The parish will be hosting a free screening of Shalom World's "Mary Mackillop Story" on Friday, 31st January at 6pm in the Parish Hall. You can register your attendance at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXZJJ>

"St. Mary Mackillop - a pioneer, an educator, and Australia's first saint.

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Chef Work Experience Wanted

We have a young parishioner who is looking for some work experience as a chef. He has been training as a chef but now needs to find work in time for his permanent residency application later this year. If you or someone you know can help, please contact the parish office.

St Vincent de Paul

Last chance! Your SVDP Columban 2025 Calendars are still on sale at only \$10 each. Please place your money in the yellow envelopes provided and leave them in the Poor Box. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless!



Greeters are needed

New rosters are being drawn up soon. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. All those on the current roster are asked to recommit by also adding their name to the list.

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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Morning Tea Helpers are Needed

The new roster for Morning Tea will be drawn up soon for 2025. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. Those on the current roster, are asked to recommit by adding your name to the list.

St Vincent de Paul - Our Vinnies

The Vinnies would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all those who provided presents under the Christmas Tree and contributed to our poor box. We also gratefully acknowledge the gold coin drive, generous food and sundries donated by staff and students of St Munchin's. These have now been distributed within our community. We wish all parishioners a very Joyous Christmas and thank you for your wonderful support throughout 2024.



Jubilee Year 2025 Place Of Grace And Pilgrimage Schoenstatt Shrine

All Catholics are encouraged during the Jubilee Year 2025 to undertake a Pilgrimage. In the Archdiocese of Perth, the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mt Richon has been designated as a place of Grace and Pilgrimage. Schoenstatt means a beautiful place. The Schoenstatt shrine is nestled among an expanse of grounds and natural bushland, providing an atmosphere of peace and tranquility. The mission of the Schoenstatt Marian Movement is to bring the presence of Christ to all we meet, discovering God's love in every person, in all creation and in every event of our lives. To arrange a parish or individual pilgrimage during 2025 please contact Sr Lisette on 0400 234 910. To start the Jubilee Year why not come to our New Year's Eve Midnight Mass on the 31st December at the Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon. Adoration & Reflection will commence at 10.30pm, followed by Holy Mass and fellowship.



"Let The Children Come To Me."

We invite everyone to join the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Infant Jesus SINULOG 2024 - Viva Pit Señor on Sunday, 19th

January 2024 at Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon.

There will be a dedication of the children ceremony after the Holy Mass followed by the traditional 'Sinulog' dance and agape meal so please bring a plate/drinks to share and camping chairs. Optional: Please bring your Holy Infant Jesus statue. Children wear angel costumes and adults wear Filipino/national costumes.



35th Annual Flame Congress January 2025 "LIBERTY!"



Flame Ministries International 35th Annual Congress "LIBERTY" at John XXIII College, Mt Claremont, Fri-Sun 17-19 Jan 2025. With **Guest Speakers Adam Phillips CYM Director, Fr Joseph Laundry, Cyrus D'Souza FMI SD. and Kaye Rollings FMI.** Mass: Sun 10.00am. Evening Rallies Fri, Sat, & Sun at 7.00pm. Day sessions: Sat & Sun, 9.00am-5.00pm. Food & Drinks available. Air-conditioned. For more information and booking see poster on the bulletin board, scan the QR code or email fmi@flameministries.org.



Weekend For Men

What are you doing on the 15th-16th March 2025? Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. The weekends programme will be conducted by an experienced menALIVE Team, right here in our own Parish. For further information and enquiries, please contact: Vincent Watson – 0406 831 972 or Daniel Tomlinson – 0403 988 181.

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