

A NEW WINE FOR OUR AGE

Of all Jesus' miracles, we might think his turning water into wine is the least significant. However, for John, this miracle at the wedding feast of Cana takes pride of place as the first of the 'signs' given by Jesus.

Other 'signs' in John's gospel include healing miracles, feeding the 5,000, Jesus walking on water and raising Lazarus from the dead. While John acknowledges there were "*many other signs,*" he chooses these seven 'signs' so "*you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name*" (Jn. 20:30).

Each of these miracle-signs is a foretaste of the single, great miracle of Jesus' resurrection. So, what lessons can we draw from the wedding feast of Cana? First, this is the only recorded miracle that Jesus performed for friends and family. Elsewhere, he seems to dismiss any special significance for family: "*Whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother and sister and mother*" (Mtt. 12:50). On another occasion, when returning to Nazareth, we are told Jesus was so "*amazed by their lack of faith ... he could work no miracles there*" (Mk 6:5f.).

Second, there is the extraordinary interchange between Jesus and his mother, Mary. It is Mary who confronts her son with the problem: "*They have no wine!*" We need to note, at this point, Jesus had not given any indication of special powers. Next, we cannot help but notice Jesus' annoyance in stating his time had not yet come. But Mary, unperturbed, tells the waiter: "*Do whatever he tells you.*" We know the rest of the story: Jesus not only turns water into wine, but it is the best possible wine.

The human dimension of this story is compelling. Jesus and his disciples know how to celebrate life. No doubt they told yarns, sang songs and danced well into the night. But the time would come when they would face a crisis and be asked to lay down their lives. Interestingly, the next time we hear of Mary in John's gospel is at Jesus' crucifixion. Just as Mary is present to witness the beginning of Jesus' public life at Cana, she is also there to witness what is, for John, the birth of the Church at Calvary.

We are similarly living in a time of transition – what Pope Francis calls a "change of era" – when the old wine is running out. Like Mary, we are asked to place our vulnerable trust in Jesus who, with the gift of the Spirit, is the new wine for our age.

Like the first disciples and early Christians, we know we live in a time of human and political crisis that also embroils society and church. We can only but trust in God who alone is able to turn the water of our fears into the new wine of God's creative presence and enduring love.



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19th January, 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

Green

Today's Readings

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

26th January, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

Green

Today's Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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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

Irudaya Raj Saminidibaggiah,
Clayton Pereira

Our Sick

Alfredo Barbuza,
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Fran Vallis, Pat Simm,
Ammuni 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

Jan 20	Mon	Sts Fabian and Sebastian
Jan 21	Tue	St Agnes
Jan 22	Wed	St Vincent
Jan 24	Fri	St Francis de Sales
Jan 25	Sat	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

In recess till February 4th 2025.

Vinnies

In recess till January 22nd 2025.

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 Szlezak	Lenny Dcruz	Joe Yozzi Francisco Aung	Julia Marano, Brooklyn Minn Marina Morales, Alexander Paesu Patrina Paesu, Justus Shilo
Tellers this week: Jim & Ann Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

Rosters for 25/26 January, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteer	Sandra Wren	Clarence Pereira	Martin Loh	Bridget Soh Ludette Van Der Spil	Caleb Mahama, Kyle Marquis Carl Agus, Lacey Beacher
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteer	Inoka Ratnasekera	Jack Roach	Geoff Mills	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Diobett Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Callie Abogado, Jake Antu
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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.

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>

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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - 1st/2nd February

Forty days have passed since the Feast of Christmas. We have long taken down our Christmas decorations with their multi-coloured lights. But hopefully the Light of Christ continues to shine brightly among us. The candles we use in liturgy remind us that Christ is our Light and that we, in turn are called to reflect this light to all nations.

On that weekend at the beginning of Mass, we will be blessing all candles brought to Saturday night and Sunday Masses for this Feast.

New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

The roster covering the period for February to May 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 May. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

Parish Religious Education Program Enrolments for 2025

After school classes for Children attending non-Catholic Schools are held each Wednesday in Term time from 4.30pm - 5.30pm to prepare the children for reception of the Sacraments. Preparation for each Sacrament is:

Reconciliation – 1 year, First Eucharist – 1 year, Confirmation – 2 years

Enrolments will be in the Parish Centre Wednesday 5th February 4.30pm- 5.30pm. If this is the first time you are enrolling your child, please bring a copy of his/her Baptism Certificate. Classes begin the second week of the school term, Wednesday 12th February. Enquiries are welcome. Please phone Genevieve De Souza (RE Coordinator) 0408 717 809 or Parish Office 9398 2331.

New Rosters - Morning Tea & Greeters - Out Now

Volunteers, please make sure you have the latest roster so that you can attend on the dates allotted to you. The rosters are available in the church foyer. Remember to arrange your own swaps when necessary. Thank you to all those who continue to serve their parish through these various ministries and particularly to those who have offered their services for the first time. May God bless your generosity.

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!



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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Vinnies

Your Vinnies meet in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd January. We are always looking for volunteers to assist us in various roles. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting and explore the options available. God Bless !

Golden Age Club Returns 2025



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 21st January 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.

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.

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.



“Let The Children Come To Me.”

We invite everyone to join the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Infant Jesus SINULOG 2025 - Viva Pit Señor on Sunday, 19th January

2025 from 3pm 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.



First Sunday Cuppers after Mass and First Friday Coffee Corner return Saturday 1st, Sunday 2nd and Friday 7th February 2025



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.



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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