

IT IS ALL ABOUT TODAY

Returning home after more than eleven years 'on mission' overseas has been a challenging and confronting experience. So much has changed. I've changed. Society has changed. The Church has changed. So much is unfamiliar to me and I'm 'unknown'. I feel like a foreigner in the country I call home.

Luke portrays something similar in the gospel. After being away, Jesus has returned home for a visit. Some people will remember him growing up in Nazareth. Others will know his parents. Others may have benefitted from his carpentry skills. Others may be curious or uncertain about why he's returned. Others may treat him with suspicion if he's unknown to them.

He's not some 'local lad' who's come home after travelling or working away. He has a reputation and it's gone ahead of him. He's somewhat of a 'celebrity'. Will he live up to his reputation? Will he be as wise as they've heard? Will he say or do something special in his home town? Will he challenge them to live differently and change their way of life?

As expected, Jesus goes to the synagogue on the Sabbath, where he would have spent time as a boy and young man. He's handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and he reads: *"The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour."*

Jesus then says something that disturbs and challenges those who are gathered: *"This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."* Surely he's not suggesting that *he* is the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy? The people were expecting the Messiah sometime in the future. They can't believe that the time is now. The Messiah is there in their midst! Naturally, they can't comprehend what's just unfolded in their presence. In time, they will want him to prove his prophetic words through special deeds and miraculous signs.

"Today" has really disturbed them. Jesus says nothing about the future. Rather, he claims that he has the power to transform the present. Good times are not some future dream. They are here now, and the Kingdom of God is among them. Today is what counts. Today grace abounds. Today the kingdom is realised. Today God is revealed.

"Today" is the very reason that this gospel challenged the people of Jesus' home town, and it challenges us to be open to the life of Christ here and now, and to live our lives to the full. The fulfilment of God's promise *today* is important for us to understand and embrace, so that we'll not miss the grace of God's saving action in the simple, ordinary and everyday experiences and encounters of our lives.

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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

2nd February, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord
Year C

Green

Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

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Follow Truth

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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A/c name: Gosnells Parish - 1st Collection Account, **BSB:** 086-006, **A/c:** 705883907,

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Second Collection

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

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Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Catherine Callaghan, Barbara Ingram,
Michael McMahon, Ivan Tims,
Francis Devine

Our Sick

Alfredo Barbuza,
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

Jan 27	Mon	St Angela Merici, Sts Timothy & Titus
Jan 28	Tue	St Thomas Aquinas
31	Fri	St John Bosco

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 4th February Parish Centre, 6.45pm

Vinnies

Wednesday, 12th February Parish Centre,
7.30pm

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
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteer	Florence Ayeni	Hanna Allen	Phillip Magness	Michael Ayeni Anne Brink	John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob Kripa Jojo, Thejus Jojo
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Faye Rodriguez		

Rosters for 1/2 February, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Faye Mitchell King Oreste	Pam Davies	Ayden Ratnasekera	Colin Loh	Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan	Melanie Beacher, Caleb Mahama Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis
Sunday 7.30am	Shania Tido Eric Almen	Franklin D'Cruz	Diobett Bangayan	Gerard Peters	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan Diobett Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen
Sunday 9.30am	Bec & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Kaye Cox	Maureen Byrne	Nigel Hayward	Jim Brink Maureen Byrne	Olivia Justin, Aung Kintha Gei Long Ya Kintha, Julia Marano Azwan Shelvan, Martin Yatar

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Happy Chinese (Lunar) New Year!



We would like to wish all our Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean parishioners a Happy Lunar New Year!



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.

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.

Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!



After all Masses next 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.

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

Lost Property

If you are or know Emma Bond and/or Harpreet Singh, we have items that have been found belonging to each of them during the past week. Please speak to either Fr Brennan or contact the Parish Office.

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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Golden Age Club Returns 2025



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 28th 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.

Perth Eucharistic Procession Feast of St Brigid

As part of Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope a Eucharistic Procession will be held from St Brigid's Northbridge to St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 1st February from 2.30pm, concurrent with events in Derry City, Ireland, Medjugorje, Rome and many other cities and towns across the globe.

Beginning with Mass at 2.30pm at St Brigid's Perth followed by Eucharistic Procession through Northbridge to St Mary's Cathedral. For more information please visit www.roadtothetriumph.com/comefollowme



Perth International Voice & Star Of The Sea Musical Ensemble Present Pilgrims of Hope - Serenading Our Lady at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Join us at 9 Talus Drive, Mt. Richon, Saturday, 8th February at 7.30pm in the spirit of Taizé. This event will take place between the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (2nd Feb) and Our Lady of Lourdes (11th Feb). This is an outdoor event. Please bring a chair and a plate to share. For more information please contact Sr. M. Lisette on 9399 2349 or 0400 234 910.



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.

menALIVE 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.

Catholic Singles Quiz Night (20-35 yrs)

Join us for a fun and casual gathering of Catholics from across Perth! This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and connect with like-minded people in a relaxed setting. Whether you're a trivia enthusiast or just looking for a good time, come along for an evening of trivia, laughter, and mingling with fellow Catholics! Wednesday, 12th February from 6.20pm at Como Hotel, 243 Canning Hwy Como. To register and for more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/quiz-night-perth-catholic-singles-20-35yrs-tickets-1150469899439> or visit @perthcatholicsocials on Instagram, or contact Matt on 0421 952 963. Hope to see you there!

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