

## A CHILD TO LIGHT UP THE WORLD

Have you ever wondered what God looks like? Various images might come to mind, but why not turn to the person next to you who is made in the image and likeness of God? But, what if God looks like this baby? A child whose crying wakes us and worries us at moments as we hold them close, a child who depends on us for life.

Forty days after Christmas, Mary and Joseph travel to Jerusalem, where she is to present herself and her child, as the Law required. But there, in the Temple, something unexpected happens. They are amazed at what Simeon and Anna have to say about their baby, but it's not clear to them what it might mean – how could it be? – because God's ways often upend our way of doing things.

Before he utters his prophetic words, Simeon takes this baby in his arms and gives praise to God. That's what we're asked to do: to take Him in our arms, take God to heart, and give thanks. But often we're not too sure about this. We're open to it, but we hesitate, and Simeon reveals why, when he speaks of Him as being rejected by many in Israel and of a sword piercing Mary's soul.

Perhaps we find it difficult to imagine His birth and His death at the same time. Indeed, we may prefer to put any thought of the cross out of our minds for a while and think fondly of the baby in his crib or his mother's arms.

Of course, none of us is anticipating grief, but when grief enters our lives, how to respond? As the aunt of a baby who died soon after birth once said, *"It's tough to believe that we will emerge from the darkness."* Later she reflected, *"In each of us we harbour both the living and the dying Christ."* Recalling her words on first seeing her niece - *"You are so beautiful. I love you so much"* – she realised that's what God says to us ... always.

Taking to heart her words, when we hear of the Lord suddenly entering his Temple, not in power and might, as in the first reading, but in weakness and need as a baby, we see in this child a light to enlighten the world.

This child is our salvation. So today, which is also known as Candlemas Day, we might light a candle and give thanks for His coming amongst us. For He comes to free us from our fear of death, as the second reading says, so that, in time, we may find ourselves sharing the gift of His life with others. We're invited to take Him into our hearts and accompany Him as He grows in maturity, wisdom and grace.

Whatever the future holds, God is with us.

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## Gosnells Catholic Parish

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church  
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 1.30pm**  
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#### Parish Secretary:

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## 2nd February, 2025

### The Presentation of the Lord

#### Year C

#### White

#### Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-32

### 9th February, 2025

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Year C

#### Green

#### Today's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### St Munchin's Catholic Primary School



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# Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
<b>Buckley Caring Centre</b>	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
<b>Juniper Aged Care</b>	11.00am Mass - Third Wednesday of the Month
<b>Rosary</b>	After weekday Masses
<b>Exposition</b>	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
<b>Charismatic Prayer</b>	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm
<b>Baptism</b>	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
<b>Marriage</b>	By appointment - Minimum <b>SIX MONTHS</b> 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.

**A/c name:** Gosnells Parish, **BSB:** 086-006, **A/c:** 773984777,

**Reference:** 2nd Collection (your name optional)

## Praying For You



### Recently Deceased

Grazia Pintaudi

### Death Anniversary

Bethwyn Johnson, Maurice St. Anne

### 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

### Baptised Recently

Elsie Pederick

Daughter of Wade and Michelle

### Feast Days this Week

Feb 3	Mon	Sts Blaise & Ansgar
5	Wed	St Paul Miki & Companions
8	Sat	St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

### Parish Meetings

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 4th February Parish Centre, 6.45pm

#### Vinnies

Wednesday, 12th February Parish Centre, 7.30pm

### 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
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Sidney D'Souza, Geoff & Jenny Mills		

### Rosters for 8/9 February, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Jemima Pinto Mary Ann Bombita	Jemima Pinto	Natasha Pinto	Richard Serrano	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Carl Agus, Aydril Ratnasekera
Sunday 7.30am	Wendie Almen Jennifer Barnes	Bionney Bangayan	Sr Savarie	Aruna Ratnasekera	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Leslie Dcruz	Lance Dcruz	Dan Hewitt	Angela Bushby Cigi Dcruz	Sebatson Arylpalan, Carl Borlongan Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo

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### 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.

### 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.

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**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 next Coffee Corner this Friday, 7th February after Mass.

8:30 - 11:00  
First Friday of every month

**New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes - Out 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.

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**Charismatic Prayer Group**

The Prayer group will recommence this coming Thursday evening, 7.15pm in the church. All are welcome to join us as we worship our Lord, Jesus Christ, and share His gospel among us. We gather together also to discover the power of the Holy Spirit available to each one of us. ... come and see! For further details please phone Dan Hewitt on 0409 849 049.

**St Munchin's Whole School Mass**

St Munchin's School will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 7th February at 9am. All are welcome to come and celebrate the start of 2025 school year.

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**CALL IN FOR A VISIT**

**Wanted: Your Old Palms**

Please bring your old palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration. These will be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. A box is in the foyer to receive the palms.

**Mary MacKillop Today Annual Breakfast in the Garden 2025**

The Mary MacKillop Today Breakfast in the Garden will be held on Saturday 8th March. Come along together and support this worthy cause while making new friends and catching up with others. Please RSVP before Tuesday 4th March to Roberta Scanlan at [robscan52@icloud.com](mailto:robscan52@icloud.com) or phone 0459 364 872 (for catering purposes). We hope to see you there! More information on the notice board.

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If you are or know Emma Bond, we have an item that was found last week belonging to you. 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](mailto:safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au)

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Last chance! Your Vinnies have only a couple of the 2025 Columban Calendars available for a reduced price of \$5. Please place your money in the envelopes provided and leave them in the Poor Box. We appreciate your continued support.



## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 4th February 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.



## 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. Please register your interest on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

All online training is at your own pace video and quiz.

## On The Bulletin Board

For all Archdiocese employment opportunities, please visit

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