

## TO BE EVERGREEN WITH GOD

The banksia, unlike many other Australian native plant species, is not destroyed by bushfires. In fact, the fire's extreme heat and smoke helps it regenerate. The heat, as well as the chemicals from the smoke and ash, trigger the opening of the banksia's woody seed cases which releases the seeds within. These seeds are dispersed and subsequently germinate in rich soil.

It is also significant to note that, in addition to its fire-resistant properties, the banksia trees are an important life-nourishing habitat for threatened species, such as black cockatoos, chuditch and western ringtail possums. The banksia's surprising impetus for growth and regeneration offer valuable insights for our own journeys through life.

A common thread running through this week's readings is God's invitation to us to grow into the fullness of life. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah describes those who trust in the Lord as being: *"like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream ... its leaves stay green."* The psalm describes the one whose delight is in the law as being like: *"a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season."*

The second reading speaks of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of ours. Our gospel reading reminds us that we shall be filled, nourished, satisfied, and brimming with joy, whatever adversities we might face.

While it may be easy to respond positively to continual growth when life is going well, it is often difficult to remain hopeful when we encounter life's crushing experiences. How do we continue to tap into God, the source of our lives, when hope seems lost or destroyed in life's bushfires?

Benedictine mystic Hildegard of Bingen used the term *"viriditas,"* meaning God's greening power, to describe the divine life force. She explained that, deep within nature, there is the innate potential to grow towards the fullness of life, as well as a capacity for healing and wholeness. God invites us to open ourselves to this divine capacity each day. To be closed to growth is to be closed to God, the source of our life.

Jesus reminds us that *"the kingdom of God is within you"* (Luke 17:21). Our capacity to heal, recover and grow, lies deep within each of us, although sometimes hidden from our eyes. Those who have experienced a major illness or other devastating experiences will appreciate this.

Iconographer Robert Lenz OFM explained that, when we try continually to keep moving towards God, even if we should fall, we fall *towards* God or even *into* God. Indeed, we are not defined by our failures and setbacks, but by our capacity for growth and greening, even when we fail.

In ordinary time, the liturgical colour, green, symbolises growth and hope. It reminds us of God's greening power. Amidst the ordinariness, the setbacks and the struggles of our daily lives, let us look towards God and to each other to remind us to continually be open to God. Within him, we are always evergreen.

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## Gosnells Catholic Parish

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 1.30pm**

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### Safeguarding Officers

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## 16th February, 2025

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**Green**

### Today's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

## 23rd February, 2025

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**Green**

### Today's Readings

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

### 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.

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## Praying For You



### Death Anniversary

Calvin LeGuay, Veronica Potter

### Our Sick

Alfredo Barbuza,  
Ann Ralston, Kathleen Mansfield,  
Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll,  
Fran Vallis, Pat Simm,  
Ammini Jose, John Breg,  
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

Serendipity Jasmine Lei Dzaferovic  
Daughter of Jasmin and Liezel  
Leo Patrick Lamont DeSouza  
Son of Troy and Jessica  
Elijah Theodore Neminathan  
Son of Yohan and Jasmine

### Feast Days this Week

Feb 17	Mon	The Seven Founders of the Servites Order
21	Fri	St Peter Damian

### Parish Meetings

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 11th March Parish Centre, 6.45pm

#### Vinnies

Wednesday, 12th March Parish Centre, 7.30pm

### Rosters for 15/16 February, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Richard Serrano	Graham Maher	Carina Limgenco Vivian Loh	Lacey Beacher, Melanie Beacher Caleb Mahama, Joshua Manda
Sunday 7.30am	Basel Black Franklin Dacruz	Volunteer	Geoff Mills	Clint Barnes	Sue Frawley Russell Lally	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Karen Suarez Robert Szlezak	Ciara Jacob	Ben Gradisen	Phillip Magness	Carolina Hayward Kerry Keys	Austin Jacob, James Jacob Kripa Jojo, Thejus Jojo Olivia Justin, Aung Kintha
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak				Tellers next week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay		

### Rosters for 22/23 February, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Sandra Wren	Mary Ann Bombita	Martin Loh	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Kyle Marquis, Aydriel Ratnasekera
Sunday 7.30am	Alan & Yvonne Da Silva	Jenny Mills	Greg Drew	Larry Cavallo	Rod McAtee Lorna Mitchell	Diobett Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Daniel Tomlinson Francis Xavier	Paige Jacob	Cecilia Jacob	Nigel Hayward	Alex Liyanage Bec Malagui-Hicks	Gei Long Ya Kintha, Alisha Liyanage Julia Marano, Brooklyn Minn Marina Morales, Alexander Paesu

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## Parish Religious Education Program 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

**Classes commenced in the Parish Centre last week, Wednesday 4.30pm- 5.30pm.**

Late enrolments are still accepted. If this is the first time you are enrolling your child, please bring a copy of his/her Baptism Certificate. Enquiries are welcome. Please phone Genevieve De Souza (RE Coordinator) 0408 717 809 or Parish Office 9398 2331.



### Real men do not do Church wrong....

....But living out your faith can be pretty tough, and most of us need help. If you are a bloke over 18 years, consider this.

On the 15th & 16th March 2025 experienced leaders from Men Alive Team will be running a menALIVE weekend here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in the Parish Centre for Catholic men. Come along and be inspired, encouraged and rediscover God's purpose for your life. Details and registration forms are available in the church foyer. For further information and enquiries, please contact: Daniel Tomlinson, 0403 988 181, [danieltomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:danieltomlinson@gmail.com); Vincent Watson, 0406 831 972, [vincewtsn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vincewtsn@yahoo.com.au); Clement Ayeni, 0420 666 355, [clementayeni@gmail.com](mailto:clementayeni@gmail.com) or Phil Magness, 0424 829 548, [philpmagness1956@gmail.com](mailto:philpmagness1956@gmail.com)

## Lenten Program 2025 Metanoia Coming soon!



### 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.

### Charismatic Prayer Group

The Prayer group meets Thursday evenings, 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.



### 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.



### Safeguarding Our Children

Parents, thanks for bringing your children to Mass. Please make sure you accompany your child when they go to the toilets and stay with them when they are outside.

### 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.



### 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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## Youth Night

We're excited to announce that our first youth night of the year is on Friday 21st of February from 6:30pm! Join us for a 'back to school' style event containing faith filled discussions, delicious food and lots of fun.



Please register your interest through the sign up sheet in the foyer, Instagram, SMS Veronica on 0424 812 632 or via the QR code by the Wednesday the 19th. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 18th 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.

## 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.

## Charismatic Renewal Opening Year Mass - Friday 28th February

Catholic Charismatic Renewal will hold our Opening Year Mass at Holy Family Church, Thelma St, Como, commencing with Prayer & Praise at 7.30pm, followed by the Mass. Come along to celebrate the beginning of this wonderful year with the Lord and to ask His abundant blessings on us all. Please invite family and friends and bring a plate for a light supper, if possible. For further information contact Dan 0409 849 049 or [daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com](mailto:daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com). See notice board flyer.

## St Munchin's Year 6 Mass



The year sixes will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 21st February at 9am. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

## St Vincent de Paul

Volunteer with your Vinnies' and help make a difference to someone's life life! No fundraising or phone calls involved. Could you please spare us a couple of hours or more a week? Call Loretta on 0451 794 790 for more information or join us for our next meeting 12th March 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. God Bless!



## 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

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