

TRUSTING JESUS TO CATCH US

Fear can be such a paralysing emotion. With its familiar twin, anxiety, it keeps us from acting or thinking constructively and clouds our awareness of grace. In this week's gospel reading, the disciples are gathered in fear behind closed doors. They are terrified about what may happen next.

Suddenly, they find Jesus standing in their midst. He offers them his peace, showing them his hands and side. They are overjoyed and their fear is dispelled. This is no fleeting reassurance. He repeats his blessing of peace and exhorts them to go forth in courage. He breathes on them and confers on each of them, the gift of his spirit.

It is a sacred moment, preparing them for a time when he would no longer be physically present with them. Yet, his spirit would remain with them always. This would be no passive presence but a dynamic, enlivening, divine presence which would animate them. They would be his witnesses to his love and redemption throughout the world.

Jesus's words of mission also foreshadow his words at his ascension: I am with you always (Matthew 28:20). It also foreshadows the coming of the Holy Spirit in the mighty wind of Pentecost.

The calling to a life of mission is not without risk. In his book, *Flying, Falling and Catching: An Unlikely Story of Finding Freedom*, Dutch priest, theologian and psychologist Henri Nouwen described a life changing encounter with a travelling trapeze troupe, the Flying Rodleighs. He was amazed at how they flew through the air. He befriended the troupe and even travelled for a short time with them.

Nouwen once asked Rodleigh, the troupe's leader, the secret of a successful trapeze act. Rodleigh explained that, as a flyer, he had to have complete trust in his catcher. The secret was for the flyer to do nothing and trust the catcher to do everything, to catch him as he flew through the air and pull him safely onto the platform. In fact, the worst thing the flyer could do is to try and catch the catcher. If he tried to grab the catcher's wrists, it could end disastrously for them both. Nouwen suggested this as a sublime metaphor for our invitation to let go of fear and trust God utterly in all the circumstances of our life and beyond.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once described faith, not as belief in certainty, but as the courage to live with uncertainty. The figure of Thomas in today's gospel, wanting certainty, expresses the parts of our being which are still held back by fear and anxiety. We fear stepping forward into the unknown and allow our fears to sideline God's promise of his abiding presence. Nevertheless, Jesus invites us to trust him completely. Like the catcher in Nouwen's story, he promises to catch us as we fly through the air to him. He lovingly and unconditionally embraces all our fears, our frailty and our vulnerability. His peace enlivens our mission to go forth in courage and proclaim the good news. He is risen and, indeed, he will be with us always.



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27th April, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year C

White

Today's Readings

Acts 5:12-16

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

4th May, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

Year C

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Today's Readings

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

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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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Praying For You



Death Anniversary

Eileen MacMillan Smith

Our Sick

Adrienne Sweeney, Michele King,
Warren Hoskins, Alfredo Barbuzza,
Kathleen Mansfield, Maria Siciliano,
Susanne Carroll, 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

Apr 28	Mon	St Peter Chanel
29	Tue	St Catherine of Siena
30	Wed	St Pius V
May 1	Thu	St Joseph the worker
2	Fri	St Athanasius
3	Sat	Sts Philip and James, Apostles

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 13th May Parish Centre, 6.45pm

Vinnies

Wednesday, 14th May Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Rosters for 26/27 April, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Sandra Wren	Mary Ann Bombita	Graham Maher	Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan	Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Aydriel Ratnasekera, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Bette Lyra Vilma Lyra	Inoka Ratnasekera	Jack Roach	Aruna Ratnasekera	Lorna Mitchell Chloe Pereira-Smith	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Francis Xavier Hanna Allen	Maureen Byrne	Kaye Cox	Nigel Hayward	Kerry Keys Alex Liyanage	Justus Shilo, Martin Yotar Sebatson Arylpalan, Carl Borlongan Leslie Dcruz, Chidera Emeka
Tellers this week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Faye Rodriguez				Tellers next week: Sidney D'Souza, Geoff & Jenny Mills		

Rosters for 3/4 May, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Faye Mitchell King Oreste	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limgenco	Colin Loh	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Carl Agus, Lacey Beacher Melanie Beacher, Caleb Mahama
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Diobett Bangayan	Bionney Bangayan	Clint Barnes	Inoka Ratnasekera Pay Tru	Bionney Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Jude Ayeni Debora Ayeni	Lance Dcruz	Erlyn Carusi	Lenny Dcruz	Helen Magness Clarence Pereira	Angel Garavillas, John Gilmore Gabino Htoo, Austin Jacob James Jacob, Kripa Jojo

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Hour will commence at 3pm today, the Second Sunday of Easter, which is Divine Mercy Sunday - the Feast of Mercy. All are welcome.



THE LORD HAS RISEN! WISHING ALL A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER SEASON

May the redemption won for us by Christ, bring reconciliation in our relationships, God's peace in our lives and joy in all that we do.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone involved in making our Easter celebration a most joyous and spiritual experience - acolytes, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, the music ministries, cantors, psalmists, greeters, the sacristans, those who contributed to the cost of the flowers, those who arranged the flowers, the maintenance committee and busy bee helpers, those who provided the Paschal Candle and the Easter eggs. Many people gave so much time and love to make our celebrations so special for everyone; it was particularly special for me as this was my first Easter here and was blessed to have shared it with many of you.

Thank you also for bringing your family, neighbours and friends to celebrate with us. We had an extraordinary celebration which I hope has touched us all and lifted our faith. Thank you too for your support, your gifts and well wishes. May the Easter Message come alive in our daily lives as we especially pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.

Sincerely, Fr Brennan



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, 2nd May after Mass.

Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome and thank you to Fr Patrick Lim who will be celebrating Mass while Fr Brennan is away. Fr Brennan will return 8th May 2025.



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Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

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Thank you for standing with us! It's not too late to donate.

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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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Children's Liturgy of the Word Needs Your Help

The Liturgy of the Word, normally conducted at our 9.30am Mass, for children 4 years and over (up to Yr 3) will be in recess till 4th May. We pray that the children will enjoy the holidays and continue to join our Sunday Liturgy with their families.

We are in need of volunteers for the supervision of the children for next term, if you are interested please see Fr Brennan or contact the parish office.

New Rosters - Proclaimers of the Word - Out Now

Please collect your new roster from the foyer today. Commentators should arrive at least 15 minutes before their rostered Mass and let the Acolyte know that you are there. Readers are asked to prepare for their ministry by using 'Break Open The Word' a book for Readers, which is available in the Church foyer. Remember to organise your own swaps from the list provided if you cannot attend when rostered. Thank you to all those who are helping out with this ministry.

Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 28th April 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 is only \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

Jesus Youth - Eucharistic Adoration, Saturday 10th May 8am - 5pm

Jesus Youth (a Catholic international youth association, beginning in India 50 years ago and present in Australia for 20 years) is organising weekly Eucharistic Adoration in different parishes in our Archdiocese and also across Australia. On Saturday May 10th, 'Hours of Grace' will take place at **Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Gosnells** from after 8am Mass until 5pm. Every hour, there will be different members of Jesus Youth spending time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and parishioners are warmly invited to join them at any time during the day.

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Bible Study - The Letter of James

A 6-session presentation to be held at St Emilies Church, 151 Amherst Rd, Canning Vale, over 6 consecutive Saturdays, 5th May - 7th June, 10.00am - 12.00 noon. This is an exciting new approach to bible study which is not so academically focused, but seeks to discover how God wants to heal and to guide us, and to invigorate our faith! The course will be presented by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Chairman, Dan Hewitt. Further queries to Dan on 0409 849 049 or daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com.

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:

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