

A LIFE BEYOND DEATH

John's vision of a new heaven and a new earth speaks of a time when sorrow, death and suffering will be no more. Some two thousand years later we might think that John's utopian vision is little more than wishful thinking. Moreover, if we take the words of Jesus in this week's Gospel – *"You must love one another as I have loved you"* – we can also recognise that Christians honour this commandment more in the breach than in reality.

In the words of the English playwright, G K Chesterton: *"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried"*.

However, looking at the gospel, we see the new vision of creation and the new commandment of love emerge in a world of sinfulness and evil. This is demonstrated in Judas' act of betrayal culminating in Jesus' execution on the Cross. Knowing his life was coming to such a brutal and violent end, Jesus says he is entering into God's glory. In other words, even the most barbaric human activity is ever open to the mystery of the Father's forgiveness and love being poured out over the whole of God's creation.

Elsewhere, John tells us *"no one can see God"* (Jn 1:18). And yet the divine glory is manifest throughout the whole of creation – even or especially when humans are too blind to see. Czech theologian, Tomas Halik, says we fail to see God, not because God is too distant, but because God is too close. God is the light by which we see everything, but we do not see the light, only that which the light reveals.

In the Old Testament we are told God's glory is manifest to Moses in a pillar of cloud and in a burning bush. God appears to Elijah in the still, small, gentle breeze. Yet God's glory is also manifest throughout all creation as in every human experience not excluding the reality of the vilest forms of human evil – such as wars, death camps, genocides, and ecological destruction. If God's glory is present in the death of Jesus, how could it be absent from anything in our entire world?

This week's readings about the "new creation" are also signals of life beyond death where we are invited to share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Such "good news" is something we should want to let the whole world know.

This is the story of Paul and Barnabas in the first reading. However, if we are to be real missionary disciples, our first task is to be evangelised ourselves in order to witness to the divine Creator by *"loving one another as Jesus loves us"*.

Yes, this is a profound challenge. Equally what a wonderful privilege, called to be instruments of the "new creation" through our attempts and failures to be faithful disciples of Jesus. As Pope Francis says: *"whoever is in Christ is a new creation"*. And in the words of St Paul: *"nothing can separate us from the love of God"* (Rom. 8:31).



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18th May, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Year C

White

Today's Readings

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5

John 13:31-35

25th May, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Year C

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Today's Readings

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

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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



The Month of May, The Month Of Mary

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return.. in celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. CS 102, 103 We invite you to pray the Rosary everyday this month.

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.

Praying For You



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

Baptised Recently

Lucas James Spagnolo
Son of Jarryd and Merrilyn

Alice Malaika Manda
Son of Edmond and Precious

Feast Days this Week

May 20	Tue	St Bernardine of Siena
21	Wed	St Christopher and Companions
22	Thu	St Rita of Cascia
24	Sat	Our Lady Help of Christians, Patron of Australia

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, 10th June Parish Centre, 6.45pm

Vinnies
Wednesday, 11th June Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Rosters for 17/18 May, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Jemima Pinto	Natasha Pinto	Graham Maher	Vivian Loh Christy Ravanez	Jacob Raymond, Carl Agus Lacey Beacher, Melanie Beacher
Sunday 7.30am	Basel Black Franklin Dcruz	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Russell Lally	Bionney Bangayan, Rosemary Saw Diobett Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Richardson Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Bec & Keanu Malagui-Hicks	Ciara Jacob	Cecilia Jacob	Phillip Magness	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szlezak	Brooklyn Minn, Marina Morales Alexander Paesu, Patrina Paesu Azwan Shelvan, Justus Shilo
Tellers this week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay				Tellers next week: Anne Brink & Kerry Keys		

Rosters for 24/25 May, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Faye Mitchell King Oreste	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Ayden Ratnasekera	Martin Loh	Bridget Soh Faye Mitchell	Caleb Mahama, Joshua Manda Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews
Sunday 7.30am	Alan & Yvonne Da Silva	Chloé Pereira-Smith	Inoka Ratnasekera	Gerard Peters	Rod McAtee Volunteer	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Silvana & Andy Sciorilli	Paige Jacob	Jomy Jose	Nigel Hayward	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	Martin Yotar, Sebatson Arylpalan Carl Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz Chidera Emeka, Angel Garavillas

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This Weekend's Catholic Mission Appeal invites you to partner with our missionaries in Zambia to help vulnerable women overcome poverty and to give birth safely. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at www.catholicmission.org.au//see-our-work-in-action/mission. Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at fleong@catholicmission.org.au to explore the possibilities.

Men's Social Event

All men in the parish are invited to a social evening in the parish hall. We are planning a pizza and movie night for Friday, the 23rd of May, at 7 pm. We are looking forward to a great night of fun, food and fellowship. Cost is \$10. Please register via the sign-up sheet in the Church foyer or text Dan Tomlinson on 0403 988 181. We look forward to seeing you there!

New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

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

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, 3rd 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.

Catechists and Assistants Needed

We are still looking for catechists and assistant catechists for our after school Religious Education program. Training will be provided. You will initially be held in reserve and called when needed. Please see Fr Brennan.

Men's Rosary Crusade

First Saturday of the month at 7am. Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Sacred Heart Parish, 64 Mary St, Highgate. Join men from around Perth who pray the Rosary every First Saturday of the month in reparation for offenses and blasphemies against the Blessed Virgin Mary, and interceding for their families. Followed by

St Munchin's Year 3 Mass



The year threes will be celebrating Mass on Friday, 23rd May at 9am. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

Jubilee Year Experience in Kalgoorlie: St Paul, Pilgrim of Hope

Join us on a journey of encounter and conversion, explore the theology and mission of Paul, the Apostle of Hope, during this Jubilee Year pilgrimage in Kalgoorlie. Led by Fr Errol Lobo, this experience blends study, prayer, and reflection with the local Catholic community. Includes optional daily Mass and stops at Merredin, Southern Cross, and Coolgardie, and visits to historic sites such as the Super Pit, the Goldfields Museum, Mt Charlotte and Kalkurla Bushland Park. For more information and to register email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, phone (08) 9278 0261 or scan QR code.



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



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 20th May 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.

St Vincent de Paul

Your VINNIES' have donation envelopes at our desk in church. Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible. All you have to do is complete the back of the envelope for a Tax Deductible Receipt and drop the envelope in our Poor Box. In exchange for your kind donation, please pick up a sturdy blue, non-branded, shopping bag for free! God Bless you for your continued support.



Girls Faith Club

Join one or more of our upcoming activities to grow in relationship with God and one another! We encourage all young girls, both primary and high school, to join either as junior (8-11yo) or senior (12-17yo) members. Next meet ups for 2025 are Sundays, 1-3pm @ Schoenstatt Shrine: 22nd June, 3rd August, 26th October. Parental consent form required to join. Inquiries: Selemana 0466 811 793, Sr M Luka 0439 537 843 or email Sharne Clamp at sharnene@yahoo.com

2025 Pathway Program Booklet - Centre for Faith Enrichment

Are you interested in deepening your knowledge of Theology and obtaining formal recognition of your studies in university? The Pathway Program may be the avenue for you! Scan the QR code or pick up your copy of the Program Booklet from the church foyer. This Pathway Program is for CFE who want to attain a formal Diploma of Theology which will be awarded through UNDA.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, communication and relationship? We invite you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Coming Weekends:

- 24/25 May at Corpus Christi College (live-out)
- 26/27 July at Bunbury Catholic College (live-out). Give yourselves a "just us" weekend away.
- 7 - 9 November at the Vincentian Retreat Centre, Karrakup (live-in)

A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other. For bookings or more information about coming Weekends contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865, email WAb bookings@wwme.org.au or visit www.wwme.org.au

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.

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