## THE ART OF FORGIVENESS

During Lent have we passed judgment on anyone? On social media say, which thrives on it, or at home, at work, perhaps in church, wherever we find ourselves. Often, we criticise others so we feel satisfied we're not like them, and as we do, we happily deflect attention from our own lives.

However, in this week's gospel Jesus shines a light on the woman brought before him where he sits in the Temple teaching the people; on the scribes and Pharisees who want to trap him; and on us. There's a lot riding on what Jesus says to the woman's accusers because they hope he condemns himself, whatever about her. She might soon be dead because the Law stipulated, she be killed for adultery, though it called for the man's death too, revealing that for her accusers she is simply a means to an end.

Initially Jesus says nothing, so they persist with their questioning. Then he looks up and asks them to consider their own lives if they are to cast the first stone, turning the spotlight back on them: feeling exposed, they move silently away.

Jesus now speaks with her – he's the only one who does - and he doesn't condemn her, or excuse her, instead he offers her the possibility of a first step towards forgiveness. In doing so he reminds us that the naming of our sin and the experience of forgiveness will only happen where there is love, where we are accepted. As happened when a dying man was talking with a friend who often visited him in his flat.

At one point he said, 'Can I just tell you?' He was scared, afraid God wouldn't forgive him.

She replied: 'Why don't you say the names of people who hurt you and the people you hurt.'

He started calling out names and after each one they said, 'Lord have mercy.' It's mercy we need, and like these friends we need to create spaces in our lives where it might happen.

With the woman in the gospel, we're invited to take a first step towards forgiveness, towards a renewed relationship with each other and with God; so that, no longer 'burdened by our persistent judgment, our constant exclusion and our withholding', we might take a first step towards the scribes and Pharisees too. For if we stop condemning her only to turn upon them, we have misunderstood Jesus, who doesn't condemn them. Instead, he encourages in us all, a change of heart.

We're invited to experience the joy of reconciliation in Lent; to experience a change of heart, so we might see a new deed come to light, a vision of new life, which the prophet Isaiah speaks of in the first reading. And this new life doesn't simply depend on our own effort, which Paul powerfully affirms in the

second reading, but is God's gift to us, in Jesus: we have only to receive him into our lives.



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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 1.30pm Entry by: 1 Isdell Place, Gosnells

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### 6th April, 2025

**5th Sunday of Lent** Year C Violet **Today's Readings** Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

13th April, 2025 Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord Year C Red Today's Readings Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56



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					

#### Reconciliation

The Second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us to encounter His merciful love as we prepare for our Easter Celebrations. The following parishes will be celebrating the second Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Armadale - Wednesday 9th April at 7pm & Thornlie - Thursday 10th April at 7pm.

#### **Calling all Choristers**

Practice for Easter services is on Monday's from 7pm to 8.30pm until Easter. Please join us in the Church via Corfield Street entrance. Everyone is welcome to join us. We really encourage new members to come along and join our happy crew. Thank you to all of our stalwart regulars who so generously give their time and effort to provide music for all of our services. For more information, please contact Brenda Parsons on 0414 098 705.

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**

Jude Joshua Hamilton Son of Joshua and Kaitlin

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Feast Days this Week						
Apr 7	Mon	St John Baptist de la Salle				
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#### **Parish Meetings**

**Parish Pastoral Council** Tuesday, 8th April Parish Centre, 6.45pm

Vinnies Wednesday, 9th April Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Rosters for 5/6 April, 2025									
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 6.00pm	Jemima Pinto Mary Ann Bombita	Ayden Ratnasekera	Richard Serrano	Colin Loh	Faye Mitchell Christy Ravanez	Melanie Beacher, Caleb Mahama Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis			
Sunday 7.30am	Franklin Dcruz Alan Da Silva	Volunteer	Chloé Pereira-Smith	Geoff Mills	Diana Chong Sue Frawley	Bionney Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw			
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteer Karen Suarez	Hanna Allen	Florence Ayeni	Lenny Dcruz	Maureen Byrne Cigi Dcruz	Chidera Emeka, Angel Garavillas John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob			
Tellers this week: Daniel & Jo Tomlinson, Darryl Le Guay				Tellers next week: Anne Brink & Kerry Keys					
Rosters for 12/13 April, 2025									
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Palm Sund	lay Roster	Richard Serrano	Bridget Soh Ludette Van Der Spil	Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond Carl Agus, Aydriel Ratnasekera			
Sunday 7.30am	Yvonne Da Silva Jackie Hall	Palm Sunday Roster		Gerard Peters	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu			
Sunday 9.30am	Robert Szlezak Daniel Tomlinson	Palm Sunday Roster		Phillip Magness	Angela Bushby Carolina Hayward	Kripa Jojo, Thejus Jojo Olivia Justin, Aung Kintha Gei Long Ya Kintha, Alisha Liyanage			

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Praying For You



Margaret Keane, Michael Rodriguez Our Sick Michele King, Warren Hoskins, Alfredo Barbuzza, Kathleen Mansfield, Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll, Fran Vallis, Pat Simm,



#### 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! Thanks to all on the Morning Tea Roster.

#### Parish Busy Bee

Saturday, 12th April 8.30am onwards. Come along and help tidy the grounds and gardens. Please bring your gloves, wheelbarrow and gardening tools. Many hands make light work! Any queries Please contact Nigel or Kim through the parish office 9398 2331







#### Project Compassion 5th Sunday of Lent



The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground. Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

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Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Every Friday during Lent

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers,

Readers, Commentators and Acolytes

Easter weekend services. Please place

Once again we seek your generous

support for our appeal to enhance

are sought for Palm Sunday and the

liturgies of Holy Week.

**Flowers for Easter** 

the church for our Easter

celebrations. There is a box in

the foyer for your offering.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, 🔒 envelope (there is only one envelope) or by scanning the QR code. You can also donate securely online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

### Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 17th April 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 18th April 10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 19th April 6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 20th April 7.30am & 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation After Good Friday Services Holy Saturday 10.00 - 11.00am

**Prayer of Desolata** An hour with Mary Holy Saturday 9.00am- 10.00am

#### Palm Sunday

Please note that Palm branches will be given out during the Blessing of the Palms at the beginning of Mass.

#### RCIA

Please pray for the seven elect in the RCIA hub preparing to complete their initiation at Easter, including Piper Adams. Please also pray for those continuing on the Catechumenate journey, including Martin and Oliver. We are blessed to also have new enquirers. If you know someone interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please encourage them to contact the parish office, or Gen De Souza: 0408 717 809.



#### 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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## New Rosters - Proclaimers of the Word

Readers and Commentators are needed on the new rosters being drawn up soon. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. Those on the current rosters, are asked to recommit by adding your name to the list. Training will be provided for new Proclaimers of the Word.

#### Catechists and Assistants Needed

We are 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.

#### **Golden Age Club**

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 8th April with indoor activities from 9am and monthly meeting at 10.45am. BYO Lunch. Bingo at 12.15pm! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome.

### Emmaus Walk for men – 26th April 2025

men Grab a mate or your son, and join a group of likeminded blokes on Emmaus Walk 2025. Commences with 7.30am mass at Carmelite Convent Nedlands),

followed by a leisurely 12km walk along the river via Crawley and Elizabeth Quay to St Mary's Cathedral, arriving circa 10:30am where refreshments and reconciliation will be available. To register Scan the QR code or visit https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/EmmausWalk25. Please call Kim Metcalf on 0414 537 023 for all enquiries.

#### Jubilee Year Experience in Kalgoorlie with Errol Lobo St Paul, Pilgrim of Hope 5th - 8th July 2025

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 PILGRIN 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.

### 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 Safeguarding Property 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

Various pilgrimages, retreats, youth events and lots more! Please have a look on our bulletin board for more information.

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A sacred place for all parishioners and former parishioners and their families. Brochures are available in the foyer.





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