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We are all children of God



The Jesuit spiritual writer, Mark Link, begins his widely read book *Experiencing Prayer* (1984) with an extract from Eugene Ionesco's play *The Bald Soprano* (1950). In the scene, a couple meet and enter dialogue about their lives. They discover they share much in common – they live in the same city, on the same street, in the same apartment, and they each have a daughter named Alice.

Much to their surprise, they also discover they are husband and wife.

As Mark Link observes, this story is repeated in many households, where husbands and wives, sons and daughters, rarely develop deep and abiding relationships. They never truly come to "know" their life partner or sibling, as their relationship remains "largely on the surface."

Similarly, our relationship with God is often superficial. Outwardly we may appear committed to our faith. We wear crosses, scapulars or miraculous medals. We attend Mass every Sunday. We can recite the Nicene Creed by heart, proclaiming that in Jesus, God became human.

However, many of us do not really "know" this God who became like us. We do not share an intimate relationship with the divine, the ground of all being, the life that gives us life, despite our belief in the Incarnation.

Today's gospel reminds us that we were baptised into a community that has for centuries been initiating catechumens into the faith via the Trinitarian formula of Father,

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Son and Spirit (Mt 28:19; cf. 2 Cor 13:13). Paul writes to the Romans (8:14-17) in our Second Reading, that through Baptism we are adopted into the family of God, liberated from slavery, and called to intimate relationship with the Father through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Like Matthew, Paul and the first Christians saw in the coming of Christ an invitation to commune with God whose essential nature was a mutual sharing of three persons in one Godhead. As John says elsewhere, "God is love; so, whoever does not love, does not know God" (1 John 4:8).

It is because God is a trinity of persons that we can speak of God as love. But it also because God the Father sent his Son into the world that we can both know and participate in the love of God. While we can come to appreciate the love of God by looking at the divine handiwork in creation, we can only truly come to "know" God's through the divine Word made fully incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth.

The story of the Incarnation and its revelation of the Trinity teaches us that because God became human, we can become like God. Entering communion with God through Christ, we are transformed and empowered by the Spirit to transcend our limited existences, live lives of love and self-sacrifice, and inherit eternal lives in God. Like the couple in Eugene Ionesco's play, we are called to a conversation with God, which leads us to discover we are children of God.

Ian J Elmer

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The Most Holy Trinity
Year B—May 26, 2024

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to our lovely South West and Parish? Please write your details in our *New Parishioners Book* in the foyer. We can then be in touch to arrange a time convenient to you to reach out with Parish information and a friendly welcome.

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

For more information please contact the parish office. Our phone number for the parish office is **9797 1886**. However, the quickest way is to contact us by email so that the required forms and information can be forwarded straight back to you **admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au**. The office is usually attended on a Thursday, but email is usually the best contact

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Anyone in the parish who cannot attend Mass due to illness or being house bound is welcome to contact **Anne Stanaway** who can arrange for a Special Minister to call. Anne is available on **0400 492 592**.

**SAFEGUARDING
OFFICERS**

Our parish
safeguarding officers
are Cath Di-Bona;
Anna Stevens and
Laurie Sutherland

Call 0431 502 560



to discuss
any
safety
concerns
or
incidents.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please leave a message on
1300 794 054 and a member
of the team will be in contact.

Next Meeting:
Thur 27 June at 5.30pm
New Members Welcome

**PREGNANCY ADVICE
BUNBURY**



**PREGNANCY
ASSISTANCE**

Support for any
pregnancy
Call 97924759



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Noongar people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of Christ the Living Vine, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, create a community of Christian love by reaching out to meet the needs of all in our Parish and beyond in a spirit of love, acceptance and compassion.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Ron Kenning.

Remembrances: First anniversary of Grace Lloyd's passing on 19th May 2023

Prayers for the Sick of the Parish: Delores Fisher; Pat McKenna; Myrna Vandeleur; Ray Green; Rosemary Spurgeon; Robin Samuels; Sheila Tuppen; Lennie Hynes; Helen Whitcombe, Vin Hynes and Peter Hill.

Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm. Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am

Bethanie: Liturgy of the Word: First Thursday of each month at 11.00am

Mass: Third Thursday of each month at 11.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5-5.45pm or by arrangement

This weekend we welcome to our community of faith through
the Sacrament of Baptism

Jovian George Pascoe
Child of Jessica and Jamie



PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all our parishioners for donations to Project Compassion.

The total donations for Project Compassion was — \$3887—what a fabulous effort everyone. THANK YOU!

GENERAL SCAMS — REMINDER

Another reminder to be on the look out and to please remain vigilant.

If you receive any text messages or a call using Fr Robert's name in relation to purchasing of Amazon cards, or similar, for any dollar value, PLEASE IGNORE as this will be a scam.

We are all regularly reminded via multiple sources of new and innovative scams. The more often we are reminded, the more vigilant we will be. Thank you.

Parish Finance

Greetings fellow parishioners,

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have been very quiet in the finance department. However, the parish, through your generous donations, has been able to continue doing its pastoral and general works in supplying everything for our liturgical needs. **Thank you.** Even more so when we have 917 families registered in our database and 73 families are financially supporting the parish. Again. Thank you!

The finance team has been regenerated with Fr Robert, Jack de Gooijer, Mark Jennings, Laurie Sutherland, and Phil Downes.

This is a call to ask you to review your commitment so we can better budget for the future. We have 2 methods. The Planned Giving Envelopes and the Direct Debit System. As the banks are making it more difficult to obtain cash you may find the Direct Debit system more convenient.

If you are making changes, forms are available in the foyer. Please return all completed forms to Fr Robert or Jack de Gooijer for processing.

The parish is in the process of having an EFTPOS machine installed in the foyer to help us with the cashless society. Watch this space.

Again, **thank you** for your financial support and volunteering to help us remain a vibrant, spiritual community.

Jack de Gooijer
Finance Chairperson.

Caritas Soup Night ***Volunteers needed***

This year our annual parish fundraiser, the Winter Soup night for Caritas will be on

Saturday 22nd June

There are many ways you may like to contribute towards this event:

- As one of the chefs, cooking your favourite soup recipe
- General assistance on the evening for set-up and tidy-up
- Contributions towards the raffle

Not to mention coming along on the night to enjoy the meal and the company. **As always, the more the merrier.**

Please contact Cathryn Cox if you can help in any way.

cathryncox@hotmail.com

0449987225

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

Don't forget to make good use of our suggestion box. Look for it in the foyer this weekend and come along armed with your best ideas to make the Parish prosper. While we have a Parish Pastoral Council to help with the big direction setting, it takes more than a council to make a Parish. Each of us has a role in making sure that our parish fulfils its Mission of creating a community of Christian love. How we could be going about reaching out to meet the needs of all is a responsibility to be shared by all parishioners.



NOTICE Board Please see notice board for:

- Upcoming events at The Spirituality Hub at the Church of the Holy Family in Kirup
- The Spring 2023 edition of Mary's News Today will be on display on our Notice Board. We receive this from Mary MacKillop Today as a result of our parishioners who donate their used stamps.
- A basket will be placed in the Church foyer periodically for anyone wishing to donate pantry foods for our St Vincent pantry to help local families.

PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW BISHOP

Shepherding God, you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion, knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them. We, your people of the Bunbury Diocese, are without a bishop to shepherd us. We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians: *pray for us.*
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: *pray for us.*

SAVE THOSE STAMPS FOR CHARITY

Want a simple and easy way to help Mary MacKillop Today?

Our parish can help by collecting stamps!

There is a labelled box on a shelf in the church's foyer, so please collect your stamps and drop them off.

Mary MacKillop Today receive thousands of stamps each year which are trimmed and sorted by volunteers, then sent to an auction house to be sold to collectors.

Mary MacKillop Today works with the poorest communities in Australia and internationally, in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji to support and empower local communities. In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop, their focus is on building dignity through education, health, financial inclusion and livelihoods.

If you have any queries, please speak to **Anna Stevens** or send an email to the parish office
admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au

MARY MACKILLOP
today

PARISH DATES

Sausage Sizzle—Saturday 25 May—After 6pm Mass

Baptism—Sunday 26 May—Jovian Pascoe

Confirmation Lessons—Monday 17 June

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Thursday 27 June—7.00pm

CONFIRMATION LESSONS

Confirmation lessons for after school sacramental students will begin on **Monday 17th June**. Please contact Mel Ryan on mobile: 0491662641 to confirm or book attendance.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The following week on **Saturday evening 25 May** students from Our Lady of Mercy College will be hosting a Sausage Sizzle for our community. For a gold coin donation enjoy an easy supper that night and catch-up with fellow parishioners. Regular Sunday parishioners might come to Mass on Saturday for the event, as they have already experienced the gracious



A message from our Dean—Fr Pierre

The Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick in Bunbury would like to invite parishioners to the **2024 WINTER REFLECTION SERIES**. By invitation of the Dean of the Cathedral, Cathedral parishioner and spiritual author, **Patricia Green PhD**, will be facilitating the inaugural Winter Reflection Series on the life and works of St. Teresa of Avila. “What does prayer mean to you?”

St. Teresa of Avila is known for her teaching on prayer. The Winter Reflection Series will focus on Teresian spirituality to assist in the development of prayer and to grow one’s relationship with Jesus.

Consider this as an opportunity to explore the role of discipleship and prayer with a focus on our diocesan prayer. The series will be held bi-monthly on Saturdays over three months during winter: **1 and 15 June; 6 and 20 July; and 3 and 17 August**. To be held in the Cathedral Parish Hall, the gathering starts at 10am and finishes by 12 noon. Please register your interest by phoning the Cathedral Parish Office at 97212141, between 9am-2.45pm.

Yours respectfully in Christ

Fr Pierre

ROSTERS	25-May		26-May		1-Jun		2-Jun	
	SATURDAY		SUNDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
	6PM		8.30AM		6PM		8.30AM	
ACOLYTE	Paddy		John		Laurie		Alex	
LECTOR/s	Anna Stevens		Marisa Pawlowski		Judi Clarke		Daniela Truscott	
			Sharon Kavita				Fran Mulcahy	
COMMENTATOR	Pia Doyle		Anne Borserio		Melissa Ryan		Margaret Giumelli	
GREETER	Carole Connolly		Giana Colyer		Deirdre Horribin		Jenny Golding	
ALTAR SERVERS	Holly Vener		Thomas D'Andrea		Jacob Potter		Zye Morabito	
	Dylan Anderson		Sophie D'Andrea		Addison Schirripa		Xavier Greenmount	
FLOWERS	Volunteer		Volunteer		Evie Schirripa		Jack Martin	
MORNING TEA	Students of OLMC-Sausage Sizzle after Saturday Mass		Krystyna & Barbara				Penny Elliott	
COUNTERS			Mike & Penny Elliott				John & Pauline Kalbfell	



PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

Melissa Ryan (Chair)
 Karyn Cronin (OLMC)
 Jo Mincham
 Daniel Graves (LCPS)
 Penny Elliott
 Colin Fredericks
 Cathryn Cox

Sacrificial Giving Program

19 May, 2024

Loose	\$	786.25
Other	\$	
Envelopes	\$	227.00
Total	\$	1013.25



Floral Ministry—**Vacancy**

No previous experience
 needed and training is
 available. Please contact:
 Pia Doyle on
 Mob: **0427084103**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Blest be God the Father and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32)

ANTIPHON: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

RESPONSE: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

LECTOR: The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

LECTOR: With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord looks on those who revere him, or those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

LECTOR: Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us. O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

TODAY'S READINGS Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40; Romans 8: 14-17; Matthew 28: 16-20

NEXT WEEK (Body and Blood of Christ, Year B) Exodus 24: 3-8; Psalm 115; Hebrews 9: 11-15; Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

*A friend
in God*

Prayer is Life

In the podcast Prayer and Friendship, Redemptorist priest David Hore CSsR reflects on the wisdom of St Alphonsus Liguori and St Teresa of Avila. As Fr David eloquently puts it, "Prayer is not just a practice but a sharing of our innermost thoughts and fears with a friend who accepts us unconditionally". To listen go to [media/prayer-is-life-podcast/](https://www.majellan.media/prayer-is-life-podcast/)

