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Overcoming the pain of rejection



7 July 2024 14th Sunday Year B

The three main characters in today's readings suffer rejection and humiliation. Their pain is summarised in today's Psalm: "Indeed, all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain."

Sometimes, following God means being a witness to people who do not respect us or our faith. As the prophet Ezekiel hears in the first reading, the task of the faithful disciple is to keep witnessing to our faith, "whether they listen or not".

In the second reading, St Paul explains how he perseveres when he is confronted with rejection and humiliation. Paul's second letter to the Church in Corinth was motivated by a vicious attack on his ministry and reputation. Some within the community, who styled themselves as 'superapostles', disparaged Paul and his teaching. Instead, they boasted about the incredible visions and secret knowledge they had received, which proved their superiority over Paul.

Instead of trying to compete with his rivals' boasting, Paul brags about his own weaknesses and failures. Paul does not go into detail about what he means by the "thorn in his flesh." Theories have included health difficulties, reoccurring temptations, or difficult people around him.

Struggles like these that seem to get in the way of us trying to live out his faith should be familiar to all of us. However, Paul explains that God sometimes allows these obstacles in our lives because our weaknesses make the grace and love of Jesus most evident.

Instead of succumbing to the temptation to

boast about his accomplishments, Paul uses his weaknesses to constantly remind himself of his dependence on God's power. Through his weaknesses, Paul learns about the self-sacrificial kind of service that God desires. As a result, God's presence and activity in Paul's life are even more present because of the weakness that appears on the surface. Paul is a better witness of God's power because he demonstrates with his life what Christ can do with any person in any situation.

Jesus himself embraces this way of living in today's gospel. Previous chapters of Mark's Gospel make Jesus seem unstoppable. Disease, demons and even death all give way before him. However, Jesus' mission appears to stall when he does not overcome Nazareth's lack of faith.

Perhaps Jesus could have forcefully displayed his power when he returned to Nazareth and broken down the barriers of unbelief. But what is a faith in God that is based on overpowering, dominating, and controlling? It would eliminate the opportunity for people to encounter God's love and mercy and for the spiritual change towards selfless love that God most desires.

Jesus most clearly proves that he is from God in his acceptance of suffering. His rejection by those closest to him is another step towards the cross, where he will demonstrate to the world and all history what God's love truly means.

Our weaknesses can invite us to deepen our loving relationship with God and invite others to encounter Jesus. Let us always.

Joseph Doyle

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B—July 07, 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 25 July 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: Ria Bignell

Remembrances: Please remember Kathy Smith in your prayers. Kathy suddenly passed away on 11th July 2017. Kathy has been sadly missed by sister Maureen Munday. God rest Kathy.

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: Tuesday with Fr Pat; Wednesday, Thursday, 9.00am

Funeral Mass: Friday 12 June—**11.00am**

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

Mary's News Today

We have received the Winter 2024 edition of Mary's News Today.

Please find a copy on the noticeboard in the church's foyer. Soon we will have extra copies available for parishioners to take home.

JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERING

Everyone is invited to join the Josephite Companions in Friendship, Prayer and Service.

Embracing Your Gifts with a Josephite Heart

We will be collecting winter woollies for those in need. Please give generously.

Place: Parish Hall Cathedral Precinct, 11 Money St, Bunbury

Date: 10 July

Time: 9.30am (refreshments)

Meeting Commences: 9.50am

Bring a friend and a plate of food for a shared meal.

Response to this invitation would assist with organisation on the day.

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Prayer for Ordinary Time

Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of life
as every day we experience your grace.

We call this part of the year 'ordinary time'
as you ask us to order our lives according to your plan
in the ups and downs of work, family, school, community,
laughter and tears.

All things are extraordinary when we share them with you.
Keep our minds open and our hearts warm,
as you challenge us in the needs of the world and your
entire family.

May all our days contribute to peace and justice,
May all our lives help the healing of this special planet,
May all our ears listen to the cry of the poor,
May all our eyes look with wonder at the beauty around us,
May all our time be for your glory
Who lives and reigns without end.
Amen.



Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation (12–14 September 2024)

Please join us as we spend time together
learning and sharing about how we can all care
for creation.

We will gather online during Thursday 12 and
Friday 13 September to engage in keynote
presentations, workshops, discussions and
spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we
encourage participants to attend one of 11
diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into
action. If there is not a hub near you, we will
continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register, visit:
www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

(Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024)



Planned Giving

Planned giving envelopes are now ready for collection in the foyer.

For your convenience, the Donation tap point is now installed in the foyer. This will
make it easier if you have difficulty finding cash for the collection.

Thank you for your support.

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.



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.*

Apostleship of the Sea

Sunday, 14th July

Each year, the collection for the Apostleship of the Sea takes place on Sunday 14 July.

This is when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously. To donate or for more information, please visit: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea>

Winter Reflection Series

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

PARISH DATES

Baptism—Arthur Murray—Sunday 07 July—after Mass

Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Sunday—Sunday 07 July

Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)— Sunday 14 July

Catholic Women's League—Meeting—Wednesday 17 July—1.30pm

Saint Vincent de Paul—Christmas Meeting—Thursday 18 July—5.30pm

Baptism—Willow Newman—Sunday 21 July—after Mass

Saint Vincent de Paul—Meeting—Thursday 25 July—5.00pm

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

Arthur Murray
Child of Ellen and Shane



Floral Ministry—ROSTERS

Hello ladies and gentleman,

We are about to print the rosters for the year and if you decide to join in, please let us know. Your turn will come approximately every three months and will be two weeks in a row!! As you know, there are no florals during Lent or Advent which means 10 weeks of no commitment to the flowers.

Please join us—it truly is **great fun!** I will help in any way possible - training, helping and being there if you can't manage. Thank you. Any questions, please contact Pia Doyle on Mob: **0427084103**

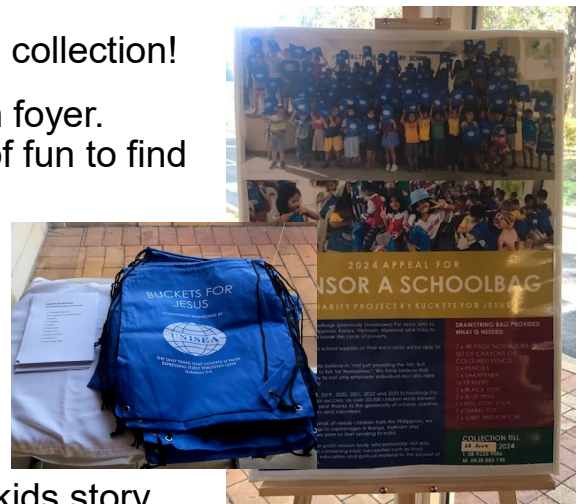
Buckets For Jesus

THANK you everyone—we are getting a wonderful collection!

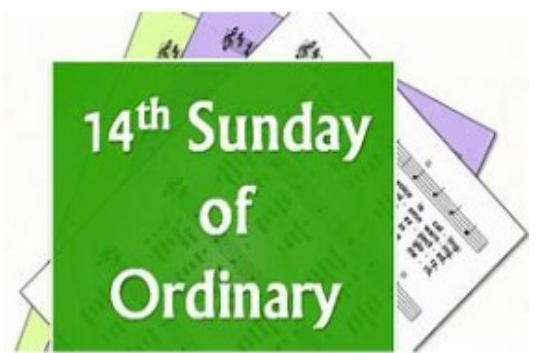
Buckets for Jesus bags are available in our Church foyer. Please consider filling a bag. This looks like a bit of fun to find a selection of goods, as per the pamphlet on the table in the foyer. Thank you to all our parishioners for your ongoing support in our Parish.

Items for inclusion in the bag as follows:

48 page notebooks, crayons or coloured pencils, pencils, sharpener, eraser, black and blue pens, a kids story



ROSTERS	6-Jul	7-Jul	13-Jul	14-Jul
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	6PM	8.30AM	6PM	8.30AM
ACOLYTE	John	Laurie	Alex	Peter
LECTOR/s	Lorraine Ginbey	Jude D'Cruz	Mary Bursill	Thomas Mills
		Sam Galati		Daniela Truscott
COMMENTATOR	Lily Pike	Cath Di-Bona	Melissa Ryan	Margaret Giumelli
GREETER	Lyn Atherton	Lyn Cuthbert	Maria Mileto	Lyn Seiwright
ALTAR SERVERS	Matthew Harper	Madelyn Reid	San Lee	Zye Morabito
	Scarlett Alldritt	Jack Grimm	Jacob Potter	Thomas & Sophie D'Andrea
	Maria Manners	Taylor Girmm	Jack Martin	Cooper Pascoe
FLOWERS	Jenny Plint			Trudy Milne
MORNING TEA				
COUNTERS	Judi Clark & Kerry Johnson			Mike & Penny Elliott



PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

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

Sacrificial Giving Program

30 June, 2024

Loose	\$	977.40
Other	\$	70.00
Envelopes	\$	292.00
Total	\$	1339.40



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 122)

ANTIPHON: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

RESPONSE: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

LECTOR: To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R.**

LECTOR: Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy. **R.**

LECTOR: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Or

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

NEXT WEEK (15th Sunday of Year B) Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

*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/)

