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**10 January 2021**  
**The Feast of the**  
**Baptism of the**  
**Lord**  
**Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:1-11)*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his ways, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *(Isa. 12)*

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

- Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. **(R)**
- Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **(R)**
- Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

**Second Reading:** *A reading from the first letter of St. John (5:1-9)*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him love the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (1:7-11)*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. 'I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

**Memorial Acclamation:** Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

All our Masses are being offered "*pro populo*" - for the intentions of the people of God.



## **Pastoral Corner**

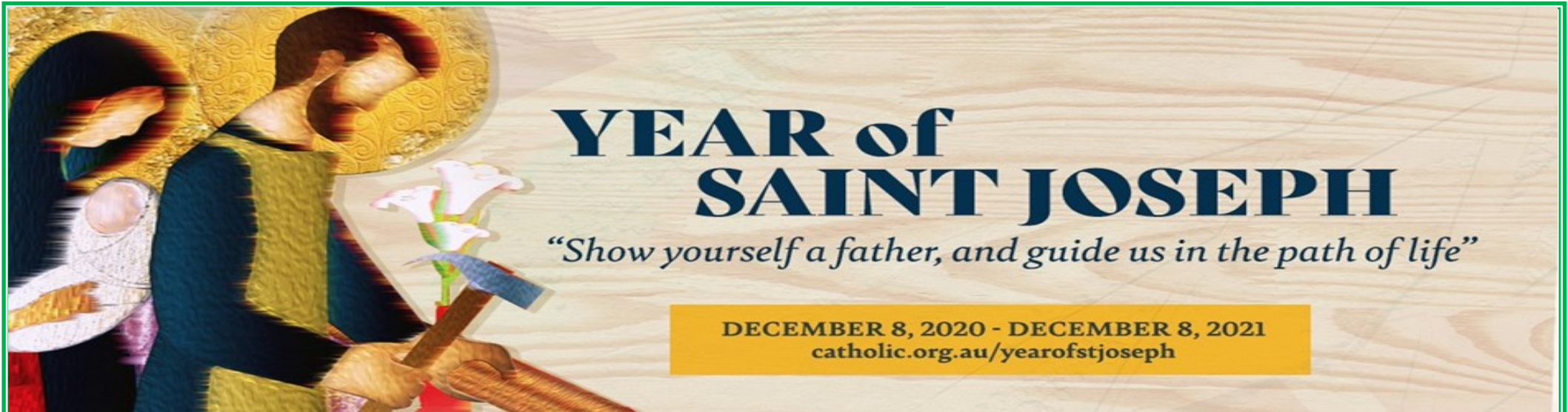
Baptism is the first of the seven Sacraments of the Church. A Sacrament is a sign through which God communicates love, life and forgiveness to us. The principle effects of Baptism are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit. The Gospel tells us, Jesus was baptised and afterward while he was at prayer, the Holy Spirit descended on him, saying "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Just as this came to Jesus, so are we all subject to the same 'beloved-ness' of the Father.

How strong is your sense of being 'beloved and favoured by God'?

Each day this week, take some time alone to pray; listen to the voice from heaven. Use your own name and repeat: N ... You are my child, my beloved, my favour rests on you.

### **St Emilie's Parish RE Program Enrolments for 2021**

Re-enrolments for RE Program for 2021 will commence late January and early February all being well. Families who have already been enrolled will be notified of the dates etc. and it will also be published in the St Emilie's Sunday Bulletin. Enquiries to **Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900** or email **lharkins@iinet.net.au**.



Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (*With a Father's Heart*), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

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### **Adoration at St Emilie's**

The 9am Adoration and Benediction hour each Tuesday will resume on Tuesday 12 January 2021. May we all share in the Lord's blessing for a very happy and holy Christmas and experience a safe and healthy New Year.





## **A Note on the issue of the Covid-19 Vaccine**

With the Covid-19 Vaccine rollout to begin by late February I am pleased to share this note on the morality of using some COVID-19 vaccines, provided by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on 22 December 2020. This maintains a long-standing teaching of the universal Church with regard to the morality of vaccines generally. Governments, funding bodies and authorities in every country are strongly exhorted to do their work ethically with respect for every human person from conception until natural death. At all times we oppose the destruction of human life. At the same time, remote connection with such actions is an important factor when considering our responsibility to the common good and the health of others. This letter is offered as a clarification and help to Catholic Christians seeking to discern the appropriate moral path in the light of the Holy Spirit and sound moral reflection. It can be viewed via the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website at <https://www.catholic.org.au>

*Fr. Jean-Noël MARIE PP*

**Paper copies of this Letter are available at the Church Entrance.**



## **Personal Advocacy Service needs your HELP!!**

Do you still have a valid driver's License and time to share your life experiences over a cuppa?

Personal Advocacy Service an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth provides support for people with varying degrees of intellectual disability to enable them to live more fully as active members of their local community. Grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, Personal Advocacy recognises the human dignity and spiritual worth of all persons, including those with disabilities. We believe that all persons are created by God to fulfil a unique mission on this earth and to bring their own special gifts into the lives of all they touch.

These may seem like very ordinary activities but some of this would not be possible for our friends without the extra help. If you are a caring person, have love of faith and enjoy meeting new people and have a sense of fun, come and join us. St Emilie's parish along with Fr. Jean-Noel MARIE is looking forward to a group starting here in your parish centre in 2021.

For each person with intellectual disability, an environment, conducive to growth may need to be initiated and supported by a close one-to-one relationship with another member of the community. Personal Advocacy is committed to offering appropriate motivation, training and support to ordinary members of the community, to enable them to take up the role of personal advocate.

As people with intellectual disability are assisted in achieving their rights to belong and grow, both within the local parish and wider communities, their contribution will enrich the lives (life) of the whole community.

If your New Year's resolution is to make a difference in someone's life, Personal Advocacy Service needs you.

The small group runs on 8 volunteers. We are in need more volunteers. If you would like more information about us, please Contact Fr. Jean-Noel Marie on **9256-9650** or email [Jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:Jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au) God Bless you all. Thank you for reading this notice.

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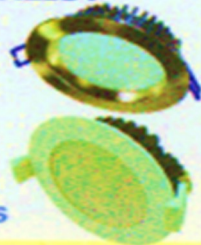
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