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6th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Year B

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold ! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: *A reading from the book of Leviticus (13:1-2, 44-46)*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.' 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 146)

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R)
- But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R)
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just ! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R)

Second Reading: *A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (10:31 – 11:1)*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (1:29-39)*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to !' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

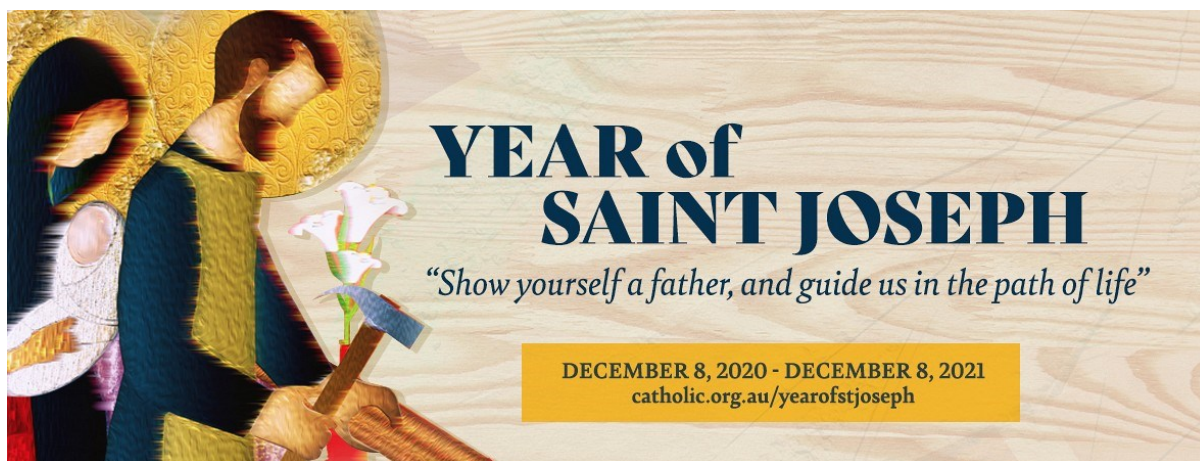
Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Pastoral Corner

The way Jesus treated people with kindness and compassion was as important as his miracles. In today's Gospel he reaches out and touches the unclean leper and thus cures him of his affliction. Picture the scene in your mind – the diseased and ostracised leper coming to Jesus and falling on his knees with the words “If you want to, you can make me clean.” As sinners, as we journey once more through Lent, we find here encouragement to throw ourselves on the mercy of a compassionate God.

Reflect today on the people in our society who are on the outside, the poor, the weak, the drunkard, the prostitute, the compulsive gambler, the racial minority, the indigenous people, the unemployed, the unskilled, the aid's victim, the insane, anyone who is different from the norm, and formulate your response to them in the light of today's Gospel.



<https://catholic.org.au/images/Year of St Joseph Prayer Card.pdf>

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

O dearest St. Joseph,
I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee,
that thou mayest always be my father, my protector,
and my guide in the way of salvation.
Obtain for me a great purity of heart
and a fervent love of the interior life.
After thine example,
may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God,
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!
And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me
that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death.
Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Lenten Pastoral Letter 2021
The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth

The Archbishop's Lenten Pastoral Letter for 2021 is available on the Archdiocesan website: <http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Home.htm>.

Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday falls on **17 February 2021**. **There will be two Masses: 9.00 am & 6.00 pm**. This year's amended ritual for the distribution of ashes is in keeping with current Government regulations and in accordance with the instruction received on 12 January 2021 from the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome on the ritual for the Distribution of Ashes during the Pandemic. The aim of the outlines is to assist with some clarity within the current context of the Catholic Church of Perth given the imperative to keep each other safe during this challenging time of Covid-19.

The Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer of blessing over the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: **"Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"**. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

Robert Card. Sarah, Prefect. Arthur Roche, Archbishop Secretary

Covid-19 & the Bushfire Disaster

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB has issued a Pastoral Letter concerning Covid-19 and the current bushfires. The Pastoral Letter is available on the Archdiocese of Perth's website. <http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Home.htm>

Hard copies of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter are available at the door of the Church.

The Office of the Archbishop will continue to keep us updated in relation to any further revisions to existing public health advice and government directives in relation to the lockdown as these become known. Currently the government has not provided any advice in relation to what (if any) restrictions may be in place for places of worship following the conclusion of the current lockdown at 6.00pm on Friday, 5 February 2021. The recommencement of weekend Mass schedules cannot yet be confirmed

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 light of the Holy Spirit and sound moral reflection.

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

St Emile's Parish Sacramental Program Enrolments for 2021

A reminder to all parents, who have children making either the **Sacrament 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation** this year. You are required to fill out a **Sacramental Enrolment Form** for your child and these are now available in the church foyer for parents to enrol their children in the **Sacramental Program**. This applies to children at St Emile's Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program After School Classes.

Commitment Masses: Children making Sacraments are also expected to attend a Commitment Mass this weekend. No need to register which Mass you are attending, just come along and there will be a Register in the church foyer where your child's attendance will be noted. You can bring your child's Sacramental Form to a Commitment Mass too. **For enquiries phone 0404 325 900, or email lharkins@iinet.net.au.**

St Emile's Parish RE Program Start Date for classes Tuesday 16th February

The RE Program Classes are now starting on Tuesday 16th February at 4pm in the Church. If you haven't been able to enrol your children yet you can still bring them on Tuesday 15 minutes early and we can complete their enrolment then.

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