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17 January 2021

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: *A reading from the first book of Samuel (3:3-10, 19)*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm: (Isa. 39)

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will

- I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R)**
- You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R)**
- In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R)**
- Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R)**

Second Reading: *A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:13-15, 17-20)*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! We have found the Messiah; Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:35-42)*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

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

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Pastoral Corner

In today's First Reading and Gospel, we have a parallel between the calling of the two disciples and the hearing of Samuel. In the Gospel, the invitation "come and see" is made to us too — we follow, listen and remain with Jesus because we believe he is what we need.

The call to be a follower of Jesus is just the beginning. Growing within the body of Christ, the community, is a lifelong process. Year by year our understanding of what and who we are is fed by listening to the scriptures, participating in the liturgy and prayer to our creator as a true Christian, with and through Christ.

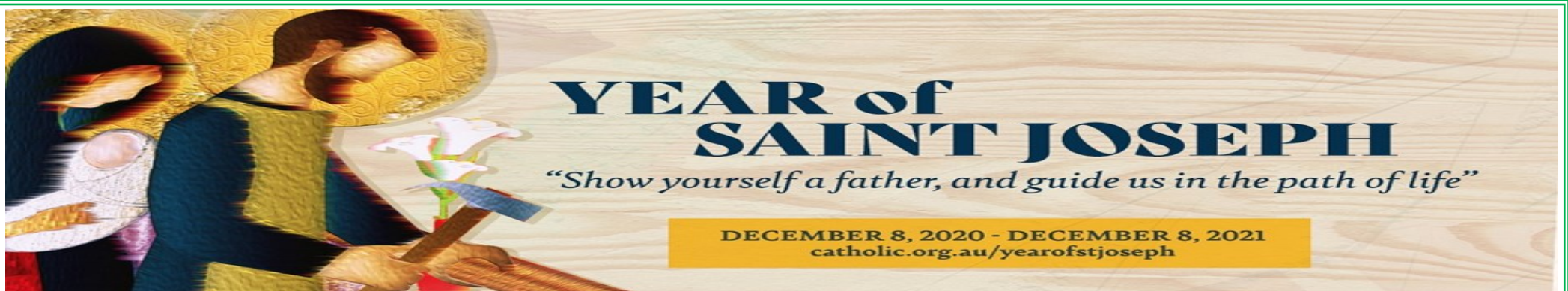
In the First Testament, it was God who called people to share life. In the New Testament, it is Jesus who calls to new life. This week, listen for his voice.

Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday falls on 17 February 2021. To prepare the ashes, if you still have your blessed palms from previous years please bring them to the church by **Sunday 7 February** and leave them in the church entrance.

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**.



In making his declaration, Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870.

Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." **CNA**

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.



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 God Bless you all. Thank you for reading this notice.

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