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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19 July 2020

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom (12:13, 16-19)

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.'

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps.85)

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R)
- All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R)
- But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R)

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:26-27)

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel According to Matthew (13:24-43)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. 'When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, 'Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?' 'Some enemy has done this,' he answered. And the servants said, 'Do you want us to go and weed it out?' But he said, 'No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.' He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flower till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. 'Well, then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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

<u>Communion Antiphon</u>: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

PASTORAL CORNER

The connection between good and evil is inherent in each of us. It can be hard for us when we are forced to face the imperfections in ourselves and realise that we are not quite as good or perfect as we would like to believe. Often it can be harder to accept the faults in ourselves than in other people, but today's Gospel message is that we must learn to be patient as we grow in spiritual maturity.

Identify some good and some bad aspects of your character. How do you deal with the parts of yourself of which you are ashamed or don't like, and what concrete way can you see to weed these out of your character?

Can you see any signs of the kingdom in yourself? What about in your community or the world? This week concentrate on one thing you can do to make the kingdom come a little closer in your parish or community.

PARISH OFFICE NEW CONTACT DETAILS

We have now relocated to the New Parish Office. Please note the new Telephone Number for the Parish Office

(08) 9256-9650

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Your Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are now available.

Please take your new set of envelopes at the door of the church and thank you for your enduring and enthusiastic support of our Parish.

PARISH FINANCES

At every weekend mass two collections take place to meet the functional needs of the church & community.

The **First Collection** provides our Priests a monthly stipend covering household food, cleaning and other presbytery expenses.

The **Second Collection** provides income pertaining to the running expenses of the parish, these include: all utilities, maintaining and operating the Parish Office, liturgical supplies, insurance, maintenance, water, electricity, Council rates, waste collection, etc.

Our Parish relies on the support of its parishioners to financially contribute to its ongoing community mission.

Ways to contribute:

There are **three ways** by which to make your contribution:

- An authorised periodical direct debit from your bank account,
- Setting up a periodic electronic fund transfer from your account or credit card
- Offering a cash donation during Mass collections, as explained above.

During these troubled times you may wish to deposit your donations into the following accounts:

First Collection

BSB: 086006 Ac: 547223267

Ac Name: Canning Vale Parish Presbytery Account

Second Collection

BSB: 086006 Ac: 528184530

Ac Name: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth-Canning Vale Parish

'I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not remain in the dark anymore.'



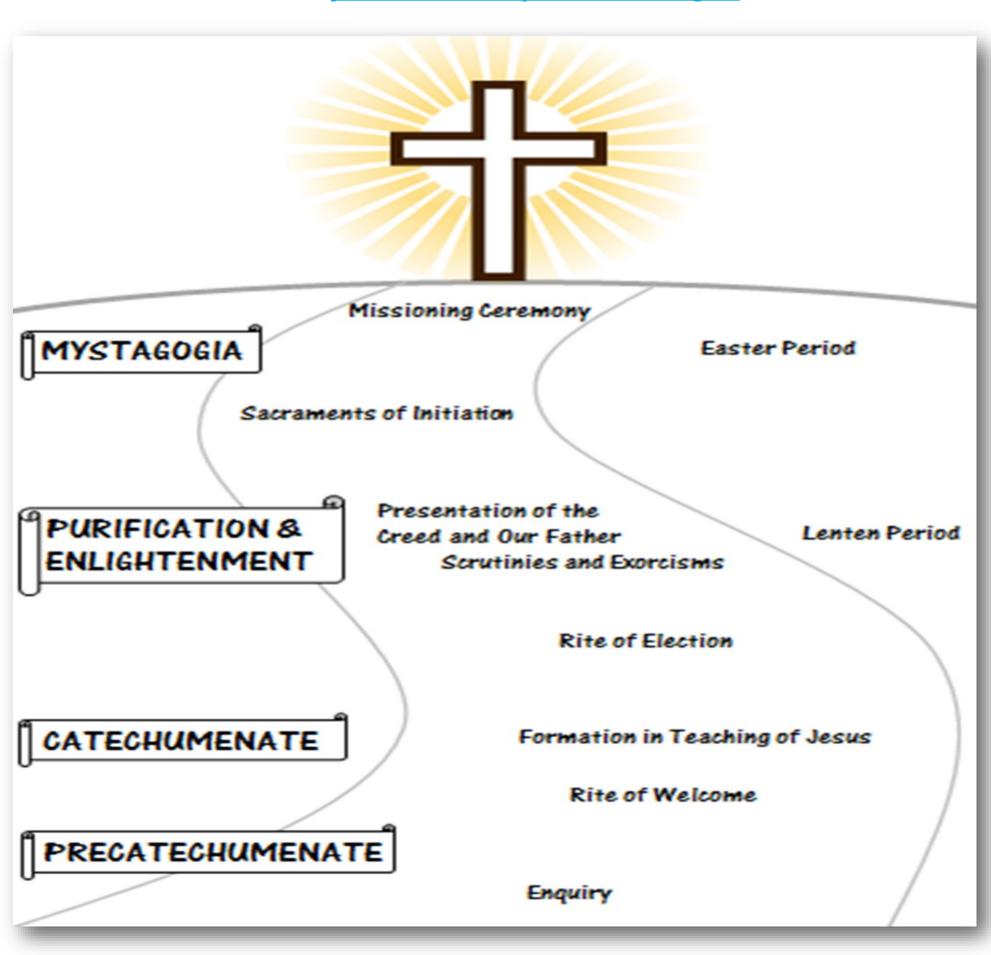
Our parish is offering an Enquiry evening for those within our wider community who may consider seeking to join the Catholic faith. This process involves a conversion journey of drawing closer to Christ.

'For He who is the way, the truth, and the life fulfils all their spiritual expectations, indeed infinitely surpasses them.'

The Enquiry Evening will start at:

7:30 PM on Wednesday, 26 August 2020 in the School Hall.

To register your interest please contact the Parish office on **9256-9650** or email <u>jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au</u>





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THE LIFEHOUSE

The Lifehouse is a Women's-only Drop-in Centre at 138 Bennett Street East Perth. It provides shower and Laundry facilities, a GP, craft activities and a Prayer Room.

What is the Lifehouse? Open from 10am-2pm on Fridays, the Lifehouse is a place where homeless women can find shelter, security, friendship and the pastoral and spiritual support to find "fullness of life". It also provides material assistance in the form of lunch and takeaway food and providing "care packs with toiletries and other personal items. There is a particular focus on supporting women who are homeless and pregnant.

Why does the Lifehouse exist? Among the homeless population, women are especially vulnerable. They are at a very high risk of experiencing verbal, physical and sexual abuse. There is a need for a women's -only space where women living on the street can feel safe and cared for and which focuses on meeting their particular needs.

Who runs the Lifehouse? The Lifehouse is a collaborative project between the Right to Life Association of WA and the Holy Spirit Choir and Street Ministry.

If you would like to volunteer at the Lifehouse (women only) even for a couple of hours once a month, **please contact Rebecca Kobayashi on 0432 980 608** or may be you would like to provide basic pantry food (pasta, rice, etc.) or toiletries or non-perishable food.





POPE'S MISSIONARY PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

We are invited to pray for families. During this COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis reminds us that

"The family ought to be protected. It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress... Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children. We need to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties. Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance."

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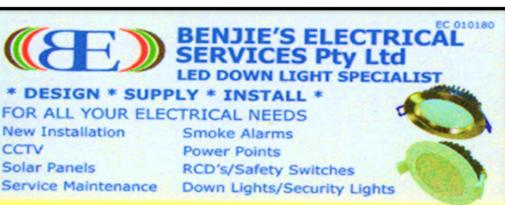


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