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22 November 2020 The Solemnity of Christ the King

Year A

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### First Reading: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (34:11-12, 15-17)

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 22)

### R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R)
- Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name . (R)
- You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R)

### Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-26, 28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:31-46)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' Next he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?' Then he will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

During the month of November all our Masses will be offered for our deceased loved ones whose names are written in the Book of Remembrance

### **Pastoral Corner**

Today is the last Sunday of the church's year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As the year draws to an end, we turn our thoughts to the time when Christ will return as king.

During the past weeks we have been exhorted in the Gospels to be prepared, to be alert and use our gifts well. Today we get the bottom line. We are to be judged worthy of a place in God's kingdom. What counts is how we have served those in need, how we have recognised Christ in each other. How do you respond to those in need? Can you recall an experience of having someone respond to a need of your own? Did it change your attitude to helping others?

During the week seek out someone in need and reach out to them with a loving action.

### Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate

#### Fr Jean-Noël MARIE

upon his recent installation as the new

### **Parish Priest of the Parish of Canning Vale**

We wish him every blessing and pray that the Lord will continue to guide him and strengthen him in his mission as our shepherd, Father and guide especially during these uncertain and challenging times.



### The Role of the Parish Priest

Every diocese is divided into distinct parts which are known as parishes. A parish is a community of Christ's faithful whose pastoral care is entrusted to a Parish Priest. He is the proper pastor of the community, caring for the people and celebrating the sacraments. In the exercise of his office the Parish Priest acts under the authority of the diocesan Bishop.

The Parish Priest has a twofold obligation: to proclaim the Gospel and work toward the salvation of souls. In the fulfilment of these duties he is to involve the entire parish community.

In summary we could say that he is involved in the following areas, either directly or indirectly:

- proclamation of the word of God, through preaching, teaching, catechesis and the promotion of Catholic education
- leading people in worship through the liturgy
- leadership and service of the parish community
- seeing to the administration of temporal goods
- promotion of mission outreach and support
- promotion of social justice

Parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees enjoy a consultative role only. They are not executive bodies and cannot in any way become deliberative structures. Only those faithful who possess the qualities prescribed by the canonical norms may be elected to such responsibilities.

The Parish Priest presides at the pastoral and finance councils (though he can appoint a person to chair the meeting). Any deliberations entered into, (or decisions taken), by a pastoral or finance council which has not been presided over by the Parish Priest or which has assembled contrary to his wishes are to be considered as null and void.

As can be seen, the role of Parish Priest brings with it great responsibilities. Our modern age has imposed organisational burdens on his role which, if he does not share with others will reduce him to a functionary and a bureaucrat, a planner rather than a pastor. The Parish Priest is called to be, above all, a shepherd, a pastor. It is the task of all to support him in this role.

### **A Note of Thanks**

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude for the beautiful celebration of last Sunday for the new Parish Priest Installation on the Solemnity of All Saints and the refreshments that followed. In a very special way I would like to thank the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Social Committee, St Emilie Catholic Primary School who provided us with some of the logistics, the Liturgy Committee, Acolytes, Servers, Proclaimers & ushers, the Choir, those who provided the beautiful flowers, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition, all of you who so generously and diligently responded to my appeal by providing us with a feast that was fitting for all saints and all those who work so hard behind the scene to make that momentous occasion truly memorable. Your generous and enthusiastic support and contribution attest to the values and principles that underpin our mission for years to come. **St Emilie De Vialar, pray for us.** 

Fr. Jean-Noël MARIE PP

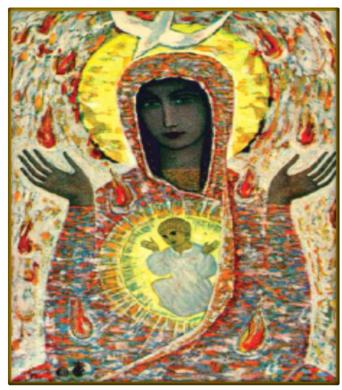
### **Advent Retreat**

Our Christian tradition focuses all humanity's attention, anticipation and longing for the 'more' of God's coming in the person of a young woman from Nazareth.

We will journey this Advent with Mary, as she becomes the meeting place of human and divine longing, and risks bringing God's future into being.



Date	Saturday, 5 December 2020
Time	9.15am to 2.30pm
Venue	Retreat House Redemptorist Monastery Camelia St North Perth
Contact	Mildred Rego on 63805335 Email: mildred.rego@cewa.edu.au
Morning Tea	Provided
Lunch	Please bring your own lunch
Facilitator	Dr Pina Ford



### **St Vincent De Paul**

SVDP thanks all parishioners who have assisted us in previous years with Christmas food and ask for your assistance again this year.

We are asking for assistance with special Christmas foods like tins of ham, Christmas cake, fruit mince pies, biscuits or a Present for a Primary school Child or younger children/Baby of families we assist.

Tags will be available in the church foyer with ages shortly.

Please be advised that all items need to be in the Church by **Sunday, 13th December 2020**.

### **Parish Finances - Urgent Update**

<u>Please note that since the appointment of the new Parish Priest, there has been a change to the First Collection Account details:</u>

#### **First Collection**

BSB: 086006 Ac: 742063342

**Ac Name: Canning Vale Parish Presbytery Account** 

### Changes to the Collects in the Roman Missal

On 13 May 2020, Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, wrote to Episcopal Conferences in relation to a change to the Trinitarian conclusion to the collects (opening prayers) in the Roman Missal (2010). Until recently, a typical conclusion to the collect read as follows:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Cardinal Sarah's letter indicated that the inclusion of the word "one" before God is problematic in relation to the Latin text: "Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum". The inclusion of the word "one" before God, Cardinal Sarah wrote:

... can serve to undermine the statement of the Son's unique identity within the Trinity which the Latin formulas so strongly convey and, on the other hand, it can also be interpreted as saying that Jesus Christ is "one God". Either or both of these interpretations is injurious to the faith of the Church. It is clear from the Latin texts that the doxology emphasises the divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son, who intercedes on our behalf, as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, to the Father and which prayer is made in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Thus the Son's role of priestly mediation is made clear. To transfer the Trinitarian relational element *in unitate* as meaning *unus Deus* is incorrect. The omission of the word "one" before God will mean that the three possible conclusions to the collects [as outlined in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2012), n. 54] will read as follows:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Or

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Or Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Following advice from the Bishops Commission for Liturgy, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference approved the change to the Trinitarian conclusions to the collect prayers in the Roman Missal.

### **Busy Bee at St Emilie's**

To prepare for the Christmas festivities, we are going to have a busy bee at St Emilie's in the morning of

### Saturday, 12 December 2020.

As many hands make light work I am calling on all of you to join in and make our church premises and grounds look neat and tidy for this Christmas. Please place your name on the attendance sheet at the door of the church.



### **Archbishop's 2020 Christmas Lifelink Appeal**

### The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink is currently being held throughout the Archdiocese.

Please collect your copy of Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's personal appeal letter at Mass and give generously to support the valuable work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies in helping the people in need.

You can mail your donation slip directly in the reply-paid envelope provided or return it together with your donation at any of the collections during the coming weeks.

Alternatively, you may also donate (securely) online by credit card at <a href="www.lifelink.com.au">www.lifelink.com.au</a>.

## <u>Ideal for Young Adults: Living a 'Good Life': An Introduction to the Moral Virtues:</u> 25 Nov - 2 Dec: Wednesdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate and live streamed online

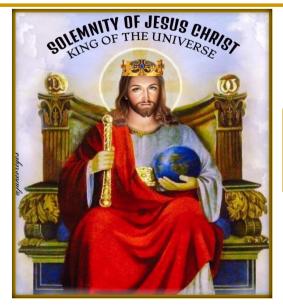
In partnership with Catholic Youth Ministry, Perth, this course is aimed at young adults and those interested in learning the Church's deep and inspiring understanding of Moral Theology. God wants us to lead a life that is good. But why? In this course, we will take a look at ethics and what is defined as living a good life. Is it simply following the rules? What happens if I can't follow all the rules? Is there a difference between good for the religious person and those who are not religious or are not sure about their faith? These are some of the questions that moral theology covers and more. What a great way to prepare for Advent! A light supper will be provided. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge. **Suggested Donation: \$20.** (includes light supper). Presenter: Joe Tedesco. Further info or to register, visit <a href="http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/">http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/</a>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call **08 9241 5221**.

## Catholic Social Teaching Series: Faith in Action: God & Migration: Towards a Theology of Migration Part 2: 27 Nov: Friday 9.30am to 11.30am, Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre) and online

Within a lecture format, Fr Thomas Groody's theology of migration will be explored in four parts: Imago Dei, Verbum Dei, Missio Dei and Visio Dei. Part 2 will examine the Missio Dei and Visio Dei. Participants will learn that the migration phenomena can be understood as a way of thinking about God and human life. Participants will also learn that the migration phenomena is a call, spiritually speaking, to cross borders and overcome barriers as an expression of Christian faith. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge. **Cost: \$10. Presenter: Dr Margaret Scharf OP & Deacon Greg Lowe**. *Further info* or to register, visit <a href="http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/">http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/</a>, email <a href="mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au">cfe@perthcatholic.org.au</a>, or call 08 9241 5221.

### **The Piety Stall**

The Piety Stall will be open for limited times on Saturday from 5:30 - 6:15pm and on Sunday from 10:15 - 11:15am only due to COVID-19 restrictions.



## "I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA" says the Lord God, "Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty."

— REVELATION 1: 8 —

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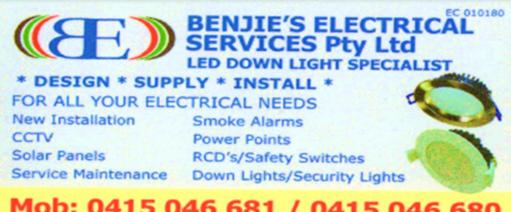




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