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7 February 2021

5th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Year B

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: *A reading from the prophet Job (7:1-4, 6-7)*

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? 'Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. 'Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes?' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed and vanished, leaving no hope behind. 'Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 146)

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

- Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **(R)**
- The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **(R)**
- Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R)**

Second Reading: *A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:16-19, 22-23)*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

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

On leaving the synagogue Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with a fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you,' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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

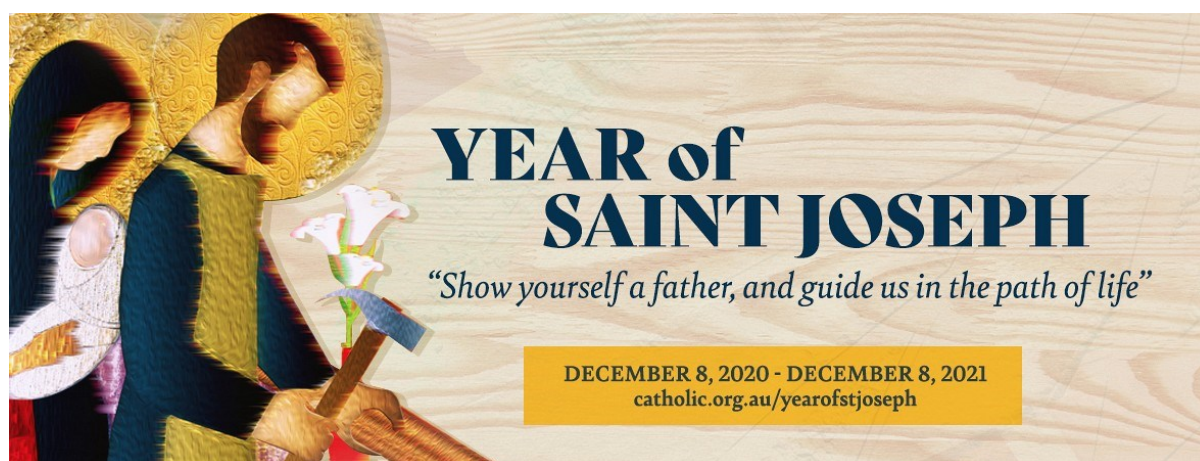
Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Pastoral Corner

Mark's Gospel reveals for us a Christ who prays and is close to God, a compassionate Christ who works day and night at the work that has been assigned him. We contrast Jesus' attitude to that of Job in the 1st Reading, who speaks of his days in complaining tones as being "swifter than a weaver's shuttle", Jesus personifies the busyness that Job speaks of.

The two readings emphasis that we need to keep connected to God's love through prayer so that we too can be of service to others. Then we can look to healing people both by our physical support and by helping free their spirits from any material and psychological bondage.

This week spend some time reflecting on ways to keep this connection to God's love



<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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

2022 Iona Presentation College Scholarships: Iona Presentation College is proud to offer Academic and Music scholarships for Year 7 and Year 10, 2022. Applications are now open, and close on Friday 26 February. For more information and details on how to apply, please go to www.iona.wa.edu.au/scholarships

Covid-19 & the Current Bushfire Disaster

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB has issued a Pastoral Letter concerning Covid-19 and the current bushfires. The Pastoral Letter dated 3 February 2021 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.

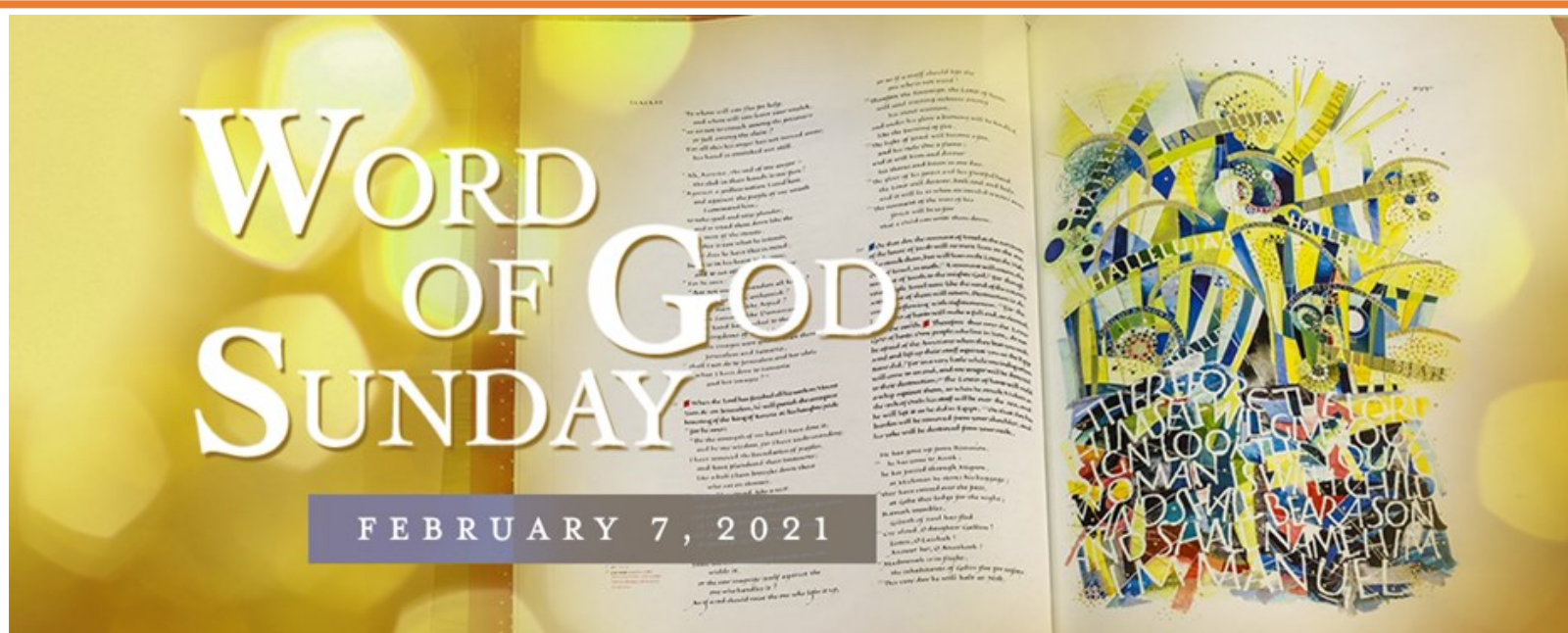
St Emile's Parish Sacramental Program Enrolments for 2021

A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the **Sacrament of 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 and the dates for the Masses are on the Notice Board in the Foyer. 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 and Enrolment Dates:

The RE Program Classes are planned to begin on Tuesday 9th February, however that is depends on the lockdown being over. Also due to the lockdown we had to cancel the planned enrolment dates of Tues 2nd Feb & Wed 3rd Feb. If the classes can start on Tuesday 9th, and your children are not enrolled, bring them anyway and we will sort out another day to complete enrolments. **Enquiries to Lyn Harkins at email lharkins@iinet.net.au or phone 0404 325 900.**



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