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12 July 2020

15th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

Year A

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

### **First Reading: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (55:10-11)**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

### **Responsorial Psalm: (Ps.64)**

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

- You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R)
- And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R)
- You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R)
- The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat, they shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R)

### **Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:18-23)**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

### **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel According to Matthew (13:1-23)**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart; this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it, he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/mailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.

## PASTORAL CORNER

Today's parable, which spoke so strongly to the rural people of Jesus day, continues to hold a powerful message for us even now. We are called to examine ourselves to see what image of ground matches our receptivity to the word of God. Can you recall a time when God's word really connected with you, took root in your heart? What was this experience?

Spend some time with today's reading, recognising a word or phrase that moves you, and consider what may be thorns in your heart that do not allow the word to fruit in you?

During this week try to be rich soil, not just for the word of God, but for your family and for those around you.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Would you like to become a Catholic? (RCIA):

If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic the enrolment for RCIA 2020-2021 has commenced.

If you know about anyone who would be interested, please call our office on 9256-9650 or email Fr. Jean-Noël MARIE at [jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au)



## 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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## 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

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Ac Name: Canning Vale Parish Presbytery Account

### Second Collection

BSB: 086006

Ac: 528184530

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

## CATHOLIC CHURCH'S NATIONAL APPEAL FOR SEA SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea.

Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health.

To support this ministry, please send your donations to: [bit.ly/seasundayaustralia](http://bit.ly/seasundayaustralia)

For further information, please call: Ros Rajasingam on 0481 910 245 or visit our website: [www.aos-australia.org](http://www.aos-australia.org)



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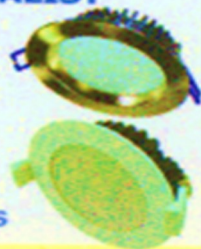
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