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4 July 2021

14th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year B

PARISH MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass: Sat: 6.30pm Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 5pm

Weekday Mass: Tues-Fri: 6pm Wednesday: 9am (Except 1st Wed, at 8am)

Adoration & Rosary: Tue: 9 - 10am

Legion Of Mary: Wed 9.30am (excluding 1st Wed, at 9am)

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice !

First Reading: *A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (2:2-5)*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 122)

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord pleading for his mercy.

- To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lord **(R)**
- Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows his mercy **(R)**
- Have mercy on us, Lord have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich with the proud man's disdain **(R)**

Second Reading: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:7-10)*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (6:1-6)*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

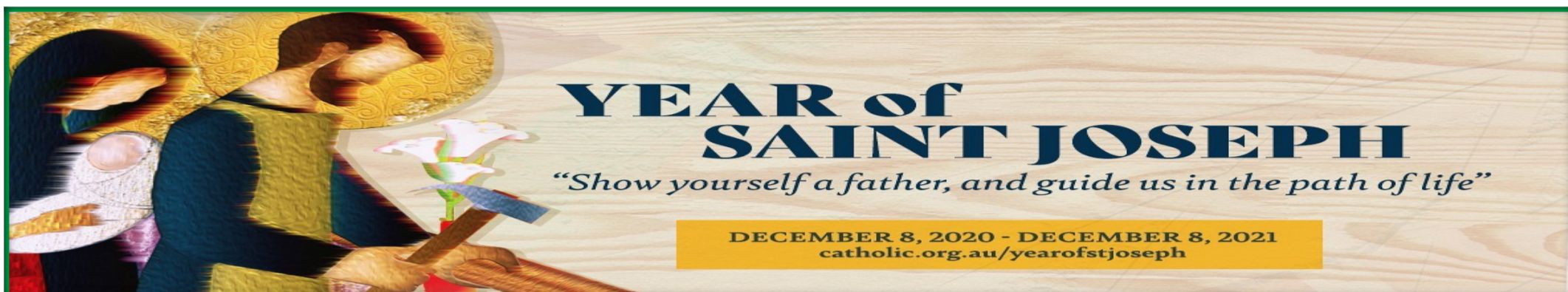
PASTORAL CORNER

Why do prophets make us feel so uncomfortable? Why do they bring out the violence in people? We can domesticate Jesus, remake him in our own image and be so familiar with his words that they lose their cutting edge. He demands much greater than that though, he came to shake up our cosy world. Seeing Jesus as he is, the only possible responses are rejection or faith.

Paul talks about rejection and of his own weaknesses. He reflects that his weaknesses are not a problem for God as they are for himself and this revelation forces him to change his image of God. He learns that God's grace works through human frailty and so he says "For it is when I am weak, that I am strong." For many of us this appears to be a contradiction, when we have been educated to win and to accept nothing less than perfection. Being content with our weaknesses does not come easy for us. We must believe in the person of Jesus.

We must be prepared for the ultimate faith question, "Who do you say that I am?"

This week reflect on ways to clear a space within where the power of Christ can dwell while we ponder that question.



PANDEMIC - A LESSON IN HUMILITY : POPE FRANCIS

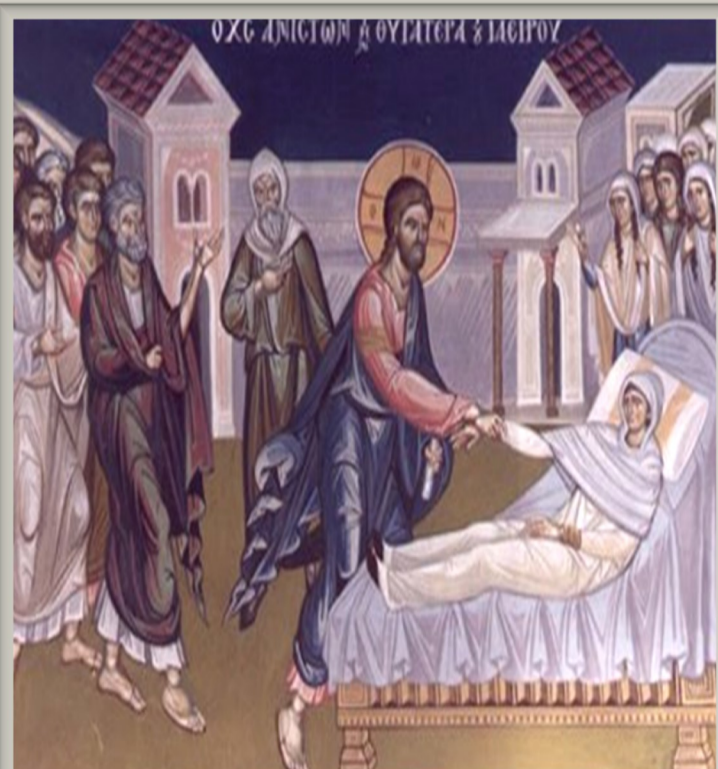


The "scourge" of the pandemic, the Pope said in his remarks, "has tested everyone and everything. Only one thing is more serious than this crisis, and that is the risk that we will squander it, and not learn the lesson it teaches. It is a lesson in humility, showing us that it is not possible to live healthy lives in an unhealthy world, or to go on as we were, without recognising what went wrong."

Francis also warned against the "senseless notion" that the world can go back to what it was, relying on "false securities, habits and projects that aim exclusively at pursuing wealth and personal interests, while failing to respond to global injustice, the cry of the poor and the precarious health of our planet."

Christians too, he said, are called to reflect on whether "we want to go back to doing what we did before," as if the pandemic had not happened. According to the Pope, the present crisis is an invitation to "distinguish, discern and sift" between what is enduring and what is passing. *Ines San Martin, Crux, CathNews 29 June 2021*

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION 2021



On Thursday, 1 July 2021, legislation passed by the Western Australian State Parliament in relation to 'Voluntary Assisted Dying' (VAD) was enacted.

This legislation will permit a person, under certain specified conditions, to access medication which is designed to cause that person's death. The legislation will also permit other people, again under certain specified conditions, to provide assistance to those who without such assistance would be unable to administer the medication to themselves.

To assist us with the advent of this legislation and our pastoral responsibilities in relation to this vital issue and the challenge which lies ahead of us please read Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's Pastoral Letter dated 23 June 2021 via the Archdiocesan website: www.perthcatholic.org.au

ST EMILIE'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 Emilie's Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program After School Classes.**

2021 ST EMILIE'S PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM CLASSES: Are now running on **Tuesdays from 4 - 5pm** at **St Emilie's.** Though the classes have started, you are still welcome to enrol your children. Just come on a **Tuesday at 3.45pm** and enrolment can be completed. Fees are \$25 per child or \$35 for two or more children with an additional **fee** for Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. For newly enrolled children, we require a copy of their **Baptismal Certificate.** Enquiries to **Cynthia Gauci: email cynthiagauci123@gmail.com or phone 0430 776 648.**

URGENT APPEAL: This is an urgent appeal for **more Volunteers** to clean and tidy up our church premises on a **Saturday morning.** If you are able to assist keeping our sacred space clean and prayerful, please contact either **Adolf D'Souza** on **0432 395 401** or the **Parish Office** on **9256-9650.**

THE VINES OF ST EMILIE'S: This is a gentle reminder to all our members: We will meet once again on **Tuesday, 6 July at the usual time of 10 am** in the small school hall. You may also wish to attend the Adoration and Rosary in the church from **9am to 10am.** Transport could be arranged for those who need it. Please contact **Mary on Tel: 0447115936** or at the **Piety stall.** New members are warmly welcome.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY?: Do you know anyone who might have expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been Confirmed? The Canning Vale Parish community will be running a **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** programme this year. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact **Fr. Jean-Noël Marie** or the **Parish Office** on **9256-9650** or email jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au.

PERSONAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM AT ST EMILIE'S: The Personal Advocacy Program provides an opportunity to the people with intellectual disabilities, to expand their spiritual and personal lives through a relationship with someone from the Parish community and to be involved in parish life. A group of dedicated Volunteers have been meeting regularly, every **Tuesday night** here at **St Emilie's** since **23 February 2021** from **6.45pm - 9pm.**

There are **3 vacancies for young adults with an Intellectual disability** who would like to join this group. For more information, please contact your Parish Inclusion co-ordinator, **Sonia Pinto** on **0420 841 851** or **Sr. Geetha** on **0406 891 310.** We are also looking for **donations** of items like iPod and boom box, small lamps, colouring books, textas, crayons, pencils, scissors, coloured A4 sheets, sensorial items like largish rocks, shells, pebbles, vases, large trays, sanitising products like wipes, tissues, hand sanitiser, disinfectant sprays, knitting needles and different texture wool. Please contact **Sonia** for more information. Also, check out our website www.paswa.org.au. It is all about relationships, faith, hope, and love!

FUND-RAISING EVENT AT ST EMILIE'S

The proceeds of this new and exciting Parish fundraiser will help finance the ongoing maintenance of our church buildings, the servicing of our outstanding loans, our ongoing running Parish expenses and our future projects.

We will donate a TV to the person who sells the most raffle tickets - Or to the person who redeems the most tickets at our store <https://hisense.com.au/product/50-uhd-4k-tv-series-s5/>

A huge thank you to all those who have bought raffle tickets to support our Parish.

Once you have sold all your tickets could you please bring back the ticket butts and the money you have collected to either Derrick or Daryl. Thank you.

Fr Jean-Noël Marie- Parish Priest

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