

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

VISION: "To be an active faith community centred on Jesus Christ, which unites everyone to build a better world"



17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Yr B – 24/25 July 2021

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FIRST READING: *Kings 4:42-44*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat,' he insisted, 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over." 'He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 144 R. v. 16*

**R: The hand of the Lord feeds us;
He answers all our needs.**

All Your creatures shall thank You, O Lord,
and Your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide Your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R**

The Lord is just in all His ways
and loving in all His deeds.
He is close to all who call Him,
who call on Him from their hearts. **R**

SECOND READING *Ephesians 4:1-6*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Lk 7:16*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited His people.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *John 6:1-15*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed Him, impressed by the signs He gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with His disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; He Himself knew exactly what He was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; He then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough He said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that He had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take Him by force and make Him king, escaped back to the hills by Himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Devine Mercy Devotion- will be held on
Sunday 1st August 2021 at 2.15pm with the
Devine Mercy Chaplet and benediction.**

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am
Saturday - 9am

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil
Sunday - 8am, 10am and
6pm (Youth Mass)

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am and
5pm -5.30pm
Or on Request at any time

**Parish Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 9am to 2.30pm
Thursdays 9am to 12pm**

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In an Emergency only (anointing of the sick), when the Parish phone is unattended, please call the parish emergency number of 0478 456 079 or send a text to this number. Thank you!

MESSAGE –17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

“It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.” (John 6:4)

John’s story mentions three Passover feasts during Jesus’ public ministry.

The last is the one when he died, the one we call the Last Supper. The Eucharist was the greatest gift of that night.

This is the second one. The year before the Last Supper.

“Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out” (John 6:11)

What Jesus did with the loaves and the fish are the actions of the Passover meal.

They are the same actions of the Passover meal he had the following year, before he died, the meal we came to call the Last Supper.

Jesus prepared the disciples for what was coming later, the Eucharist. He does the same in our personal life: eventually we see the big plan, and by then we are ready.

He does the same in our parish: the Lord has been preparing us for the renewal that He will bring about in due time. He strengthened and touched the hearts of many of us.

They **“filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves.” (John 6:13)**

Like the boy, like the disciples, we give what we have. We think we are insufficient and incapable. Jesus welcomes our full contribution, and He makes it sufficient for all, in wonderful and unexpected ways.

Every Sunday we come, we bring what we are and have to the Eucharist. The Lord takes it and works wonders. We give our small beings, and Jesus does great things.

The results of our appraisal are about to be released. God is preparing us for our renewal.

Am I willing to share what I have, even as it appears insufficient in my eyes? Jesus can do wonders.

Jesus can do great things with our small - but complete - contribution.

Let us get ready to put our loaves and fish in the hands of Jesus!

FIRST WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

On this Sunday 25th July 2021 we acknowledge Grandparents and older people with the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is **“I am with you always” (cf. Mt 28:20)** which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. The resources can be accessed online at

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/pastoral-resources-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly21.html>

St Vincent De Paul Donation Box-

A reminder to parishioners to make a small monetary donation to St Vincent De Paul Charity. This would be greatly appreciated by many in need. Donation Box is in the Church foyer. Thank you!

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal- Tuesday 27th July 6.00pm Mass, Novena & Benediction.
Fr. Ted Miller celebrating this mass.**

Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, Saturday, August 28 @ 10am, St Mary's Cathedral.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couple who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2021>.

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July.

Aim- To inspire and encourage all catholic men with a vision of personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

REGISTRATION – www.catholicmensgathering.com.au COST- FREE

PASTORAL LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY ON VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

Here is the beginning of the letter, which can be found under "Archbishop's latest" at perthcatholic.org.au.

On Thursday, 1 July 2021, legislation passed by the Western Australian State Parliament in relation to "Voluntary Assisted Dying" (VAD) will be enacted. Put simply 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.

At this important time for our society, and for the Catholic community which seeks to be a vibrant and engaged part of the wider community, I have decided to share with you some perspectives which I hope will help you to reflect on the significance of this moment.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY AND STATEMENT 2021-2022

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals.

The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

AGENDA PUBLISHED FOR PLENARY COUNCIL

The Council agenda was published on June 18. It will shape the program of the Council's assemblies – the first of which opens on October 3 this year.

The agenda has been developed in the form of posing questions, with 16 questions falling under six themes: Conversion; Prayer; Formation; Structures; Governance; and Institutions.

"The agenda asks us a number of difficult questions, but without asking those difficult questions, we won't be entering into the depth of our hearts to consider how we become that missionary, Christ-centred Church we need today." (Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Council).

The agenda can be accessed here: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR TERM 3

The Centre for Faith Enrichment of the Archdiocese has released the array of courses for term 3, 2021. Some courses are available online, while others require attendance in person. All of them can be found at cfe.org.au/courses/

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH, OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
SENIOR OPERATING OFFICER and SENIOR BOOKKEEPER (please see notice board for details.)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Ellen Breen, Jim Hill, Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, Marina & Rita Papalia, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo, Maria Fernandez.

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

Recently Deceased

Norah Churchill (mother of Ann Taylor)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24/07/21 6pm Soul of Ken Orr
Soul of Lauretta Yon
Soul of Anna Fico
Soul of Sr. Maria Libera Spinosa
Soul of Filomena De Aguiar
Soul of Antonio Urbano
All souls in purgatory
B'Day Int. Alessio De Souza

Sun 25/07/21 8am Special Int
For the Forgotten Souls in purgatory
Soul of Maddalene Liyen
Soul of Horacio Malho
Soul of Elio Boni
10am Soul of Norah Churchill
Soul of Tindara Miranda
Soul of George Correia
Soul of Mary Lisi
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Special Int.
All souls of the faithful departed
For the souls in purgatory
6pm Soul of Giovanni Pizzo
Int. Irene De Abreu

Mon 26/07/21 7am Special Int
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Souls of Jose & Laura De Oliveira
Soul of Lorna Kiely
9am B'Day Int. for Anna

Tues 27/07/21 7am Special Int
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Souls of Jose & Laura De Oliveira
9am Soul of John Crosby
6pm Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Wed 28/07/21 7am Special Int.
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Int. for healing Frank & Hellenia Tassone
Holy Souls in purgatory
9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
B'Day Int. David Kingsley

Thurs 29/07/21 7am Special Int.
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Holy Souls in purgatory
9am

Fri 30/07/21 7am Special Int
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Holy Souls in purgatory
9am

Sat 31/07/21 9am Special Int.
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
B'Day Int. Hayley Withers

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