

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Yr B – 31st July/1st August 2021

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FIRST READING: *Exodus 16:2-4.12-15*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow My law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God".' And so, it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That,' said Moses to them, 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The Word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 77 R.v. 24*

R: The Lord gave them bread from Heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and His might. **R**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **R**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to His holy land, to the mountain which
His right hand had won. **R**

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 4:17.20-24*

I want to urge you in the Name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear Him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus.

You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : *Mt 4:4*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia

GOSPEL: *John 6:24-35*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found Him on the other side, they said to Him, 'Rabbi, when did You come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for Me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.'

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on Him the Father, God Himself, has set His seal.'

Then they said to Him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the One He has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will You give to show us that we should believe in You? What work will You do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is My Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread.
for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered:

'I am the Bread of life.

He who comes to Me will never be hungry;
he who believes in Me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 –18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

“I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35)

Jesus does not disregard our needs.

He knows that our immediate needs are the place where we can first experience his power and believe in him.

And he knows that all the good things that give us pleasure in this life are temporary. They satisfy us for a little while, and then we hunger for something else. We are made for an infinite love, an infinite fulfilment, which God alone can provide.

“Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.” (John 6:27)

‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’ (John 6:34)

We do want a solution for all needs, the satisfaction of all cravings. We do long for that peace where we do not crave any more, because we found fulfilment. Yet, we look for it in the wrong places. We can see how hard it is to shift from the things we love or need to God, the provider of them all.

St. Augustine, Confessions, book 10: **“Late have I loved You, O Beauty, so ancient, and yet so new! Late have I loved You! For behold, You were within, and I without, and there did I seek You; I, unlovely, rushed heedlessly among the things of beauty You made.”**

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

Jesus gently leads me to shift my attention from the bread that feeds my tummy to Himself, who alone can satisfy all my longings.

Yet, he leaves me free. I need to choose to remain in him, to make my home in him. I am not compelled or allured.

Jesus alone can satisfy all my longings. Yet, he would never allure me.

I need to choose, every moment, to “make my home” in Jesus.

EMILIANI INTERCESSORS FOR RENEWAL

The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal will meet this Friday 6th August 2021 6.00pm to pray together with Our Blessed Mother for Parish, Families and Personal renewal of Our Church back to the holiness of apostolic times, together with offering intercessory prayers for specific needs and requests within our parish community.

All are invited to send any specific prayer requests that you or someone you know who is in need of prayer intercession to renewal@somascan.org.au or to Maria De Sousa on **0421 079 818**.



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!

Plates & Dishes waiting to be collected from the Church Foyer. Please have a look to see if any of these belong to you, otherwise we will be donating them to a

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

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/>.

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

William Barker

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 31/07/21 6pm Soul of Ken Orr
Soul of Lauretta Yon
Souls of Giuseppe & Maria Dolsadelli

Tues 03/08/21 7am Special Int
Souls of John & Jacomina Kiely
Soul of Teresa Cicchillitti
9am

Sun 01/08/21 8am Special Int
Soul of Peter Bay
Soul of Dina Coelho
Soul of Abel Rodrigues
For the Forgotten Souls in purgatory

Wed 04/08/21 7am Special Int.
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
Soul of Giuseppe Antonino Merenda & Family

10am Soul of Giuseppe Sticca
Soul of Tony Alvaro
Souls of Sara & Sebastian Mignacca
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Souls of Slavica & Jure Mandaric
Souls of Jose Gomes Patricio & Jose Francisco Garces

Thurs 05/08/21 7am Special Int.
B'Day Int. Katrina Abreu
9am B'Day Int. Gianfranco Biasucci

6pm Soul of Bernadette Modugno
B'Day Int. for the Soul Eduardo Japitana
Souls of Jose Gomes Patricio & Jose Francisco Garces

Fri 06/08/21 7am Special Int
9am

Mon 02/08/21 7am Special Int
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
9am Soul of Teodata Mapula
Soul of Tony Alvaro

Sat 07/08/21 9am Special Int.

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