

## We Respond

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 68)

**ANTIPHON:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**RESPONSE:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**LECTOR:** It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

**LECTOR:** This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

**LECTOR:** The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Or

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5: 12-15; Mat 10: 26-33.

**NEXT WEEK** (13th Sunday Year A) 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 88; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10: 37-42.

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your day with  
The Majellan

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## Living life to the full



21 June 2020 12th Sunday Year A

Walking down a quiet street one evening, from the opposite direction I see the outline of a stranger approach. I can't make out his or her features, but I quickly cross the road to avoid the person. My heart starts to race, and I become more and more anxious. As I reach the other side of the road I check to see if I'm being followed. I also listen for the other person's footsteps.

But no footsteps can be heard. No one is nearby. Apart from the street lights and the occasional car going past I am alone in the darkness. There is nothing to be afraid of. While no one has been following me, for a few short minutes my body was racked with fear.

Fear is part and parcel of life. It is a typical and reasonable emotion that allows us to sense and respond to a potentially dangerous situation, but it can also overwhelm us to the point that it hinders rather than assists us. At its worst, we can become an anxious mess, trapped by our own harmful and irrational thoughts.

These negative episodes can occur when we encounter people who look, behave and talk differently to us; when we encounter mother nature at its most ferocious during a storm, a flood or a prolonged heatwave; or if we gaze into the mirror and ponder the fragility of life. We don't know what's around the corner. Life can be frightening.

In today's fast paced, digital media world, we can experience feelings of being left behind or thoughts of exclusion because we falsely believe we can't keep up with our colleagues. We may feel we're not as successful because our workmates may be younger and more proactive. Getting out of bed and facing another day in the office can sometimes be akin to climbing a mountain, the task almost insurmountable.

These emotions can be frightful and may cause us to consider hiding from the rest of the world. To hide from meeting new people; to hide from doing something new and life giving; to hide from a new and potentially grace filled experience provided by family, friends, complete strangers. Even God.

But that is not what God intends for us. God wants us to live full and productive lives and not to hide away. "For everything that is now covered will be uncovered and everything now hidden will be made clear." (Matthew 10:26-33)

God is continually reshaping the world, both in the natural environment and in the people around us. God made a beautiful world. It is a world we should embrace with full abundance each day as we are all blessed by God's grace and unending love for us.

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## CURRENT PARISH NEWS

WEEK START SUN JUNE 21, 2020

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ALL ENQUIRIES RE BOOKING BAPTISMS,  
WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & SACRAMENT OF  
PENANCE PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE.

BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALKS HAVE RESUMED.

NEXT BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALK JULY 5 AT  
4PM IN PARISH HALL. NO APPT NECESSARY!



YEAR A



REFLECTION: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

The saying, "It takes all sorts to make a world", may have appeared sometime in the 1600s, but the Bible anticipated its truth a long time before that.

Right from the start the scriptures present a procession of characters extraordinarily different from one another, and by no means paragons of virtue, yet each with a part to play in the saga of God's love affair with humankind.

Today we hear from one of the most tortured personalities in the whole of the scriptures, the prophet Jeremiah. His unwelcome message of submission to the imperial power of Babylon made him the target not just of vilification but of murderous plots on his life. He does not hesitate to lament his invidious situation and complain loud and long before God.

Could anyone be more different from Jeremiah than Australia's own Mary MacKillop? Her acceptance of the cross and submission to God's will led her to write: "Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can". No Jeremiah-like protest here! So we should say, "It takes all sorts to make the kingdom of God".



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parish website under "Stay Connected!"

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delivery. For any concerns you may have contact

Fr John / Parish Office 3398 3697

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From 'The Good News Today' Brisbane Archdiocese:

In recent years there has been an extraordinary movement of people around the globe. Not since the end of World War II have we seen so many decide to leave their homeland in search of survival. It has been dramatic in Mediterranean & Middle East but also in SE Asia & Central America. Australia too has seen an influx of people seeking refuge & asylum, though nothing like elsewhere. The global response to this exodus has at times been brutal, based usually on misperception that these people are being drawn by prosperity rather than pushed by desperation. They have nowhere else to go. They are the new homeless. Pope Francis has often spoken up in their defence, pleading for the more humane & welcoming approach which the Gospel demands. Building walls is destructive not only for those kept out but also for those trying to protect themselves. We need not walls but bridges. Once we start building bridges & embracing the other, we see that those who come seeking refuge & asylum are not a burden but a blessing.

RECENTLY DECEASED: FR NOEL CONNOLLY, PAT BECKETT, JACK COCHRANE, RUSSEL LEA,

SR PATRICIA MACGINLEY RSM, MONICA O'HALLORAN,

ANNIVERSARIES: FR LEX CARROLL (PREV PP), SAMUEL & HILDA JOHNSON, JOHN SHANNON, WYNTEN NEILSEN,  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Augusto Cesar, Joshua Chester, James Clifford, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey,  
Neil Cremin, George D'Allura, Robbie Dicker, Susan Donald, Bart Gaffney, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood,  
Philomena Hegarty, Allaura Hows, Kate Jennings, Kath Keogh Nicky Logan, Katie Loveday, Cheryl Loveridge,  
Enid McCarthy, Trish McConnell, Peter McLaughlin, Fr Ron Mollison, John Morgan, Christopher Mothershaw,  
Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Mary Twomey,  
Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family



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COVID-19 Safe Plan for Parish Communities ~ Archdiocese of Brisbane (AoB) ~

CONSISTENT KEY MESSAGES...

- ◆ The Archdiocese continues to monitor the public health response to Corona virus closely, and has plans in place to support the safety, health, and wellbeing of parishioners, clergy and employees.
- ◆ AoB will continue to follow the advice of public health authorities.
- ◆ All members of our community are encouraged to protect themselves & others from infection by practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- ◆ Contact details must be recorded for all attendees at parish gatherings to assist with tracing and rapid response to positive cases of COVID-19.
- ◆ Clergy, parishioners & parish employees are expected to stay home if unwell.
- ◆ Parish employees and volunteers will be asked to go home if they are showing cold or flu-like symptoms.



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS...

- ◆ As the restrictions ease, the requirements of physical distancing, sanitation and hygiene will still apply...
- ◆ Social distancing is to be maintained of one person per 4m<sup>2</sup> indoors, 1.5m between people.
- ◆ No-one is to enter a church, parish building or Archdiocesan workplace if feeling sick.
- ◆ Every gathering, including Mass and other liturgies, must record contact details of attendees...
- ◆ A 'gathering' is considered an occasion in which people come together, including but not limited to Masses, liturgies, & administrative or social meetings with staff or parishioners. The occupancy of a gathering is specific to the event, & therefore cannot be split over multiple sites to increase occupancy.
- ◆ A gathering is limited to 20, plus admin workers at this point in time.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer / hand-washing facilities available in churches, parish offices & gathering spaces.

THIS MEANS FOR MASS IN SHORT...

- ◆ All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation;
- ◆ Strict occupancy & social distancing numbers will be enforced
- ◆ Occupancy will be limited to 20 persons only at present
- ◆ Attendees required to sign in
- ◆ Holy water fonts remain empty, Hymn books not to be used;
- ◆ Collection facilities stationed at all doors at all Masses as gifting plates unable to be passed;
- ◆ The Sign of Peace limited to saying, "Peace be with you."
- ◆ Communion is distributed by presider alone, & should be administered only in the hand.
- ◆ Church attendees are to utilize antiseptic wipes (provided) to sanitize personal areas used before leaving.

 Regina Caeli  
Catholic Church  
will celebrate Mass  
From June 15  
& onwards  
**Mon, Wed at 6.30am;**  
**Tues, Fri, Sat at 9am**  
Please note NO Saturday night  
or Sunday Masses, until  
regulations are further eased.