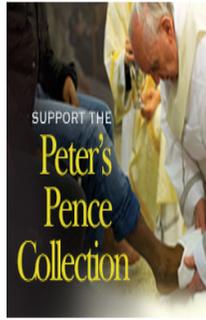


Today we hear first from Ezechiel. God gives him the unpleasant, nearly impossible task of going to his own people and telling them that because of their unfaithfulness to the Lord, their temple in Jerusalem would be demolished. This was not going to be a receptive crowd for poor Ezechiel. He knew the hardheartedness of his people, yet he had to speak the truth as he saw it out of love for God and concern for his people. Of course, he paid dearly for delivering the news. Saint Paul was called to be a prophet from the time of his conversion to Christ. He is writing today to the church which he founded in Corinth. The Christian community there was a mess—false prophets were challenging Paul's authority, boasting about their own revelations and attempting to draw in their own followers through charismatic speech, all done at the expense of caring for the needy. Paul feels compelled to defend himself in his prophetic role, but rather than fighting with his opponents on the one hand, or despairing of his situation on the other, he adopts a faith stance of humility and weakness. All he can do, he says, is "boast of my weakness," knowing that God would give him the grace to be strong. The "thorn in the flesh" was for Paul a gift to keep him somehow aware of his insufficiency, tied to Christ and the power of his grace. In this way of weakness and reliance, Paul reveals that the prophet's work, if authentic, is "not about me," but about God and serving God's Reign. In the Gospel Jesus comes to his hometown of Nazareth. He is the greatest of all prophets and the townspeople are initially astonished at his teaching, but then they become suspicious: how could such wisdom and power come from this "nobody" we grew up with? They "took offense at him," rejecting him personally, even those nearest and dearest to him. Mark's gospel portrays the ministry of Jesus to be one long story of invitation and rejection.



Thank you for your generous support of the Pope's Charities appeal last weekend.



Waldenses or Vaudois are names for a Christian movement which started in Lyon, France, in the late 1170s. The movement advocated an adherence to the Gospel as taught by Jesus and his disciples. The movement was declared heretical by 1215 and became persecuted by Roman Catholic Church officials. Both the contemporary and historic Waldensian spiritual heritage describes itself as proclaiming the Christian Gospel, serving the marginalized, promoting social justice, fostering inter-religious work, and advocating respect for religious diversity and freedom of conscience.

Sunday devotions from 4pm – 4:30pm

Pope Francis while visiting Turin last week reflected on the history of relations between Catholic Church and Waldensian Community said, "...we cannot but be saddened in face of the contentions and violence committed in the name of the faith itself, and I ask the Lord that he may give us the grace to recognize ourselves all sinners and to be able to forgive one another. It is by the initiative of God, who is never resigned in face of man's sin, that new sways are opened to live our fraternity, and we cannot subtract ourselves from this. On behalf of the Catholic Church I ask you forgiveness for the non-Christian attitudes and behaviour, even inhuman that, in history, we have had against you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us!"

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am
 Wed: 6pm
 Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15–5:45p: Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;
 Sun 4:00–4:30pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS:

4:00 to 4:30pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

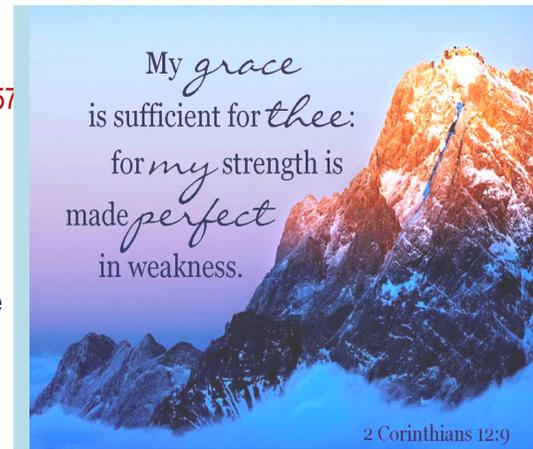
100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm



5th July 2015 (B)
14th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Ezekiel 2:2-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

2ND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: St Mark 6:1-6

Internet resources:

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
 "Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
 Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim
 Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";
 "Catholic Answers", "Catholica"
www.vocationcentre.org.au

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat Vigil: †Marie & Edgar Busuttill

Sun 8am: Special Intention

Sun 9:30am: Margaret McDonald (sick) **Thur:** †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

Mon: †Dawid Klos (7th Anniv)

Tue: †Josefina Concepcion

Wed: †John Filtcroft

Fri: Special Intention

OUR SICK: Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Southern Cross residents...

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ALL PLANNED GIVING

CONTRIBUTORS:

With effect from this new financial year 2015/2016, tax deductibility for Planned Giving will now be 80%. Tax receipts for the last financial year and new Planned Giving boxes are now available for collection from Patricia in the church foyer.

(Will Mr. Allan Tan please see Patricia re: your tax receipt).

SVDP WINTER APPEAL: Thank you for your kind donations to this recent appeal. Our Parish raised a total of \$1,119.00 which has been sent to SVdP.

SUNDAY SPORTS: Additional church parking is available in the school grounds for weekend Masses. Please enter from Haig Avenue.

Feast Day of the Blessed Mother of the Church (Maria Rose Mystica) will be held in our Church on **Sun 12th July** with Thanksgiving Mass at 12noon followed by lunch and entertainment programme in the hall. All are welcome.

RCIA Sponsors' meeting is now postponed to Wed 15th July at 6:30pm in the presbytery. Parishioners above 18 years are invited to come to this meeting to be sponsors of new candidates to the Catholic faith.

Australian Catholic University 25th Anniv. Mass will be held on **Wed 29 July** at St Mary's Cathedral at 5:30pm. All former staff, students, friends and supporters are most welcome.

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs 1-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) S Kim, S Boen(C) M Yong (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Burke, J Perera (R) Sr Betty, J Yong (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) Volunteer, K Wong T(R) J Lie, I Lie (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M Wells

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) P Low, R Williams (R) F & G Hogan(C) M Yong (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) M Alimario, K Jayasiri (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M. Wells

The word *environment* encompasses all of God's most beautiful and awesome works. The environment is his creation, a precious and holy resource with which he entrusted all humans the loving care and wise use of. God asked all humans to be stewards of the environment in Genesis 1:28, when he said to Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." I have not always understood the meaning of this passage, however, and I struggled with the idea that God wanted us to "subdue" the earth and "rule" over all of the living creatures. The idea of God giving us a gift, especially such an incredible gift as the earth and all of its creatures, and then allowing us to use our power over it selfishly and carelessly, did not seem right to me. When I saw the price the environment is paying today for us to rule over God's creation in this way, I wondered why God had ever said those words to Adam and Eve and given us that kind of power. As my concern grew for our polluted rivers and oceans, exponentially growing landfills, and shrinking forests and wilderness areas, I thought, *Is this the way God planned for us to subdue the earth? Did he really want us to rule over his creation like this?* I soon realized that the way we live today is definitely not how God wanted us to live long ago when he gave that important message to Adam and Eve. God was not giving humanity a command to use his creation in any selfish way that we wanted, with no thoughts of the future consequences. He was issuing to us a challenge, of taking responsibility over his incredible and vast creation, and using it wisely, carefully, and lovingly. God wanted to give us an opportunity to show him that we could rule over his creation as he rules over us: patiently and tenderly. He was giving us something indescribably beautiful and useful, to see if we could subdue it as servant-rulers, worshiping God and His grace in every way that we used his gift.



The number of people who are living in other countries or are internally displaced in their own countries has surged to an unprecedented 60 million - equal to the population of the United Kingdom. According to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, the number of people uprooted from their homes by war and persecution in 2014 was larger than in any year since detailed record keeping began.



Police officer smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The officer says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!" (Catholic joke)

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?" (Catholic joke)