

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 August. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020).

## POPE FRANCIS AND COVID-19

"The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected we all are. If we do not take care of each other, starting with the least — those who are most affected, including creation — we cannot heal the world," the pope said Aug. 12 at his weekly general audience.

The dignity of the human person, the pope said, is the foundation of Catholic social teaching and all its attempts to apply Gospel values to the way people live and act in the world. While there are many "heroes" who are caring for others during the pandemic, even at the risk of their own lives, the pandemic also has revealed economic and social systems influenced by a "distorted vision of the person, a gaze that ignores the person's dignity and relational character" by seeing others as "objects, objects to be used and discarded."

"As disciples of Jesus," he said, "we do not want to be indifferent or individualistic — two ugly attitudes, which are against harmony. Indifferent, I look the other way. And individualistic, 'only for me,' looking only at one's own interests." Instead, God created human beings "to be in communion," the pope said. "We want to recognize the human dignity of every person, whatever his or her race, language or condition."

He urged people to continue working to contain the virus and find a cure, but said that in the meantime, "faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combating indifference in the face of violations of human dignity."

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### FINANCE

*Last week 1st Collection \$ 406.75 and 2nd Collection \$447*

*New Envelopes and Receipts are available in the foyer.*

*Twining receipts and envelopes are also available in the foyer.*

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## Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal 15th/16th August, 2020

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**Sunday Mass Times:**

Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 10am

**Daily Mass Times:**

Monday - Friday: 5:45pm

Saturday: 9.30am

*Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.*

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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### **WE PRAY FOR:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Allan Davis, Barbara McDonnell, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay.

**ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:** Pat Walsh, Paul Brasier. Mary & Terence Ryan, Raymond & Mary Ferrario, Josie Mouldt.

**SICK:** Theresa Gallucci, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Christopher Lee, Garry Brigham..

## Woman, great is your faith! Mt 15, 28

**Friendship Group:** The Friendship group will not be meeting at this time as the virus is still too dangerous. We will stay in touch.

**mainly music:** the program is planning to start again on 4th October.

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

**FIRST READING:** A reading from prophet Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to Yahweh to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 66

*O God; let all the nations praise you!*

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us  
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

*O God; let all the nations praise you!*

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came

a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table'. Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

### Building a Bigger House

Even dogs have hope! This is what the woman says to Jesus, when she asks him to heal her tormented daughter. She classifies her family with the dogs, knowing the average Israelite would describe a Canaanite that way. Jesus is astounded by her faith and gives her the desire of her heart.

Some scholars claim Jesus was testing the woman by not responding to her requests right away. Others say Jesus learned from her that his mission was larger than Israel. This seems strange to those of us who were taught that Jesus had the mind of God from the time Mary first laid him in the straw. But if Jesus is also fully human, he'd have to grow in wisdom and grace, as Luke says Jesus did.

This woman summoned up the courage to tell Jesus how to run his own ministry! The best of the prophets and saints showed this kind of spirit, sparring with God over matters of importance to them. Who knows what could happen if more people prayed with such confidence? Who knows how many of us could wrestle with God like Abraham, Jacob, Hannah, and the Canaanite woman - and win?

*Do you think God's mind can be changed? Do you think there are things about God which "God's mind is made up"? Name some things that might fall in either category.*

Show some boldness! Resolve to pray for the things that are most important to you - peace in the world, an answer to hunger - or a job or a better relationship with your spouse. Pray unceasingly, as Paul says, or sing your prayer, as Augustine recommends. But pray most of all unfailingly.

*"Oh, woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!"*  
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