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20 JUNE - 26 JUNE 2021
TIME TABLE
TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME B/1

Saturday	
19 June	5:00pm - 6:00 pm Confessions 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday	
20 June	8:00am - Mass 9:30am - Mass 11:00am - Mass with Cathedral Choir 5:00pm - Mass
Monday	St Aloysius Gonzaga
21 June	8:00am - Mass 11:00am - 12:00 noon Confessions 12:10pm - Mass
Tuesday	St John Fisher and St Thomas More
22 June	8:00am - Mass 11:00am - 12:00 noon Confessions 12:10pm - Mass
Wednesday	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
23 June	8:00am - Mass 11:00am - 12:00 noon Confessions 12:10pm - Mass 7:30pm - Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal & Benediction
Thursday	
24 June	8:00am - Mass 11:00am - 12:00 noon Confessions 12:10pm - Mass
Friday	
25 June	8:00am - Mass 11:00am - Holy Hour 11:00am - 12:00 noon Confessions 12:10pm - Mass
Saturday	
26 June	8:00am - Mass

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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**encompassing St Francis Xavier Church,
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CELEBRANTS, COMMENTATORS AND READERS**Saturday, 26 June 2021**

6:00 pm **Fr Sean Fernandez**
 (C) Manny Dodo-Balu
 (R) Paul Connelly

Sunday, 27 June 2021

8:00 am **Fr Garner Vergara**
 (C) Eleanor Le Coultre
 (R) Helen Ho
 (R) Christina Mathew

9:30 am **Fr Garner Vergara**
 (C) Rebecca Henderson
 (R) Brendon Norris
 (R) Sally-Anne Cook

11:00 am **Fr C. J. Millen**
 (C) Christabel Lee
 (R) Bianca Vernie
 (R) Lolita Hegarty

5:00 pm **Fr Garner Vergara**
 (C) Christine Stewart
 (R) Josephine Cabagyo
 (R) Guilbert Cabagyo

8:30 am **ST CATHERINE**
Fr C. J. Millen

9:30 am **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**
Fr Sean Fernandez
 (R) Ann
 (R) Ken

DEAN'S BIT So the Biloela family - the Murugappans - are finally being reunited in Perth. This is welcome news and long overdue, but, as I write this, they are being denied certainty about their immigration status. The government has decided to keep yet longer in legal limbo. The torment this uncertainty must inflict on this family is unimaginable. The policy which has led to this is morally bankrupt. The dignity of each person must be safeguarded by our decisions as a community and a policy which sees the treatment of people in terms of deterrent value is abhorrent. Both parties have brought us to this nadir, but we, as a community, need to demand better from our governments. In 2014 the Australian bishops released a powerful statement on asylum seekers; it still speaks to our situation today:

'We now make this urgent plea for a respect for the rights of asylum seekers, not only in Government circles but in the Australian community more broadly. Federal decision-makers in both major parties have made their decisions and implemented their policies because they think they have the support of the majority of Australians. Therefore, we want to speak to the entire Australian community.'

'The current policy has about it a cruelty that does no honour to our nation. How can this be when Australians are so generous in so many situations where human beings are in strife?'

'Do racist attitudes underlie the current policy? Would the policy be the same if the asylum seekers were fair-skinned Westerners rather than dark-skinned people, most of whom are of "other" religious and cultural backgrounds? Is the current policy perhaps bringing to the surface not only a xenophobia in us but also a latent racism? The White Australia policy was thought to be dead and buried, but perhaps it has mutated and is still alive.'

'The Government and Opposition want to stop the boats and thwart the people-smugglers. But does this require such cruelty? Could not the same goals be achieved by policies, which were less harsh, even humane – policies which respected not only our international obligations but also basic human rights? Can we not achieve a balance between the needs of people in desperate trouble and the electoral pressures faced by politicians? We believe we can; indeed we must.'

'The Australian Catholic Bishops call on parliamentarians of all parties to turn away from these policies, which shame Australia and to take the path of a realistic compassion that deals with both human need and electoral pressure. We call on the nation as a whole to say no to the dark forces, which make these policies possible. The time has come to examine our conscience and then to act differently.'

The excerpts from the statement challenge us to do better, to ask our politicians to do better, not just for the Murugappans or for other asylum seekers, but also for the country we want ours to be.

CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE A new edition has hit the stands! Catch up on what has been happening in your Cathedral over the last few months. There is also a snazzy photo of the new parish pastoral council with an introduction to it by Fr Sean and Jessica Patterson, the PPC's chair.

ALTAR SERVERS The Cathedral is calling young people to become altar servers. It is a great way of participating in the Mass and serving the Lord in serving your brothers and sisters. Anyone who has made their first communion is welcome to become part of the altar-serving team. If you would like to know more, please put your name and contact email (a parent's email if you are under 18) on the sheet in the foyer or send an email to sacristan.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au

SAFEGUARDING FOR VOLUNTEERS The Safeguarding Office will conduct a workshop for Cathedral volunteers on Tuesday, 14 September, 6-8 pm. If you volunteer at the Cathedral or at another parish in any capacity and have not done the workshop recently, please sign up for this workshop. You can register at safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may give the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.
 Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St. Mary McKillop, pray for us

