



## St Denis Parish News

### Reflection

Dear All

Last Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup> June – liturgical memory of the birth of John the Baptist) was the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition of our Lady at Medjugorje. Our Lady appeared in a place under the former Soviet Union and silently brought about a huge historical change in a few years' time. It is interesting to note that She appeared on the birthday of John the Baptist – the man who was sent to preach conversion, change of attitudes, and change of life.

How are you?

Only you know all the thoughts that raced through your mind in these days of lockdown and retreat. Let us thank the Lord for having kept us safe, especially from the deadly virus.

While we welcome and appreciate the lifting of restrictions in W A, we are aware that it is not over yet. Our bishop Timothy seems to suggest the same in his instructions to the parishes. It is important to keep this nightmare behind us and the only way to do is to be ever vigilant.

Please stay safe and kindly pray for the less fortunate who have been seriously impacted by Covid-19.

Father Anthony Xavier OSM

### Sunday Mass details

Registering your name as you enter gatherings is no longer required in WA. Hand sanitisation will still be carried out upon arrival.

Please continue to use the collection baskets in the foyer at the beginning or end of mass as collections will not be taken up.

Please remember to clean up and disinfect your immediate area in each pew as you leave as an extra precaution.

### Mass times for this Sunday are:

**Saturday 13 June: 6:30 pm**

**Sunday 14 June: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 6:00 pm**

**9:00 am Mass will be streamed online <http://www.stdenis.com.au/>**

## **Weekday Mass details**

### **Weekday Mass times are:**

**Mon - Fri: 8:00 am**

**Saturday: 8:30 am**

## **Sunday Readings**

**First Reading** 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

Response. *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord..*

**Second Reading** St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

**Gospel** Matthew 10:37-42

## **St Vincent de Paul Messages**

With the church reopening the collection bins in the entrance are gladly accepting donations again. Please bring along non-perishable food items for distribution to local families in need.

## **St Denis Parish COVID-19 Guidelines**

### **GATHERING SPACES**

Due to the Government regulations of the 2 square metre rule, the signing in requirements and the need for cleaning and sanitising

- All gatherings/meetings are to occur in the body of the church utilising the pews in the church.
  - The Marian Chapel is closed to the public at this time;
  - The foyer of the church is not available for meetings and for other programs e.g. line dancing;
  - The Parish Centre including the Nolan Room and the outdoor courtyard are not available for use.
  - The out-door toilets are closed.
- Social distancing to be observed at all times. 1.5 metres between people; 2 square metres per person at meetings/prayer gatherings within the body of the church.
- No social gatherings involving the sharing of food and drinks are permitted indoors or outdoors on St Denis property. In line with the government requirements of 'Safety First' the sharing of food, serving utensils, serviettes etc is strongly discouraged. For example the parish

kitchen is only big enough for 1 person at a time.

### **Cleaning and Sanitizing**

- Every person entering the church is required to sanitize their hands or to wash their hands with soap and water which is provided in the bathroom area.
- Cleaning and Sanitizing of the church after each gathering (prayer groups, mass, etc.) is to be completed by the people who have gathered using the sanitiser and cloths provided in the church. Cloths to be put in buckets provided at the doors of the church

### **“Signing in” no longer necessary from 27 June 2020**

- Every person coming into the church is required to register their name and phone number in our sign in books provided in the foyer of the church. This is to enable contact tracing in case of an outbreak of Covid-19 and is a government requirement.

### **Seating arrangements**

- The maximum number at this stage is 100.

We have 65 individual places marked out. However, if families/couples/people from one household come to mass they can sit beside each other without having to observe the 1.5 metre social distancing rule. This will allow up to 100 people in the church. Please move into the centre of the seat so that people who come later won't have to 'climb over you'.

At present, due to social distancing, sanitising etc. -

- Acolytes, altar servers, sacristan and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are not required.
- The Lector is invited to sit in the body of the church and to move to the sanctuary when required.
- We will not be having entrance/recessional processions or Offertory processions.

- No communion from the Chalice.
- No communion on the tongue. Please receive communion in the hand, and remain standing – kneeling makes it far too difficult for Father to remain socially distanced from the communicant.
- Hymn books, loose prayer sheets, etc are not to be used.

At present we are unable to -

- Distribute hard copies of our parish bulletin – if you would like to receive a copy of our bulletin via email please add your details to the list in the foyer of the church
- Have our book of intentions or mass intentions envelopes out. If you wish to have a mass offered please contact the parish office on 92422812 or email [admin@stdenis.com.au](mailto:admin@stdenis.com.au) or place an envelope in the offering basket in the foyer of the church.
- Take up collections during Mass. There are baskets in the foyer of the church for planned giving envelopes/offerings or you may contribute on line – banking details are provided on the newsletter.

### **Sacraments**

- **The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

The communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick is to be temporarily suspended.

- **Confessions**

Priests can provide opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, according to the First Rite. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is to occur in a well-ventilated space and with appropriate social distancing being maintained at all times, including the absolution. The Sacrament can be celebrated in the sanctuary but provision for anonymity should be made.

The contact details (name, phone number, address and/or email address) of each person entering the

church for Confession must be recorded and retained. **No record** should be kept of the reason for the person's presence in the church.

**Please contact Fr Anthony**

Groups who use the Parish Facilities and are preparing to recommence are advised to contact Fr Anthony with their Covid-19 safety plan which needs to meet the guidelines set by St Denis Parish. Contact the parish office on 9242 2812 or email [admin@stdenis.com.au](mailto:admin@stdenis.com.au)

The Day with Our Lady, St Peregrine devotional groups and any other large groups are advised to wait until the Government implements Phase 4 of the Roadmap.

Your health is important as is the health and wellbeing of each of our parishioners, please take heed of government regulations and the directives from our Archdiocesan Church leadership.

Stay safe and healthy!

Fr Anthony  
Maria Gaglia, Jan Smartt, Sr Elizabeth  
(Covid-19 implementation team)

**Online Resources details**

St Vincent de Paul and other local resources to help people in need are available on <https://www.erconnect.org.au/>

**The Parish and Parish priest can accept direct bank transfers to:**

**St Denis Parish**

BSB 086006 Account 528184936

**Fr Anthony**

BSB 066140 Account 10313613

**St Vincent de Paul organisation (not our local chapter)**

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-wa/>

**Caritas** (Project Compassion) can take online contributions <https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/>

**St Denis Parish website** <http://www.stdenis.com.au/>

**Parish Facebook group** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1302786806404916/>.

<http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/> – Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, including Cathedral mass online

**Catholic Mission** <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

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