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1 March 2020

1st Sunday Of  
Lent

Year A

**Entrance Antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the book of Genesis (2:7-9, 3:1-7)*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, not touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps. 50)

**R. Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned.**

- Have mercy on me God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R)
- My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned: what is evil in your sight I have done. (R)
- A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R)
- Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R)

**Second Reading:** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (5:12-19)*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (4:1-11)*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone. Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

**Memorial Acclamation:** When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 29 February 2020, 6:30pm**

- For the souls of Huynh Thi My, Le Phu Cuong, Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls.
- For the soul of Annie D'cruz on the 1st Anniversary of her death.
- For the soul of Jesse Watts who passed away in January.

**Sunday, 1 March 2020, 7:15am**

- For the Holy souls from the Fuller, Watts, Rowland and Woods families.
- For the souls of Ralph and Mary Bachelor.
- For the Holy souls.

**Sunday, 1 March 2020, 9:00am**

- For the soul of Vince Vallelonga who passed away recently.
- For the souls of Tina and Peter Vaz on the 1st Anniversary of their death.
- Thanksgiving Mass offered by Amalia Neri for her life.

**Sunday, 1 March 2020, 5:00pm**

- For the soul of Susamma Yohannan on the 40th day after her death.
- For the souls of Mathai Varkey and Annamma Eapen.

**Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/emailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.**

## PASTORAL CORNER

Lent is traditionally a time of fasting, prayer and giving. It is a special time of preparation, when we are invited to really examine our lives in detail. Our 'desert experiences' often lead us to a new faith experience and a new understanding of God.

In this week's Gospel, which of the temptations of Jesus would you personally find most challenging? What are the great temptations in your life? In what ways have you been 'led by the Spirit' through the wilderness?

Spend some time this week contemplating the difficult periods of your life, and how they lead you to new understandings of yourself, others and God.

### PRAYER OF ST. EMILIE

St. Emilie, Good and generous labourer of the Gospel. You who were attentive to the call of the Spirit in the church and reached out to all peoples regardless of religion, race or colour, give us this spirit to reach out in love, so as to reveal by our lives the infinite love of the Father for all humanity. *St. Emilie, pray for us. AMEN*

### PARISH MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

**Weekend Mass:** Sat: 6.30pm Sun: 7.15am, 9am & 5pm

**Weekday Mass:** Tues-Fri: 6pm

**Wednesday morning Mass:** 9am (Except 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, at 8am)

**Adoration & Rosary:** Tue: 9 - 10am

**Legion Of Mary:** Every Wed after Morning Mass



**St Emilie's Fund Raising Committee** would like to **"Thank"** all parishioners & friends who supported the recent Valentine Day dance. The total amount collected is **\$4064.**



### Birthday Blessing

Congratulations to  
**Fr. Victor** on his **46th Birthday**  
on **27 February**.  
May the Lord Bless him with much joy and peace.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent immediately after the 6pm Mass.

**Vines of St Emilie - Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 from 10 am - 1.30 pm:**

For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance. Transport can be arranged on request. We welcome new members who would love to join us each month. For further enquiries, please contact **Mary on 93932128** or at the Piety Stall.

**First Men's Breakfast of the Year - Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 8.30 am at Kelly's Café & Restaurant:** The cost is approximately \$25 for your meal and we would like to invite all men in the parish to attend. If you are interested, please **sign up in the foyer** or contact **Evan Porter on 0429 826 000** for more details.

**2020 St Emilie's Parish RE Program Classes on Tuesdays, 4 -5pm at St Emilie's:** Though the classes have started you are still welcome to enrol your children. Fees are \$25 per child or \$35 for two or more children with an additional fee for Sacraments. Cash or cheque only. All stationary & resources are supplied. For newly enrolled children, we require a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

**2020 St Emilie's Parish Sacramental Program Enrolments:** A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the **Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation, Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion or Sacrament of Confirmation** in 2020, Enrolment Forms are available in the church foyer for parents to enrol their children in the Sacramental Program. This applies to children at St Emilie's Catholic Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program After School Classes.

For enquiries, please contact **Lyn Harkins on 0404325900** or email [lharkins@iinet.net.au](mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au).

**St Emilie's Catholic Primary School Kindy Enrolments 2021 & Places Available:** If you have a child who will be going into Kindy next year (born between 1/7/2016 - 30/06/2017), **interviews for Kindy 2021 places will be held in May this year.** We also have some places available in a couple of other year groups as well. Please contact the **school office** for more details on **9256 9696**.



**First Sunday of Lent**  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**



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### **World Day of Prayer Service**

**7.30pm on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at St Emilie's**

This year we are hosting the World Day of Prayer in our region. Please come and join with Christians from other Churches who will be coming together at St Emilie's to celebrate this non-denominational service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe.

**"Rise! Take your Mat and walk!"**

We invite the African members of our community to come wearing your wonderful colourful clothing to add to the event. A light supper will be served afterwards, and if you're able, we would love you to bring along a plate of finger food.



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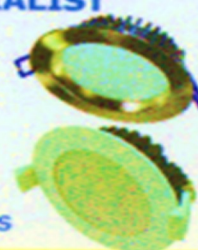


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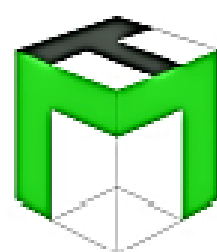
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