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3 November 2019

31st Sunday in

Ordinary Time

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Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom (11:22 – 12:2)

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

- I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R)
- The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)
- All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R)
- The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R)

Second Reading: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (1:11 – 2:2)

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

<u>Gospel Acclamation:</u> Alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (19:1-10)

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount'. And Jesus said to him 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

<u>Memorial Acclamation:</u> Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. <u>Communion Antiphon</u>: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 3 November, 9:00am

• Thanksgiving - 9 years Wedding Anniversary for Peace and Sam Adili.

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

PASTORAL CORNER

Jesus had a special love for people who turned from their lives of sin to repent and live the way that God wants. In to-day's Gospel Jesus meets a tax collector called Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus' enthusiasm to see Jesus caused him to run ahead of the crowd and climb a tree – both actions rather undignified for someone of his status. However, his response to Jesus' invitation was immediate, joyful and completely life changing. We don't know what Jesus said to Zacchaeus that night, but it caused him to want to give away half his possessions and to pay back fourfold any money he had cheated people of.

There is an important lesson here about becoming whole. The basis of true healing rests on our willingness to forgive, pay our debts and make amends. So who do you need to make things right with? Pray for grace, and then go take care of it. When you do, God will bless you, and you'll feel better about yourself too!

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*

Book of Remembrance: It is the tradition of the Catholic Church that November is a time of remembering those who have died. The Book of Remembrance will be available to write the names of those who have died and who have been significant to us. At each Mass, this Book will be taken up and we will pray for all those whose names are in the Book.

Advent 2019 - Preparing for the Coming of the Saviour: Wednesdays, 6 - 27 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the Main Hall at St Emilie's Parish by Mr Joe Tedesco.

Christmas is a special time of year. It is well understood that the spiritual gift of Christmas can be easily missed amongst all the clamour of the season. Fortunately, the liturgical season of Advent presents us with some key teachings that help us get the most out of Christmas. In this course we will look at some of the key biblical texts drawn on through Advent. Reflecting on them will open up how we draw the most out of Christmas and out of our faith in general.

St Emilie's Parish RE Program Enrolments for 2020:

A reminder to parents that all children who are enrolled in the Re Program are required to re-enrol for the new year if they are continuing in the RE Classes in 2020. To help ease the busyness of enrolments next year, I will be taking re-enrolments on Tuesdays during the month of November at the RE Classes. There will also be an enrolment day in January 2020 on a date yet to be decided. Parents will be notified of the date and it will be published in the Bulletin. Enquiries to Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900 or email lharkins@iinet.net.au

PARISH MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

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

Weekday Mass: Tues-Fri: 6pm

Wednesday morning Mass: 9am (Except 1st Wed, at 8am)

Adoration & Rosary: Tue: 9 - 10am

<u>Legion Of Mary:</u> Every Wed after Morning Mass

Altar Servers New and Current: For children who have received their first Holy Communion and are interested in serving at Mass, application forms are available in the foyer of the church. Current Altar Servers, could you please fill out the information form available in the Acolytes' room. Contact the Altar Server Coordinator David Hartley on 9258 3226 if further information is required.

Becoming Catholic: RCIA Our parish is inviting those within our wider community who may consider seeking to join the Catholic faith. This process involves a conversion journey of drawing closer to God. Please invite anyone, who may be interested in becoming a Catholic. Enrolment is now open. Please call our Parish office at 94565130 or email jeannoel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au

<u>PIETY STALL:</u> The book "GOD'S WORD 2020" has arrived; please get your copy as we only have a limited quantity at a special price of \$16. Please give support to the Columban Mission by buying their Calendars. Nativity sets/scenes and Christmas Cards are also available. Please feel free to browse. Thank you for your ongoing support.

<u>Vines of St Emilie</u>: We meet on Tuesday, 5 November for our usual get together. Just a gentle reminder; if you are unable to attend, please inform us for catering purposes. Transport can be arranged if anyone needs it. Enquiries: Mary Tel: 93932128 or at the Piety Stall. New members are most welcome.

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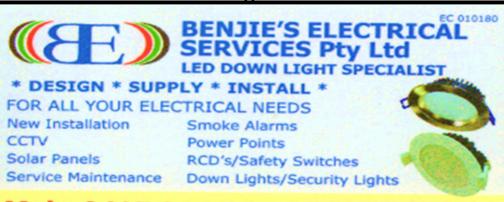
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