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7 April 2019

5th Sunday
of
Lent
Year A

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O god, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: *A reading from the Prophet of Ezekiel (37:12-14)*

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 129)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

- Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (**R**)
- If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (**R**)
- My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord). (**R**)
- Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (**R**)

Second Reading: *A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:1-45)*

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him, Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you. 'Your brother', said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who has to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb; it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, But I speak for the sake of all these who stand around me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Memorial Acclamation We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 6 April, 6:30pm

- Healing Mass for Maria Pham.
- For the souls of Alma Fernandez, Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls.

Sunday, 7 April, 7:15am

- For the souls of Pauline Chang and Joseph Anthony Diaz
- For the souls of the Fuller, Watts, Rowland and Woods families

Sunday, 7 April, 9:00am

- For the souls of Cecil, Brian, Rosy and Helen.
- For the repose of the souls of Gladys Irene & Luke Bozanich

Sunday, 7 April, 5:00pm

- For the soul of Liz Tan on her 34th anniversary of her death

Tuesday, 9 April, 6:00pm

- For the soul of Abdul Latiff Jalaludin on the anniversary of his death.

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

PASTORAL CORNER

In the Gospel of the 5th Sunday of Lent, Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead. Even though he was taking a risk by going near to Jerusalem as there were those who were plotting against him there, he loved Lazarus and his two sisters as dear friends and was willing to take that risk. Are you ready to give help when it could cost you dearly? The significance of raising Lazarus from the dead is more than a miraculous event. It is a sign of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. This is our faith and our hope. God gives us the power of the Holy Spirit so we are made alive in Christ and can transform ourselves into people of faith, hope and love. Do you believe that the power of Jesus resurrection is at work in your life today? This week reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit and ask God to strengthen within you, his life and his joy, and the hope of Heaven.

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 1st Wed at 8am)

Adoration & Rosary: Tue: 9 - 10am

Legion Of Mary: Every Wed after Morning Mass

Our Lenten Journey: Why is the cross covered?

After the 5pm Mass on the 5th Sunday of Lent, the main cross will be covered - "The custom of veiling crosses and images helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption." (Monsignor Elliott). The main Cross will be uncovered at the Good Friday service.

Parking during Holy Week As we expect many to attend the Holy Week Masses and services, from next weekend till Easter Sunday, we will have volunteers to assist with parking. With some of the carpark area cordoned off for the new buildings, please be patient and follow the instructions of these carpark attendants, they are here to help.

Palm Sunday We will endeavour to supply as many palms as we can; bringing your own palms will be very helpful. Please **NO** cycads - as these have thorns and are dangerous.

St Emilie's CPS Kindy Enrolments 2020 & Places Available If you have a child who will be going into Kindy next year (*born between 1/7/2015 - 30/06/2016*), interviews for Kindy 2020 places will be held in May of this year. We also have some places available in others year groups as well. Please contact the school office for more details on 9256 9696.

St Emilie's 2019 RE Program After School Classes: Refer to notice board for further details.

Thank you We would like to thank parishioners who faithfully clean our church grounds every Saturday morning. Also thank you for donating the leaf blower and those who bring in their own gardening and cleaning equipment.

Piety Stall: Battery operated candles for the Easter vigil are now on sale at \$2.50 each.

Youth Ministry:

Scripture in Nature: 13th April (12yo+)

Join us from 10am-4pm for a day retreat at the Vincentian Retreat Centre where we'll spend some time with God and each other in nature. We'll have some fun activities and formative sessions throughout the day. Lunch and drinks/snacks provided. Please RSVP ASAP. More info on the youth notice board in the church foyer.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 19th April

We're looking for youth in our parish to help during the Stations of the cross on the morning of Good Friday. If you'd like to help, please contact the youth leaders.

Information about the Youth Ministry and their current activities are in the foyer. For more info, email youthstemilies@gmail.com, or contact Christian (0413894535) for Young Adults (18+) or Lauren (0414998043) for Teens (12 - 17).

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2019

Tuesday, 16 April 2019

Chrism Mass – 7.00pm at the Cathedral

★ Please note No 6.00 pm Mass at St Emilie's.



Holy Thursday, 18 April 2019

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm

★ Adoration at the Altar of Repose will be until midnight.



Good Friday, 19 April 2019

✠ Stations of the Cross at 10.00am - Church grounds

✠ Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord at 3.00pm

There will be one collection for the Holy Places.



Saturday, 20 April 2019

Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at 8.00pm

★ We start outside, following "The Light of Christ" into the darkened Church . . .



Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019

Masses at 7.15am and 9.00am

★ Please note there will be No 5.00pm Mass.

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

Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Emilie's on Tuesday, 9 April at 7 pm. There will be several Priests to hear your confession. This would be a blessed way to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.



Fifth Sunday of Lent
7th April 2019

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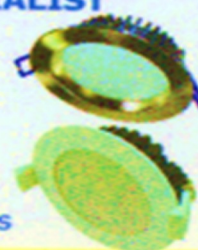
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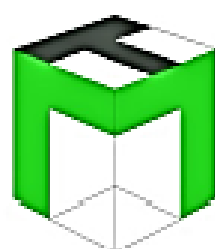
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