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8 December 2019

**Second  
Sunday of  
Advent  
Year A**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### **First Reading:** *A reading from Isaiah (11:1-10)*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

### **Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps. 121)

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R)**
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the great River to earth's bounds. **(R)**
- For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R)**
- May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R)**

### **Second Reading:** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (15:4-9)*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (3:1-12)*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordon district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' because I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. 'Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. 'I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.

**Memorial Acclamation:** Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 7 December, 6:30pm**

- For Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls

**Sunday, 8 December, 9:00pm**

**Sunday, 8 December, 5:00pm**

**Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/emailed to the office**

## PASTORAL CORNER

A call to change is always disturbing. In today's Gospel, John's blunt speaking calls us to honestly examine our lives and situations. Had you been present to hear John preaching and challenging, what situations, attitudes and motives would he have caused you to examine? What aspects of your life might be in need of change?

Yet crowds of people sought him out, opening themselves to his message. What messages do you allow into your life? What are the things that prevent you from hearing the messages? Would you have welcomed John and sought him out? If John asked you for evidence of your repentance, what would your response be?

Advent is a time in which we are invited to withdraw and make time for prayer and reflection. During the coming week try to attend a Reconciliation service, and put time aside to prayerfully prepare for Christmas.

### 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

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:** Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be on **Monday 9 December** at **6pm** at **St. Emilie's**.

**Road To Bethlehem:** Experience the true story of Christmas as you never have seen before and step back in time and be immersed in all the excitement and drama of the very first Christmas. Suitable for all ages, free guided tours will take place continuously each evening from 7pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December at Livingston Seventh-day Adventist Church, Nicholson Road (opposite Livingstone Shopping Centre). For information and book your timeslot visit **[www.roadtobethlehem.org.au](http://www.roadtobethlehem.org.au)** or **[www.livingstonsda.org.au](http://www.livingstonsda.org.au)**



**St Emilie's Parish RE Program Classes:** The RE Program is now closed for 2019. Classes will resume on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. We will be offering Enrolment opportunities in late Jan and the times and dates will be advertised in the Bulletin in due course, as well as being emailed to families already participating in the Program. Enquiries: Lyn Harkins on 0404 325 900 or email **[lharkins@iinet.net.au](mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au)**.

**Adoration Hour In Recess:** The 9am Adoration and Benediction hour each Tuesday will be in recess between 17 December 2019 and 7 January, 2020. It will resume again on Tuesday, 14 January. A very holy and joyful Christmas and a blessed 2020 is wished to all members.

**The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink:** Please give generously to support the valuable work of our Archdiocesan social services agencies. You can mail your donation directly in the reply-paid envelope provided, or return your envelope & donation for the Special Collection which will be held at Mass this weekend. You may also donate online at **[www.lifelink.com.au](http://www.lifelink.com.au)**.

**Parish Christmas Carols Nite on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** will take place in the Hall immediately **after the Vigil Mass**. Please note that Mass on that day will begin at **6.00 pm**. You all are most welcome! Kindly bring a plate to share. For more information please contact Lloyd Rego on 045 6635768



**Church Cleaning:** Help required for Church cleaning. You may choose to work independently or with a group on a rostered basis. Please contact Adolf on 0432 395 401.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation:** Due to unforeseen circumstances the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation scheduled for Thursday 12 December has been **cancelled**. You may avail yourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Emilie's before every Mass.

**St Emilie Church Catechist Presentations:** On the 14 November the Catechist team from St Emilie attended a Eucharist Mass at the Cathedral where 12 members of the team were recommissioned and a number of them also received awards for their service to the Catechist Program at St Emilie's. At the 9am Mass Sunday 8th December we will present the 12 members of our Catechists with their Recommissioning Certificates, plus presenting the awards to those who received the Archbishop's Award and a Papal Blessing.

**St Vincent De Paul:** Thank you to parishioners who have taken tags to purchase presents and we remind they need to be returned to the Church by **Sunday the 15th December**. We are also asking for assistance with special Christmas treat foods like Christmas puddings, mince pies, biscuits, tins of ham, fruit or vegetables etc). God bless you all for your generosity and kindness.

**SVDP** are also urgently in need of donations and need your help again. As you know by donating your good quality clothes, books, furniture and home wares you are making a positive difference. You are supporting people less fortunate as well as actively helping the environment by reducing landfill. To arrange pick up, please contact **Rod** and **Rosemary Thompson** on **0409 298 254** or email **[depot.orders@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:depot.orders@svdpwa.org.au)**.

**Piety Stall:** The book **"GOD'S WORD 2020"** has arrived. Limited quantity available at a special price of **\$16**. Please support the **Columban Mission** by buying their Calendars. **Nativity sets/scenes and Christmas Cards** are also available.

**Christmas Break:** The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 26 December until Wednesday 8 January 2020. Mass intentions for 2019.

### Youth Notice:

**Contact Details:** For more information, check out the **youth notice board** in the foyer or contact **Christian (0413894535)** for Young Adults (18+) or **Lauren (0414998043)** or **Blyton (0416023744)** for Teens (12-17) or email us at **[youthstemilies@gmail.com](mailto:youthstemilies@gmail.com)**.



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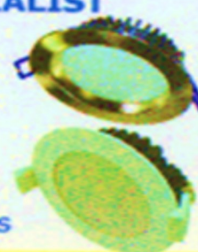


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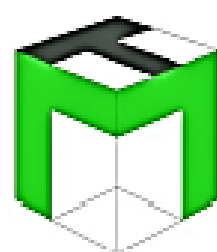
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