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9 December
2018
Second
Sunday of
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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 the prophet Baruch (5:1-9)*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps.24)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

- When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**
- The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R)**
- Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R)**
- They go out, they go out, full of tear, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

Second Reading: *A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:3-6, 8-11)*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:1-6)*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Itureaea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice cries in the wilderness. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

The Memorial Acclamation:

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

Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem, rise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**TOTAL COLLECTION FOR
THE BUILDING PROJECT
AT THE END OF NOVEM-
BER IS:**

(\$ 12,000.00)

(Includes Buy-A-Brick, CD sales
and Barrel collection)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 8 December, 6:30pm

- For the soul of Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls

Sunday, 9 December, 7:15am

- For the deceased members of the Noronha and Lobo families

Sunday, 9 December, 9:00am

- For the soul of Pauline Chang Khen Hong

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

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



Buy-A-Brick Campaign: Please pick up a donation envelope from the foyer. All proceeds will fund our building project. Your help is very precious.

The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. Preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 begins with open Listening and Dialogue. It is the first step to preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council agenda will be developed from the stories you share and the questions you raise. To join a small group for Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue, please contact the Parish office on 9456-5130 and visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more information.

Caritas Project: (Miracle of Motherhood) For more info see appeal notice in the foyer.

Saturday 15th of December: Busy Bee, please come and help us to clean and prepare our church for the coming events of Christmas Season. From **7:30am** Saturday 15th of December.

St Emilie's Parish After School RE Program is now in recess. Classes will begin on Tuesday 12th February 2019. Enrolment starts in January 2019. Enquiries: Lyn Harkins on 0404 325 900 or email lharkins@iinet.net.au.

SVDP: The yearly appeal for Christmas gifts for families with young children is now underway. Please pick up a tag in the church foyer and bring in the items by 16th December (Sunday). We thank you for your continual support of the Parish's efforts to assist these families.

YOUTH NOTICES:

1. **Christmas Carols Band/Choir:** Looking for members for the parish Christmas Carols on the 15th of December.

2. **Youth Retreat:** Summer School of Evangelisation

For more information, please email: youthstemilies@gmail.com, or contact Christian 0413894535 or Lauren on 0414998043

Tuesday Adoration Hour: The 9am Adoration and Benediction hour will be in recess from 24 December to 8 January 2019. It will resume on Tuesday, 15 January 2019.

St. Emilies Parish Annual Carols by Candlelight: Saturday 15th December, 7.45pm in the School Hall. The Parish cordially invites all parishioners to attend. PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE. Tea / coffee will be provided

Piety Stall: Please drop in for Christmas gift ideas.

Enrolments Available at St Emilie's Catholic Primary School :

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Christmas Mass Timetable

24 December: Mass 6:00pm
(Family Mass)

25 December: 12:00am
(Midnight Mass)

7:15am, 9:00am (Christmas
Day Mass).

26 December: only 9:00am
Mass

31 December: End of the Year
Thanksgiving Mass 6:00pm

1 January 2018: New Year
Day Masses at 9:00am and
6:00pm

The **Parish Office** will
be **closed** for the Christmas
Break from
21 December 2018 to 08 January
2019.

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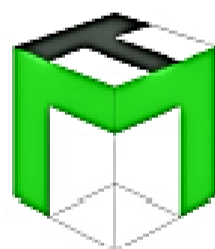
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