

St. Emilie de Vialar Catholic Church

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Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah (40:1-5, 9-11)

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his lock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 103)

R. Oh bless the Lord, my soul!

- Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R)
- Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. (R)
- How many are your works O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. (R)
- All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. (R)
- You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus (2:11-14, 3:4-7)

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions;

we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own

and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke(3:15-16, 21-22)

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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

(\$ 19,463.70)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 12 January, 6:30pm

• For the souls of Joseph Pham, George Narcissus, Geraldine, Audrey Dias, Hazel Gwyn and all abandoned souls.

Thursday 17 January, 6:00pm

Sunday, 13 January, 9:00am

• For the souls of Pauline Chang, Avril and Felicia Fuller and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sunday, 13 January, 7:15am

• For the deceased members of the Noronha and Lobo fam- • For the soul of Terzah Snell

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

Pastoral Corner

Baptism is the first of the seven Sacraments of the Church. A sacrament is a sign through which God communicates love, life and forgiveness to us. The two principle effects of Baptism are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit. This week's gospel tells us, Jesus was baptised and afterward while he was at prayer, the Holy Spirit descended on him, saying "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Just as this came to Jesus, so are we all subject to the same 'beloved-ness' of the Father. How strong is your sense of being 'beloved and favoured by God'? Each day this week, take some time alone to pray; listen to the voice from heaven. Use your own name and repeat: N ...You are my child, my beloved, my favour rests on you.

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 Moring 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.

From Fr. Giovanni: Dear parishioners, with very much sadness, I wish to inform you that I'll be leaving the parish on Saturday 19th of January but I will be back to celebrate my farewell mass here in St. Emilie on Sunday 10th February at 9am. I would like to invite all of you to attend so I can bid you farewell. I will keep all of you in my prayers throughout the immense journey God has in front of me, and I hope you remember to pray for me, because your prayers give me COURAGE to face my mission day by day.

Enrolments Available at St Emilie's Catholic Primary

School: Due to family relocations, we currently have a number of positions available in our Year 3 and 4 classes for 2019. If you are interested in a quality catholic education for your child, please contact the office on 0892569696.

Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Sessions

We would like to invite you to attend one of the following Listening and Dialogue Sessions to be held in the St Emilie's Parish School Hall Canning Vale to discuss and formulate personal and group responses.

Session One: 7.00 pm on Friday 25 January 2019 Session Two: 10.00 am on Saturday 23 February 2019 (Please write your name on the Schedule provided in the church foyer to indicate which session you wish to attend) The three questions of discernment, discussion and submission to the Plenary Council are:

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? What questions do you have about the future of the church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020? Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church that you would like to share?

To learn more go to: ww.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or to register your interest to attend one of the two sessions call our Office on 9456-5130.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 5 February at 8.00 am by Fr Chien Nguyen. You are all most welcome.

St.Emilie's Valentine's Day Dance: 9th February 2019 Place: Riverton Leisure-plex Time: **7.00pm** onwards Tickets **\$20** per head **BYO** Food and Drinks Tickets; Daryl D'Silva or Lloyd Rego.

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

Schoenstatt announces: Splendour of Schoenstatt and Oberammergau Pilgrimage 2020. For more info look at notice board.

Bread collection: Just a gentle reminder that we are not able to supply plastic bags for the bread, please bring your own bags.

Burswood Seniors Outing: 28th January 2019 has been cancelled being a public holiday. Our next trip is on the 25th February 2019. Come and enjoy a few hours of fellowship and a scrumptious lunch. All parishioners who would like to come along should please register their interest with Mary at the Piety stall or phone Des Lewis on 0422 340 574. Cost is \$10 P/P. Please be at the church grounds at 9.45 am. Return approximately 3.00 PM.

Employment Opportunity 'Project Officer' - L J GOODY BIOETHICS CENTRE for more info look at the announcement at the note board in the foyer.

Youth: please for info about the Youth Ministry have a look at our section in the foyer. For any extra queries you may contact our youth leaders. Email:

"youthstemilies@gmail.com", or Christian on 0413894535 or Lauren on 0414998043.

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