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13 December 2020

**Third Sunday
of
Advent
Year B**

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading: *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (61:1-2, 10-11)*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm: *(Luke 1:46-50, 53-54)*

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

- My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed **(R)**
- The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **(R)**
- He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **(R)**

Second Reading: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (5:16-24)*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:6-8, 19-28)*

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then', they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said: 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

MASS INTENTIONS

All our Masses are being offered "*pro populo*" - for the intentions of the people of God.

Pastoral Corner



In today's Gospel, the crowds asked John, "What should we do to be ready to welcome the Messiah?" The crowds may have been surprised by John's down to earth answer. He simply told them to act justly. His words are just as important for us today, so that we too will be ready for when Jesus' comes.

The candle for the Advent Wreath this week is rose – a symbol of joy. This single rose candle reminds us of the pink of the sky before sunrise when a new day is almost upon us. It also reminds us that Christmas is coming, bringing the joy of the birth of baby Jesus. As you wait in hope, take the time to think of ways that you could bring some Advent joy to someone else, someone who is sick or lonely or struggling with life. Joy can be contagious and can change another person's day with just a smile or kind word. Joy can soften the hardest heart and warm the weariest soul.

St Vincent De Paul: SVDP thanks all parishioners who have assisted us in previous years with Christmas food and ask for your assistance again this year. We are asking for assistance with special Christmas foods like tins of ham, Christmas cake, fruit mince pies, biscuits or a Present for a Primary school Child or younger children/Baby of families we assist. Tags will be available in the church foyer with ages shortly. Please be advised that all items need to be in the Church by **Sunday, 13 December 2020**.

Second Rite of Reconciliation for Advent: As Christmas approaches we will be having our Second Rite of Reconciliation at **St Emilie's** on **Tuesday, 22 December 2020 at 7.00 pm**.

Emilie's Parish RE Program Enrolments for 2021: The RE Program is now finished for 2020. We will be taking enrolments again for 2021 in late January and early February all being well. Families who have already been enrolled will be notified of the dates etc. and it will also be published in the St Emilie's Sunday Bulletin. Enquiries to **Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900 or email lharkins@iinet.net.au**.



Pope Francis proclaims Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph Tuesday in honour of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The year begins 8 December 2020, and concludes on 8 December 2021, according to a decree authorized by the pope. The decree said that Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."



Adoration at St Emilie's

The 9am Adoration and Benediction hour each Tuesday will be in recess between 22 December 2020 and 5 January 2021 inclusive. It will resume on Tuesday 12 January 2021. May we all share in the Lord's blessing for a very happy and holy Christmas and experience a safe and healthy New Year.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Christmas Carols at St Emilie's

Join us for our Parish Community Nativity Play and Christmas Carols sing-along in a relaxed and festive atmosphere after the

5.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 20 December 2020.

Please bring a plate to share.



Busy Bee at St Emilie's

To prepare for the Christmas festivities, we are going to have a **busy bee at St Emilie's** in the morning of **Saturday, 12 December 2020 starting at 7.00 am.** As many hands make light work I am calling on all of you to join in and make our church premises and grounds look neat and tidy for this Christmas. For more information, contact **Anthony Rankin on 0413 152 114.**

PARISH RENEWAL

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB has issued a call for everyone in the Archdiocese '*... to walk together on the pathway which we hope will*

deliver a Christ-centred, faithful, vibrant, welcoming, inclusive and mission orientated Church, one which will enrich our own lives and the lives of all whom we encounter and seek to serve" Our Archdiocese has a team that works for the strengthening and revitalising of our parishes, see their latest

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Personal Advocacy Service needs your HELP!!

Do you still have a valid driver's License and time to share your life experiences over a cuppa?

Personal Advocacy Service an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth provides support for people with varying degrees of intellectual disability to enable them to live more fully as active members of their local community. Grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, Personal Advocacy recognises the human dignity and spiritual worth of all persons, including those with disabilities. We believe that all persons are created by God to fulfil a unique mission on this earth and to bring their own special gifts into the lives of all they touch.

These may seem like very ordinary activities but some of this would not be possible for our friends without the extra help. If you are a caring person, have love of faith and enjoy meeting new people and have a sense of fun, come and join us. St Emilie's parish along with Fr. Jean-Noel MARIE is looking forward to a group starting here in your parish centre in 2021.

For each person with intellectual disability, an environment, conducive to growth may need to be initiated and supported by a close one-to-one relationship with another member of the community. Personal Advocacy is committed to offering appropriate motivation, training and support to ordinary members of the community, to enable them to take up the role of personal advocate.

As people with intellectual disability are assisted in achieving their rights to belong and grow, both within the local parish and wider communities, their contribution will enrich the lives (life) of the whole community.

If your New Year's resolution is to make a difference in someone's life, Personal Advocacy Service needs you.

The small group runs on 8 volunteers. We are in need more volunteers. If you would like more information about us, please Contact Fr. Jean-Noel Marie on **9256-9650** or email Jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au God Bless you all. Thank you for reading this notice.

Find out more about us from our website www.paswa.org.au

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