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15 December 2019

Third
Sunday of
Advent
Year A

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

First Reading: *A reading from Isaiah (35:1-6, 10)*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' The eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 121)

R. Lord, come and save us.

- It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**
- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R)**
- It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**

Second Reading: *A reading from the letter of St James (5:7-10)*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 Matthew (11:2-11)*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John, 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says, Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

Saturday, 14 December, 6:00pm

- For the souls of Sybil D'Monte, Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls

Sunday, 15 December, 7:15am

- Wedding Anniversary Blessing - Bibiana and John Rebelo

Sunday, 15 December, 9:00am

- For the soul of Frank Snell on the anniversary of his death

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

PASTORAL CORNER

The readings of the 3rd Sunday of Advent speak of being sent, of being full of the spirit of God, of responding to that spirit with action and joyful hearts. The psalm speaks of God as having done great things for us. It speaks of a merciful God who redresses the imbalance between rich and poor, advantaged and disadvantaged, the mighty and the lowly. The Gospel reading from Isaiah tells us how we are to respond to the coming of God into our lives. It is like a song of joy, a hymn of rejoicing. We have been called by our baptism and we in turn are to give the good news of God's message to whomever we meet. In our liturgy we sing of our thanks and praise as we stand redeemed by Jesus Christ. We are full to overflowing with hope. The waiting that is this Advent time reminds us that we are awaiting the day when Jesus will come again in glory.

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

Mass times for Christmas and New Year The Mass Times Calendars are now available at the door of the church. Please take a copy home and invite your friends and neighbours to our end of Year Liturgical celebrations.

Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Emilie's Our Second Rite of Reconciliation Celebration will now take place on **Tuesday 17 December at 7.00 pm.**

Parish Christmas Carols Nite on Saturday, 14th December: will take place in the **Hall** immediately **after the Vigil Mass.** *Please bring a plate to share. The Mass on that day will begin at 6.00 pm.* For more information please contact Lloyd Rego on 045 6635768.



Altar Server Training and Update: Current and new, will be held on Monday 16 December at 5:30pm in the church. If you cannot attend please contact David Hartley 92583226.

St Emilie's Parish RE Program Classes: The RE Program is now closed for 2019. Classes will resume on 11th 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.

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.

Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation The Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Legislation in Western Australia passed through State Parliament and was announced on Tuesday 10 December 2019. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's Response and the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Media Office Statement are now available on the Archdiocesan Website for your perusal. www.perthcatholic.org.au Copies of those Statements are available at the door of the church.

Busy bee at St Emilie's: To ensure our church grounds and premises are neat and tidy for Christmas, Fr Jean-Noel MARIE is calling for volunteers to assist with a general clean up on **Saturday 21 December starting at 7.00 am.**

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.

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.



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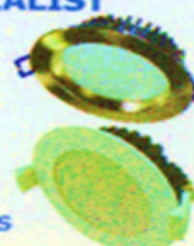


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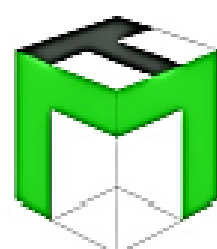
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