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**20 December 2020**

**Fourth Sunday  
of  
Advent  
Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the second book of Samuel (7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16)*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great, the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

**Responsorial Psalm:** *(Psalms 88)*

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

- I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**
- 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **(R)**
- He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **(R)**

**Second Reading:** *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans (16:25-27)*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:26-38)*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you,' the angel answered, 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible for God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary, 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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





## Pastoral Corner

The Gospel of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent speaks of an event in Mary's life that is very different from the ordinary. Mary's reaction to it was Joy, an emotion that is not commonly expressed these days, and her commitment is something else that is now rare. Her acceptance of the will of God for her provides an example of obedience that has inspired the lives of thousands of people down through the years. She is the perfect model of the perfect Christian.

Well might we draw an example for our own behaviour from that of the mother of Jesus. How often we question and worry away at something we are told to do; how often we argue against some decision that we dislike or that inconveniences us, unwilling just to accept and live with it. Mary's example is to do the opposite. Accept and live with whatever life gives. Can you do that?

## 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 and also your own chairs and rugs.**



**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.**

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We give thanks to Almighty God for all the benefits and graces that we received this year. 2020 has certainly been for all of us a year like no other. In the midst of the confusion and the discomfort generated by Covid-19 we have learnt to be more patient and more humble and more conscious of our limitations and the lack of control over our lives. We also discovered that we have strength that we never thought we had and the resourcefulness and creativity that can only flow from the Lord's providence and wisdom. We are therefore grateful for the security that we have enjoyed during those uncertain times. On that note I would like to wish you and your loved ones much joy, happiness and peace this Christmas and in the coming year.

*Fr. Jean-Noël MARIE PP*

### 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.**







## **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 Emile'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](http://www.paswa.org.au)

### **CHRISTMAS CALENDAR 2020**

#### **Sunday 20 December**

- \* Parish Christmas Carols after the 5pm Mass. BYO plate to share; BYO chairs/rugs

#### **Tuesday 22 December**

- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm with individual Confession

#### **Thursday 24 December**

- \* Mass at 6.00pm (Carols at 5.30pm), Midnight Mass (Carols at 11.30pm)

#### **Friday 25 December**

- \* Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am (Carols at 9.00am)

#### **NO 5.00 pm Mass**

#### **Saturday 26 December**

- \* Mass at 6.30pm

#### **Sunday 27 December**

- \* Mass at 7.30am, 9.30am, & 5.00pm

#### **Thursday 31 December**

- \* New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving at 6.00pm

#### **Friday 1 January 2021**

- \* Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- Mass at 9.00am

#### **No 6.00 pm Mass**



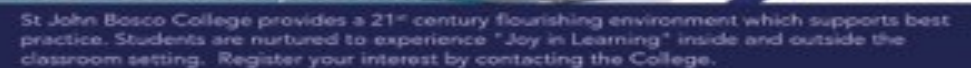
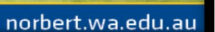
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