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21 February 2021

1st Sunday of
Lent

Year B

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading: *A reading from the book of Genesis (9:8-15)*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. 'When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 24)

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

- Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R)
- Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R)
- The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path: he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

Second Reading: *A reading from the first letter of St Peter (3:18-22)*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels of the Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory ! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (1:12-15)*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

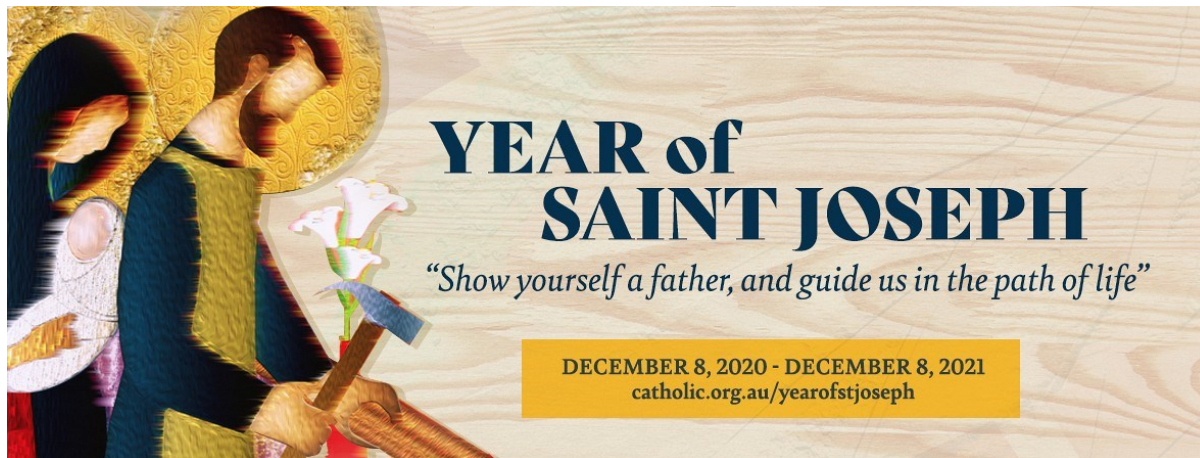
Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Pastoral Corner

Our universe, and more especially, our world has death, resurrection and renewal at its very core, continuous change is a part of its nature. Lent, if you like, is a celebration of change, of turning back, of renewing and reviewing, of turning over a new leaf. It is a time to turn away from our idols, our preoccupations, our crutches, anything that we have become accustomed to using as props and supports and turn back to God. Even the pursuit of knowledge and learning can be a distraction.

Practice acts of charity on yourself this lent, reign in the excesses you allow yourself, and begin to take account of your spiritual life.

This week talk to someone about where you are at spiritually. Make this a regular part of you spiritual housekeeping, so find a spiritual friend you can rely on.



<https://catholic.org.au/images/Year of St Joseph Prayer Card.pdf>

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

O dearest St. Joseph,
I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee,
that thou mayest always be my father, my protector,
and my guide in the way of salvation.
Obtain for me a great purity of heart
and a fervent love of the interior life.
After thine example,
may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God,
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!
And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me
that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death.
Amen

Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, immediately after the 6.00 pm Mass. All are welcome

Rite of Sending [RCIA]

On this First Sunday of Lent with the Rite of Sending let us continue to support with our prayers our 5 Catechumens (*Jerry, Andrew, Nestor Sr, Nestor Jnr & Rifai*) who are now ready to undertake the Lenten journey to Easter when they will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and also our 3 Baptised Christians (*Rebecca, Rael & Shane*) who are joining us on this Lenten journey with a view to being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. This coming Thursday 25 February they will be presented to the Archbishop during the Archdiocesan Rite of Election to be held at St Mary's Cathedral. Let us keep them in our prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Congratulations

Birthday Blessings and Congratulations to Fr. Victor our Assistant Priest, as he celebrates his 47th Birthday on 27th February. May the Lord continue to bless him with much joy and peace.

A note of appreciation



On behalf of the whole Parish I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs Philomena Yong-Too who has recently retired from her role as Director of the St Emile's Choir. For many years right from the genesis of this wonderful Parish Philomena has been directing the St Emile's Choir and in the process has inspired so many with her professionalism and passion for liturgical music. I would like to wish Philomena a very happy and peaceful retirement and every blessing as she embarks upon a new and exciting chapter in her life. *Fr. Jean-Noël MARIE PP*

2021 World Day of Prayer

The service this year is being hosted by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 190 Nicholson Road, Canning Vale (opposite Livingston Shopping Centre).

Christians from other Churches in our area will be coming together to celebrate this non-denominational service. The service this year has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Vanuatu and the theme is '**Build on a Strong Foundation**'. St Emile's community have been part of this service for many years and we invite all parishioners to come along on **Friday, 5th March at 7.30pm** to join together in worship. A light supper will be served afterwards.

Any queries, please contact Veronica Stratton 0423 644 800 robnron@optusnet.com.au or Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900 lharkins@iinet.net.au



First Sunday of Lent
21st February 2021



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

St Emile's Parish Sacramental Program Enrolments for 2021

A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the **Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation this year**. You are required to fill out a Sacramental Enrolment Form for your child and these are now available in the church foyer for parents to enrol their children in the Sacramental Program. This applies to children at St Emile's Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program After School Classes.

St Emile's Parish RE Program Classes are now running on Tuesdays from 4 - 5pm. However, we are still accepting enrolments. Just bring your children on a Tuesdays at 3.45 pm, and we can complete their enrolment then. Class Fees apply, with extra fees for Sacraments and we can only process cash. New families enrolling need to bring a copy of their Child's Baptismal Certificate. Enquiries to Lyn Harkins at email lharkins@iinet.net.au or phone 0404 325 900

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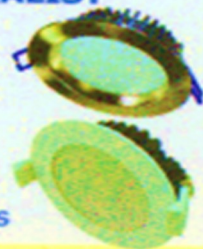
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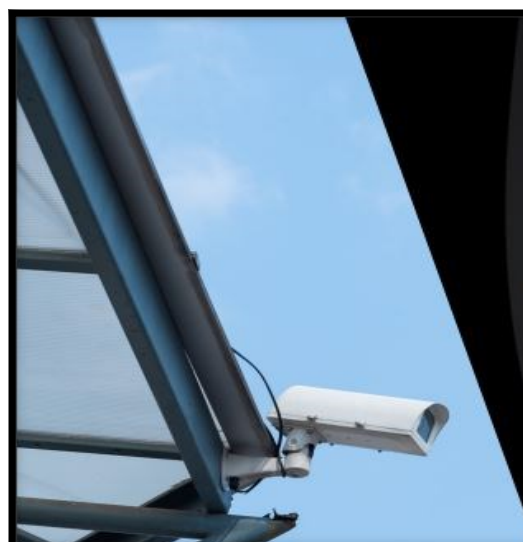


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