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22 March 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of  
Lent

Year A

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the book of Samuel (16:1, 6-7, 10-13)*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord, said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps. 22)

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R)
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R)
- You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R)

**Second Reading:** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-14)*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of the life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (9:1-41)*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He made a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God; he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

**Memorial Acclamation:** When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed I saw and I believed in God.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Wednesday, 25 March 2020, 6:00pm**

- For the soul of Nobel Fuller on the anniversary of his death. (The Mass will be said in private).

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

## PASTORAL CORNER

It is hard to believe that damaged people might prefer the security of their familiar afflictions to the opportunity to walk in fullness of health. Yet courage is often needed to respond to Jesus' invitation to wholeness as happens in today's Gospel. We can choose like Pharisees, to be closed to seeing God work in ways outside our own expectations. Have you had an experience of having your eyes opened, of seeing or coming to understand some new insight? What do you see now that you didn't see before? As you reflect on your areas of 'spiritual blindness', can you identify any blocks to your faith? What signs of God are visible in your life?

During this week become aware of bringing light to those people who cross your path every day. Maybe you might bring some insight to someone else.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, at 8am)

**Adoration & Rosary:** Tue: 9 - 10am

**Legion Of Mary:** Every Wed after Morning Mass

### An Extract from the Pastoral Letter

**(For full version please see our notice board or visit <http://www.perthcatholic.org.au>)**

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

The decision I have taken, reluctantly and deeply conscious of its gravity, to temporarily suspend all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Perth, is based on my deep conviction that as a Christian community we must act in the best interests of all the members of our society. The government has directed that, at least as I write this letter, all indoor gatherings of more than 100 people must be cancelled. When less than 100 people gather, they must practice "social distancing". These measures are designed to slow down the transmission of COVID-19. While the decision to temporarily suspend all public Masses goes beyond the strict requirements of the government as they presently stand, I have judged that, in order to fully respect the intention of the government in issuing these directives, we as a Catholic community can best express our commitment to the well-being of everyone in our community by taking the action that I have.

I know that this decision will cause great distress to some, and perhaps many, of you. I want to assure you that I did not make this decision lightly. The Mass is at the heart of our lives as Catholics.

Even though we cannot gather at the moment to celebrate Mass together we are not deprived of the presence of the Lord. We know that he is with us, closer to us than we are to ourselves.

The present decisions I have announced will be reviewed within two weeks and will be confirmed, modified or cancelled at that time. However, we must prepare ourselves for the very real possibility that we will not be able to celebrate the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week and Easter in the Cathedral and in our parish churches this year. We have a duty to remain responsive to the advice and directives of our government and our public health officials. As both Catholics and citizens we wish to be responsible and cooperative members within our society.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift we have. With this in mind I have asked our priests to keep our churches open for private prayer where possible, and to organise times of Eucharistic Adoration. As long as only small groups gather, and maintain a safe distance from each other, this will be an ongoing possibility for us and a source of strength and comfort for many.

Although public Masses are suspended for the time being our priests are still ready and willing to be at your service. In cases of emergency, especially as regards to the Sacrament of the Sick for those in danger of death, please do not hesitate to contact your local parish. There you will also be able to enquire about opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance. And you can be sure that our priests will continue to celebrate Mass in private for all their people.

Because of the decision I have made I wish to make it clear that the normal "Sunday Obligation" to attend Mass on either Saturday evening or Sunday does not apply to anyone at this time, except our priests. But we are still called to "keep the Sabbath Day holy". Just as we are free to determine how we make each Friday of the year a day of penance, so in this time of crisis we are free to decide how we, in our particular situations, will observe the "day of rest and prayer".

We are a people of faith and hope. We know the Lord is with us. Let us recognise the presence of Jesus in all the different ways in which he steps into our lives. And most of all let us keep praying for each other, for those who have died, and for those who are selflessly putting themselves at the service of our community at this challenging time.

**Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB DD - Archbishop of Perth**

**Stations of the Cross:** suspended until further notice.

**2020 St Emilie's Parish RE Program Classes:** which normally take place on **Tuesdays**, have been **temporarily suspended** until further notice due to the **Corona Virus emergency**. The classes will be reviewed again when Term 2 is due to resume and a decision will be made then regarding classes starting again or having to continue to be suspended for a longer period. For those children preparing for Sacraments, plans are currently being discussed on ways that children may still be able to make their Sacraments, and you will be informed in due course about how we will do that.

**2020 St Emilie's Parish Sacramental Program Enrolments:** Enrolment Forms are still available in the church foyer for parents to enrol their children for their Sacrament. This applies to children at St Emilie's Catholic Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program After School Classes.

***For enquiries on any of the Programs above, please contact Lyn Harkins on 0404325900 or email [lharkins@iinet.net.au](mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au).***

**St Emilie's Catholic Primary School Kindy Enrolments 2021 & Places Available:** If you have a child who will be going into Kindy next year (born between 1/7/2016 - 30/06/2017), **interviews for Kindy 2021 places will be held in May this year**. Some places available in a couple of other year groups as well. Contact **school office** for more details on **9256 9696**.

**Burswood Outing:** Please be advised that our trip to the Burswood on **30<sup>th</sup> March 2020** has been cancelled due to the **Corona Virus**. We will keep you updated as to when we will resume our outings. God Bless you all and keep safe and well.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**



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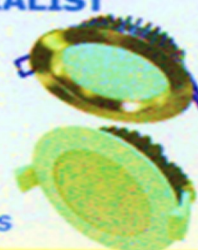
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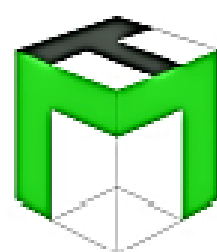
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