

# St. Emilie de Vialar Catholic Church

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Year A

23 February 2020

7th Sunday In

**Ordinary Time** 

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

#### First Reading: A reading from the book of Leviticus (19:1-2, 17-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." 'You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

# Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 102) R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

- My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)
- It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
- The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)
- As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R)

# Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (3:16-23)

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, is perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:38-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. 'On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. 'For if you safe your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

<u>Communion Antiphon</u>: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday 22 February 2020, 6:30pm

#### **Sunday 23 February 2020, 7:15am**

- For the souls of Huynh Thi My, Le Phu Cuong, Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls.
- Birthday Blessings for Bibiana Rebelo.

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

### **PASTORAL CORNER**

In the heat of the moment, it is so difficult to choose not to answer back, not to repay the first insult with worse, not to raise a fist in protest. How much easier it is at times to end a friendship rather than persevere in healing the "injuries" inflicted on each other. And how hard it is to admit our own fault, to take responsibility for our own hasty words, thoughtless actions or the things we have failed to do! All the more reason to learn and practice creative, respectful and non-violent ways to respond to people and situations.

Peace begins with you. It spreads to your family and friends. It becomes yeast in your community. It has the capacity to transform the world. This brings us back to the first reading - and the call to embrace holiness and love. Our likeness to God, in whose image and likeness we are made, is determined by the way we relate to others. How do you relate to others? Is there room for improvement?

#### 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

**<u>Legion Of Mary:</u>** Every Wed after Morning Mass

**Stations of the Cross:** Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross **every Friday during Lent** immediately after the 6pm Mass.

**Ash Wednesday Masses**: There will be a School Mass at 9am to which ALL are welcome and the usual Mass in the evening at 6.00 pm.

**Rite of Election:** 

WHEN Thursday 5th March 2020 WHERE St Mary's Cathedral

**TIME** 7.30pm

The Rite of Election is a defining Liturgical Rite of the RCIA process. The Church makes its 'election' of those Catechumens who are preparing to take part in the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. It also welcomes Baptised candidates who have already been chosen (elected) and now are publicly stating their readiness to receive the Sacraments at Easter.

Your presence is significant as it will offer the catechumens and candidates and those who have journeyed with them, your reassurance and the support of the whole parish community.

**2020 St Emilie's Parish RE Program Classes** are now running on Tuesdays, from 4pm -5pm at St Emilie's. Though the classes have started you are still welcome to enrol your children. Just being them along and we can get them started. Fees are \$25 per child or \$35 for two or more children with an additional fee for Sacraments. Cash or cheque only. All stationary & resources are supplied. For newly enrolled children we require a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. Enquiries Lyn Harkins on 0404 325 900 or email lharkins@iinet.net .au.

**Burswood Outing on Monday 24/02/2020**: All parishioners who would like to come along, should please register their interest with Mary at the Piety stall or phone Des Lewis on 0422 340 574. Cost is \$10 P/P. Please be at the church grounds at 9.45 am.



Project Compassion Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020



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St Emilie's Parish 2020 Sacramental Program Enrolments: A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation, Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion or Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020, Enrolment Forms are available in the church foyer for parents to enrol their children in the Sacramental Program. This applies to children at St Emilie's Catholic Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program After School Classes. Enquiries to Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900 or email 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. We also have some places available in a couple of other year groups as well. Please contact the school office for more details on 9256 9696.

**Altar Servers** - Current and new, update and training will be held on Monday 24 February - 5:00 - 6:00pm in the church. If you cannot attend please contact David Hartley on 92583226.





#### World Day of Prayer Service Friday 6th March, 7.30pm at St Emilie's

This year we are hosting the World Day of Prayer in our region. Please come and join with Christians from other Churches who will be coming together at St Emilie's to celebrate this non-denominational service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe

#### "Rise! Take your Mat and walk!"

We invite the African members of our community to come wearing your wonderful colourful clothing to add to the event. A light supper will be served afterwards, and if you're able, we would love you to bring along a plate of finger food.

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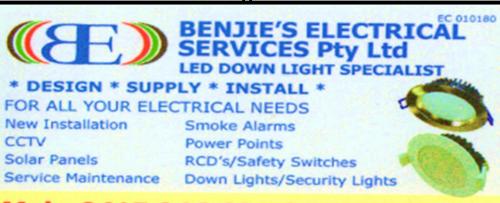
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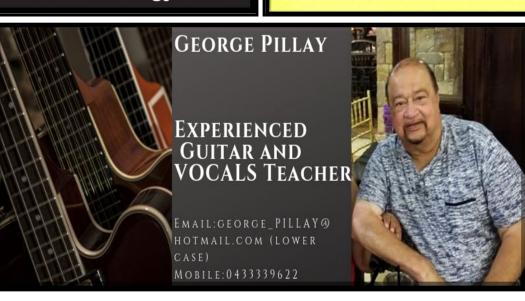
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