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24 March 2019

3rd Sunday
of
Lent
Year A

First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus (17:3-7)

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 94)

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- *Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R)*
- *Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R)*
- *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R)*

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (5:1-2, 5-8)

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory and Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (4:5-42)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered, 'and the well is deep, how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again; the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



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Saturday, 23 March, 6:30pm

- For the soul of Joseph Pham & all abandoned souls.

Sunday, 24 March, 7:15am

- For the souls of Fuller, Watts, Rowland and Woods Family.

Sunday, 24 March, 9:00am

- For the speedy recovery of Jason Faulkner from his illness.

Sunday, 24 March, 5:00pm

- For the soul of Nobel Fuller on the anniversary of his death (25 March).
- For the soul of Albert Mendes on the 6th Anniversary of his death.

Wednesday, 27 March, 9:00 am

- For the soul of Doreen Wong (100 days after her death).

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

PASTORAL CORNER

The Gospel reading of today is a masterpiece. The dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is lively and forthright, finishing with Samaritan woman becoming his disciple, going away to tell others of her encounter and the living water being offered to all.

Living water is a dominant image in the 1st reading and the Gospel. Without food we can live for weeks. Without water we die in days. Water is life, purification, cleanliness, peace, economic prosperity or ruin. It is indeed a powerful symbol.

This week reflect on the symbol, and how the living water of Jesus touches your life. Then think about others in your life you who would benefit from the living water of Jesus and spread the good news.

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

Our Lenten Journey:

Lent is a blessed and joyful time when we prepare our hearts to fully receive the Risen Christ at Easter.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent after 6pm Mass.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): On this Third Sunday of Lent, we will all reflect on the Readings of Year A which are more appropriate for our Elect (Catechumens & Candidate) as they prepare for Baptism and reception into the Catholic Church this coming Easter. During the 9.00 am Mass we will have the First Scrutiny and the purpose of these prayers is to assist the Elect in looking deeper into themselves to root out the last lingering effects of sin in their lives, to assist and strengthen their full conversion, and specifically to resist the influence of the evil one who often assails those who are about to enter the Church.

Why do we go for Confession before Easter? Lent is a time for repentance and conversion of heart through fasting, almsgiving and prayer as we prepare for a renewal of our own baptismal promises at the Easter celebrations. Confession is an opportunity to examine our conscience and, with the Priest, confess our grave sins and be reconciled with God and with one another. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at St Emilie's before each Mass.

Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Emilie's on Tuesday, 9 April at 7 pm. There will be several Priests to hear your confession. This would be a blessed way to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.

Note from Fr. Chien: I would like to share my good news with my parishioners. I have now been placed on the kidney transplant list and I could be called anytime. I have since met with the Archbishop and he has granted me extended leave and would like me to concentrate on my health. I thank God for His faithfulness and for all of your prayers. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I keep you all in mine.
Thankyou and God Bless. Fr. Chien

Burswood Outing on Monday 25 March: Please register your 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 **9.45am**; Return approximately **3 pm**.

St Emilie's 2019 RE Program After School Classes: Refer to notice board for further details.

Youth Ministry: Information about the Youth Ministry and their current activities are in the foyer. For more info, email **youthstemilies@gmail.com**, or contact Christian (0413894535) for Young Adults (18+) or Lauren (0414998043) for Teens (12 - 17).

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2019

Tuesday, 16 April 2019

Chism Mass – 7.00pm at the Cathedral

★ Please note **No 6.00 pm Mass at St Emilie's.**



Holy Thursday, 18 April 2019

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm

★ Adoration at the Altar of Repose will be until midnight.

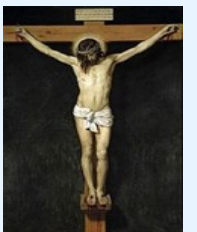


Good Friday, 19 April 2019

✠ Stations of the Cross at 10.00am - Church grounds

✠ Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord at 3.00pm

There will be **one** collection for the Holy Places.



Saturday, 20 April 2019

Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at 8.00pm

★ We start *outside*, following "The Light of Christ" into the darkened Church ...



Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019

Masses at 7.15am and 9.00am

★ Please note there will be **No 5.00pm Mass.**

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**Third Sunday of Lent
24th March 2019**

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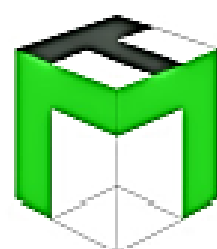
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