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29 March 2020

5th Sunday Of
Lent

Year A

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: *A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37: 12-14)*

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 129)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

- Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R)
- If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R)
- My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord). (R)
- Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R)

Second Reading: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:1-45)*

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him, Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you. 'Your brother', said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who has to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb; it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, But I speak for the sake of all these who stand around me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord .

MASS INTENTIONS

**All the Masses that our Priests are celebrating in private are being offered "pro populo"
- for the intentions of the people of God.**

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

PASTORAL CORNER

The Gospel this week tells of Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Of all the amazing miracles that he performed in his ministry this is surely the greatest. It is the one that cemented the enmity of the Jewish leaders against him. It is ironic that, by demonstrating that he is the source of life he seals his death sentence. Often, for ourselves, it is the challenges of life that offer us the most potent growing experiences. Can you think of any 'death' experiences that have led to some sort of transformation or 'new life' for you? Just as strips of burial cloth bound Lazarus, often our life experiences leave us tied and knotted up. What areas of your life need to be unbound? What aspects of your true self have you buried during your life? How might Jesus help resurrect there? Who are the life-giving people in your life? Try to be 'life-giving' to others this week with positive affirmation.

Discovering the Beauty of the Liturgy of the Hours (The Divine Office): At a time when our people are unable to participate fully in the public celebration of Church Liturgies especially the Holy Eucharist, now is the time to discover or rediscover the beauty of the Liturgy of the Hours also known as the Divine Office or the Breviary. The Divine Office is the Prayer of the whole people of God. When we pray the Divine Office we are learning to pray as Christ did. Just like the Mass the Divine Office is the Prayer of Jesus to the Father and when we pray the Divine Office we are praying with Jesus to the Father. The purpose of the Divine Office is to nourish the spiritual life of the people of God (Clergy & Laity alike). The Divine Office teaches us to pour out our heart to God especially at a time of great turmoil and confusion and insecurity for all of us. The Divine Office is a real treasure and can be accessed Online.

During this time of uncertainty and crisis I urge you all to pray this Psalm often. This Psalm is prayed on Sunday Evenings as part of the Divine Office by the entire people of God (Clergy and Laity)

Compline (Night Prayer)

Psalm 90 (91)

The protection of the Most High

He will conceal you with his wings; you will not fear the terror of the night.

He who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells under the shade of the Almighty.

He will say to the Lord:

**"You are my shelter and my strength,
my God, in whom I trust."**

**For he will free you from the hunter's snare,
from the voice of the slanderer.**

**He will shade you with his wings,
you will hide underneath his wings.**

His faithfulness will be your armour and your shield.

**You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
nor the plague that walks in the shadows,
nor the death that lays waste at noon.**

**A thousand will fall at your side,
at your right hand ten thousand will fall,
but you it will never come near.**

**You will look with your eyes
and see the reward of sinners.**

**For the Lord is your shelter and refuge;
you have made the Most High your dwelling-place.**

**Evil will not reach you,
harm cannot approach your tent;
for he has set his angels to guard you
and keep you safe in all your ways.
They will carry you in their arms
in case you hurt your foot on a stone.**

**You walk on the viper and cobra,
you will tread on the lion and the serpent.**

Because he clung to me, I shall free him:

I shall lift him up because he knows my name.

He will call upon me and for my part, I will hear him:

I am with him in his time of trouble.

I shall rescue him and lead him to glory.

**I shall fill him with length of days
and show him my salvation.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

Prot. N. 154/20

DECREE In time of Covid-19 (II)

1 - **Palm Sunday.** The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated within sacred buildings; in Cathedral churches the second form given in the Roman Missal is to be adopted (without the presence of the people); in parish churches and in other places the third form is to be used.

2 - **The Chrism Mass.** Evaluating the concrete situation in different countries, the Episcopal Conferences will be able to give indications about a possible transfer to another date.

3 - **Holy Thursday.** The washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the procession is also omitted and the Blessed Sacrament is to be kept in the tabernacle. On this day the faculty to celebrate Mass in a suitable place, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all priests.

4 - **Good Friday.** In the Universal Prayer, Bishops will arrange to have a special intention prepared for those who find themselves in distress, the sick, the dead, (cf. Missale Romanum). The adoration of the Cross by kissing it shall be limited solely to the celebrant.

5 - **The Easter Vigil:** Is to be celebrated only in Cathedral and parish churches (without the presence of the people). For the "Baptismal Liturgy" only the "Renewal of Baptismal Promises" is maintained (cf. Missale Romanum).

From the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 25 March 2020, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Robert Card. Sarah, Prefect

Arthur Roche, Archbishop Secretary



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
29th March 2020**



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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 further enquiries, please contact Lyn Harkins on 0404325900 or email lharkins@iinet.net.au.**

St Emilie's Catholic Primary School Kindy Enrolments 2021 & Places Available: Interviews for Kindy 2021 places (born between 1/7/2016 - 30/06/2017) will be held in May 2020. Some places available in a couple of other year groups as well. Contact school office for more details on 9256 9696.

Burswood Outing on 30th March 2020: has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus. God Bless you all and keep safe and well.

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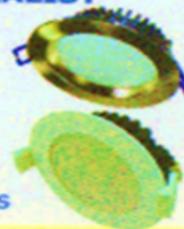
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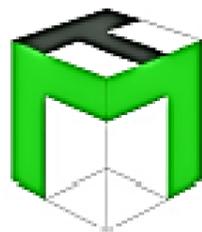
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