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31 January 2021

4th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

Year B

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (18:15-20)*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die", and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

**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 kneel 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 first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (7:32-35)*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (1:221-28)*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people was so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

**Memorial Acclamation:** Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## **Pastoral Corner**

In an age where self-fulfilment, self-motivation, self-assertiveness, self-development are all catch-cries, as Christians we are called upon to base our lives on a far greater authority than simply our own self-made wisdom and leadership. It is from God and God alone that our lives take their direction. Today's first reading describes this authority as the word and laws of God passed down through the prophets. In the Gospel it is seen as the authority given Jesus over sin and evil. Mark reveals to us the enormous impression that Jesus made on the everyday lives of the people. Against the background of the ordinary routine Sabbath day temple activities someone possessed by "an evil spirit" began shouting at Jesus accusing him and calling him "God's Holy One" and we know the rest of the story. What a shock to the lives of the complacent, the ordinary: here was someone said to be from God who spoke with amazing authority and had power over evil spirits. Isn't it the same news that we have, through our baptism, been commissioned to spread?

Reflect on how you are going about it, and is it as vital and life changing now as it was then?

## **The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

On **Tuesday 2 February** we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and according to tradition there will be a solemn blessing of Candles at the beginning of the 6 pm Mass. If you wish to have your candles blessed, please bring them with you for the blessing.

## **Ash Wednesday**

This year Ash Wednesday falls on 17 February 2021. To prepare the ashes, if you still have your blessed palms from previous years please bring them to the church by **Sunday 7 February** and leave them in the church entrance.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

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



**VINES OF ST EMILIE:** Just a gentle reminder that our Seniors group will reopen on Tuesday 2 February at the 'small hall' from 10am to 1pm. Rosary and Adoration as usual in church from 9am to 10am. We would appreciate if you are not able to attend to inform us for catering purposes. Transport could be arranged for those needing it, please let us know in advance.

New members are most welcome, we meet on every first Tuesday of the month, for more details please ring Mary on 93932128 or at the Piety stall.

**2022 Iona Presentation College Scholarships:** Iona Presentation College is proud to offer Academic and Music scholarships for Year 7 and Year 10, 2022. Applications are now open, and close on Friday 26 February. For more information and details on how to apply, please go to [www.iona.wa.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au/scholarships)

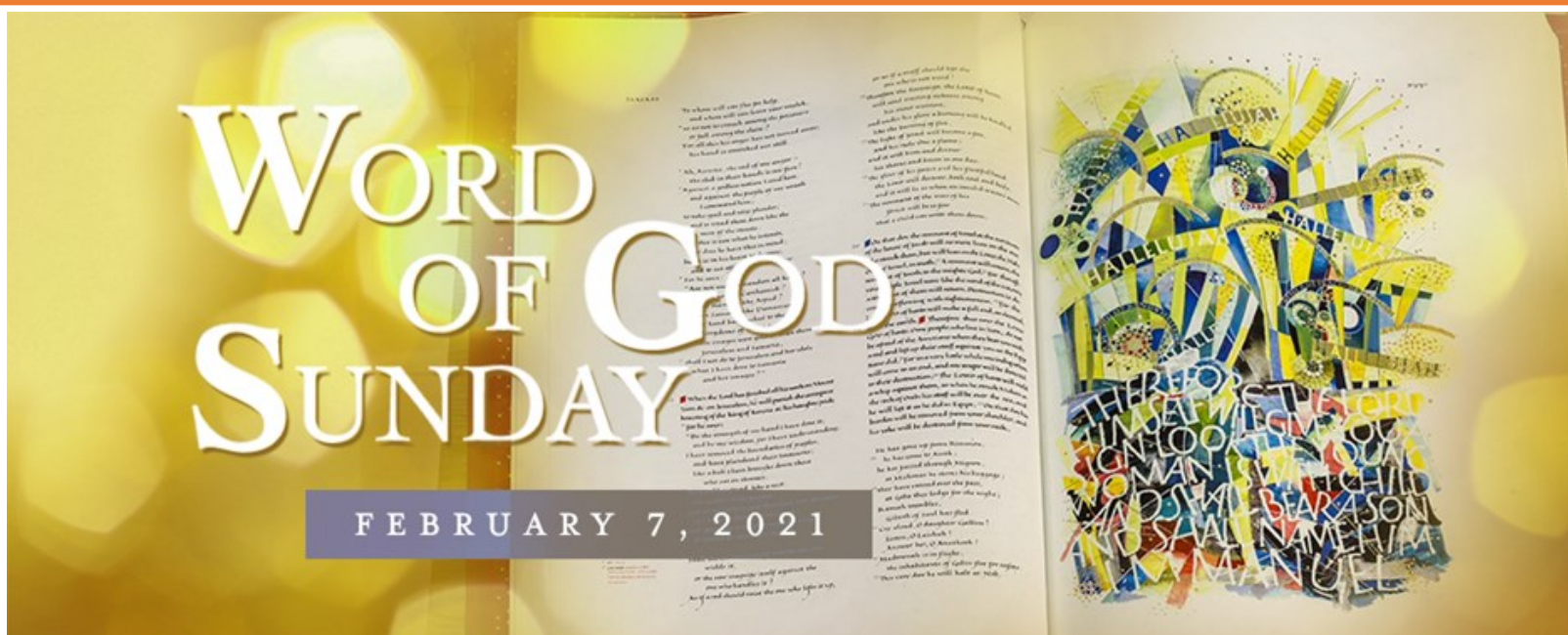
### **St Emilie's Parish RE Program Start Date for classes and Enrolment Dates**

The Re Program Classes will begin the 2nd week of Term on Tuesday 9th February. We will be taking further enrolments at the church for the classes on the following dates: Tuesday 2nd February & Wednesday 3rd February between 2.30 & 5pm. The Parish classes cover children from Year 1 to Year 6 for formation and for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. Enquiries to Lyn Harkins at email [lharkins@iinet.net.au](mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au) or phone 0404 325

### **St Emilie's Parish Sacramental Program Enrolments for 2021**

A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the **Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Emilie's Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program After School Classes.

**Commitment Masses:** Children making Sacraments are also expected to attend a Commitment Mass and the dates for the Masses are on the Notice Board. No need to register which Mass you are attending, just come along and there will be a Register in the church foyer where your child's attendance will be noted. You can bring your child's Sacramental Form to a Commitment Mass too. For enquiries phone 0404 325 900, or email [lharkins@iinet.net.au](mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au).





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