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31 March 2019
4th Sunday
of
Lent
Year A

#### First Reading: A reading from the first 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 & 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.

<u>Gospel Acclamation:</u> 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 saked 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.



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#### Saturday, 30 March, 6:30pm

- Thanksgiving for healing.
- For the souls of Joseph Pham, Le Phu Cuong, Huynh Thi My & all abandoned souls.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 31 March, 9:00am
For the soul of Raymonde Marina on the 1st anniversary of her death.

#### Sunday, 31 March, 5:00pm

#### Sunday, 31 March, 7:15am

• For the soul of Fr. Joseph Tran recently deceased.

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

#### **PASTORAL CORNER**

In the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent, the Gospel tells of Jesus healing the blind man. There are fascinating aspects to this story such as using saliva and mud, to the reactions and confrontation by the Pharisees who suffer blindness of another kind and, who are not seen in a positive light. Their rancour is in sharp contrast to the blind man's simple faith.

Jesus tells the blind man that his faith has healed him. How much do you rely on faith in your everyday life? In times of trial who do you turn to automatically? This week reflect on ways you can exercise faith and give encouragement and support to those around you who may need an example of someone else's faith to find their own.

#### 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**:

4th Sunday of Lent - LAETARE Sunday: The colour Rose is used on two days of the Liturgical year: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, when it replaces the violet. This signifies the half-way point in these penitential seasons and a relaxation in the preparatory fast as we eagerly anticipate the Joy of the Resurrection!

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): On this Fourth 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 Second 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.

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

<u>Piety Stall:</u> Battery operated candles for the Easter vigil are now on sale at \$2.50 each.

<u>Vines of St Emilie - Tuesday, 2 April</u>: We have invited <u>Louisa Moore</u> to talk about <u>St Mary MacKillop</u>, <u>our first Australian Saint</u>. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance. Transport can be arranged on request. For further enquiries, please contact <u>Mary on 93932128 or Priscilla on 92563298</u>.

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

<u>Youth Ministry</u>: 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

Chrism 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
- 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.



# Fourth Sunday of Lent 31st March 2019



Michaela is a 21 year old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

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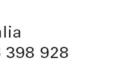


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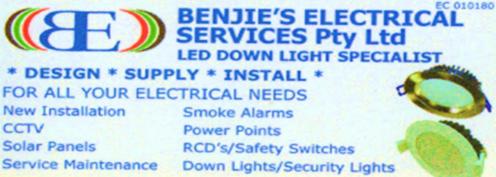
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