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7 March 2021

3rd Sunday of
Lent

Year A

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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. 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.'

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

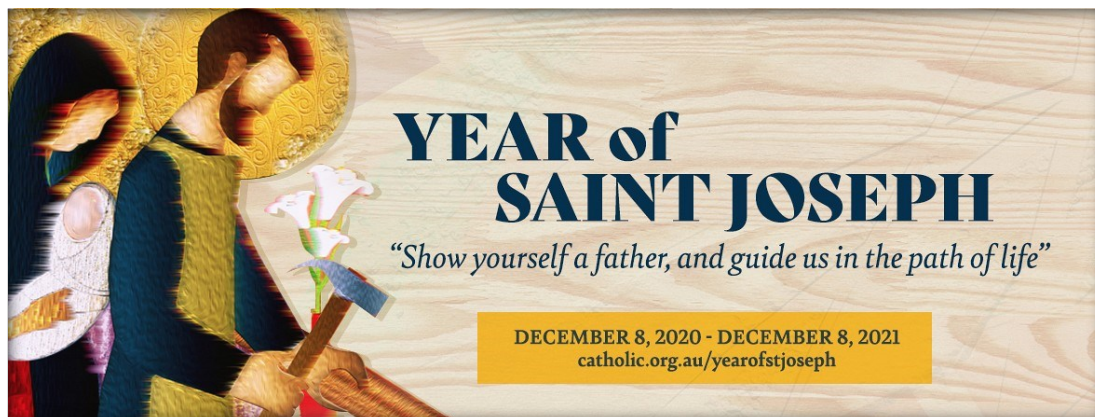
Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PASTORAL CORNER

In this week's Gospel, when Jesus is thirsty, he asks a Samaritan woman for some water. Because the Jews and the Samaritans had a long-standing hatred this was a very significant encounter. However, what we are really hearing about is this woman's thirst for spiritual satisfaction, and her journey in faith towards God.

Her amusement at Jesus' comments and the banter that develops in the dialogue is typical of the times but leads to a deeper conviction of spiritual truth, and eventually to the woman's powerful testimony which leads so many to Jesus. When have you experienced a personal invitation to faith? Was it at a time when you were thirsting for God? Reflect on who assisted you on your faith journey at this time?

This week look for others around you who might be thirsty for company or are feeling excluded by society and reach out to them with love and compassion.



<https://catholic.org.au/images/Year of St Joseph Prayer Card.pdf>

MORNING TEA



To express our appreciation and gratitude to **Philomena Yong-Too** who has recently retired from her role as Director of the St Emile's Choir and for her many years of devoted service to our Parish we are going to have a Morning Tea in the small Hall immediately after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday, 7 March 2021. Please bring some finger foods, cakes and sandwiches to share. With much gratitude.

Fr. Jean-Noël MARIE PP

HOUR OF GRACE



Once again Jesus Youth Australia is inviting all of us to participate in Hours of Grace Eucharistic Adoration in the time before Pentecost 2021. We have so much to ask of the Lord in humble and silent adoration especially during these uncertain times.

The Blessed Sacrament will therefore be exposed for silent adoration and silent prayer at St Emile's on Wednesday, 10 March from 11.00 am until 7.00 pm including Mass starting at 6.00 pm.

All are welcome. Kindly put your names on the Roster available in the church foyer. For further information contact **Ebin on 0451149084**.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Fr. Victor, our Assistant Priest**, as he celebrates the **8th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Monday, 8 March 2021**. Ad multos Annos!

ST EMILIE's PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the **Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation, 1st 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.

ST EMILIE'S PARISH RE PROGRAM CLASSES

Are now running on **Tuesdays from 4 - 5pm**. However, we are still accepting enrolments. Just bring your children on a Tuesdays at 3.45 pm, and we can complete their enrolment then. Class Fees apply, with extra fees for Sacraments and we can only process cash. New families enrolling need to bring a copy of their Child's Baptismal Certificate. **Enquiries to Lyn Harkins at email lharkins@iinet.net.au or phone 0404 325 900.**

ALTAR SERVERS 2021

If you are already an Altar Server at St Emilie's please complete a **"Recommitment Form"**. If you would like to join us as a new Altar Server for the first time, please complete an Application Form. For any further information, please contact **David Hartley on 08 9258 3226**.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This is to remind all parishioners **not to** leave any items in the church but to either contact a member of SVDP, Roselle at the Parish Office or take them directly to the SVDP Shop. Thank you.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7th MARCH 2021



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva gain access to education to build a brighter future & live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

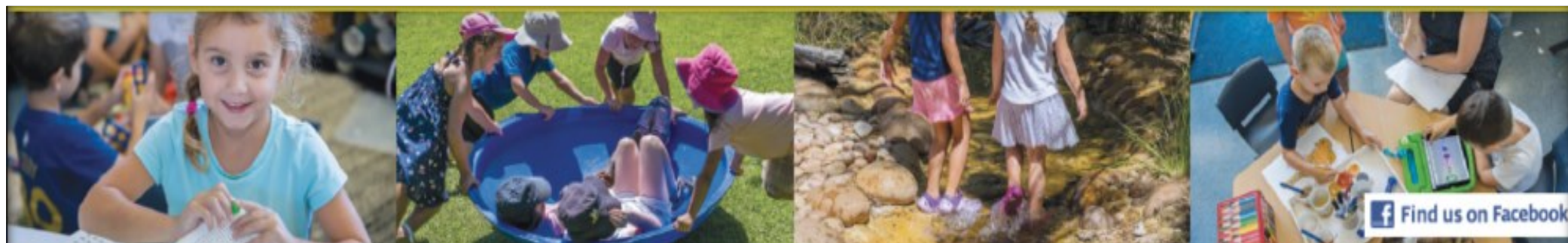
You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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KINDY ENROLMENTS 2022

If you have a child who will be going into Kindy next year (born between 1/7/2017 - 30/06/2018), please ensure you have submitted an Application for Enrolment form to the Office **by Thursday, 1st April**. Interviews for Kindy 2022 places will be held in early Term 2 of this year. Letters regarding the interview process will be sent out later this Term. An Application for Enrolment can be collected from the Front Office or by going to the school website: http://web.stemiliescps.wa.edu.au/?page_id=81



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