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15 March 2020 3nd 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 14 March 2020, 6:30pm

For the soul of Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls.

Sunday, 15 March 2020, 7:15am

- Birthday Blessings for Racel Dayandante.
- Birthday Thanksgiving for Ceceilia, Su Su and Teresa.
- For the souls of Lasi and Jangma family.

• Thanksgiving Mass - 45 years of Marriage - Alfred & Theresa Roberts.

Sunday, 15 March 2020, 9:00am

- Thanksgiving Mass for Heidi Andrews and Errol Fernandes.

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

PASTORAL CORNER

In this weeks 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.

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

<u>Legion Of Mary:</u> Every Wed after Morning Mass

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

2020 St Emilie's Parish RE Program Classes on Tuesdays, 4 -**5pm at St Emilie's:** Though the classes have started you are still welcome to enrol your children. Fees are \$25 per child or \$35 for two or more children with an additional fee for Sacraments. Cash or cheque only. For newly enrolled children, we require a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

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 enquiries on any of the Programs above, please contact Lyn Harkins on 0404325900 or email lharkins@iinet.net.au.

St Emilie's Catholic Primary School Kindy Enrolments 2021 & Places Available: If you have a child who will be going into Kindy next year (born between 1/7/2016 - 30/06/2017), interviews for Kindy 2021 places will be held in May this **year**. Some places available in a couple of other year groups as well. Contact school office for more details on 9256 9696.

Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Emilie's: St Emilie's will hold its 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Thursday, 2nd April 2020 starting at 7pm. You are all most welcome.



PROJECT Third Sunday of Lent Caritas 15th March 2020



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An Extract from the Statement of the Most Rev. Bishop Don Sproxton DD VG on temporary Mass Changes as a result of the **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Dear Fathers, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

In my capacity as the Administrator of the Archdiocese of Perth, I am issuing the following directives (effective from Wednesday, 4th March 2020) to all Clergy, Religious and the lay faithful across the Archdiocese of Perth.

The subsequent directives are temporary and are to remain in place until such time as Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB issues a revision to the following:

- Holy water is to be removed from stoups in all Churches and Chapels.
- Offertory gifts are to be in closed vessels or, where this is not possible, vessels should be appropriately covered.
- The Sign of Peace is to be omitted at all Masses.
- The Distribution of Holy Communion under both species is to cease.
- The Precious Blood is not to be shared from the Chalice at any Masses and is reserved to the Celebrant(s) only.
- Priests are to encourage Communicants to receive the sacred Host in the hand, not on the tongue.
- All Priests and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wash their hands in soap and water, or are to use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser both immediately before and immediately after the distribution of Holy Communion.

Congregational Awareness & Fulfilment of Normal Obligation:

- Parishioners who feel unwell should not attend Mass and are excused from their normal obligation.
- Parishioners who feel they may be at risk of infection if they go to Mass, should refrain from attending Mass and are excused from their normal obligation.
- Priests and Parishioners who attend Mass should practise good hygiene (cover their mouths and noses when sneezing, coughing, etc), refrain from touching their face or mouth and refrain from shaking hands with others before or after Mass.

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Donald Sproxton DD VG

Administrator - Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

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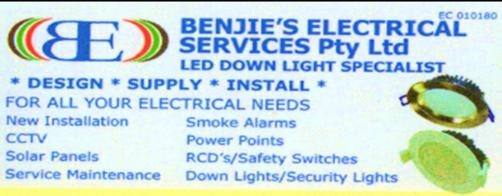


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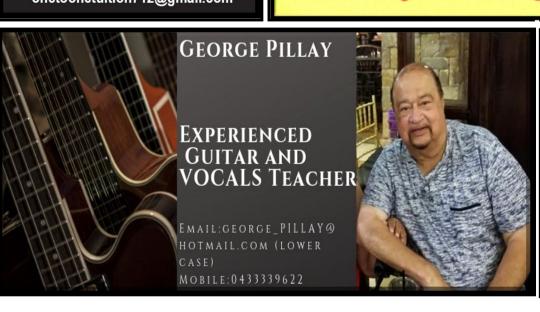
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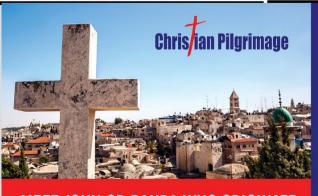
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