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20 October
2019

29th Sunday
in Ordinary
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Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading: *A reading from the book of Exodus (17:8-13)*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 120

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R)
- May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R)
- The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R)
- The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R)

Second Reading: *A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy (3:14-4:2)*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how everyone who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (18:1-8)*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town,' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 19 October, 6:30pm

- Thanksgiving Mass for the gift of baby Noah.
- For the soul of Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls.

Sunday, 20 October, 9:00am

- For the souls of Leslie Woods and Hilda Fernandez on the anniversary of their passing.

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

PASTORAL CORNER

At the time this Gospel was written, the early church was suffering and its members were questioning whether God really did hear their prayers. Persistence in prayer is a sign of genuine commitment and a pre-requisite for a flourishing faith-life. Refusal to give in to discouragement in the face of difficulties and disappointments is an aspect of discipline in our lives, and the widow's persistence becomes a model of resoluteness for God's chosen ones who have to wait on God's timing.

God will answer in God's time, and we are being asked to trust in God's concern for us. Perhaps what is really being asked here is not just 'will Jesus find anyone on this earth with faith?' so much as 'will there be people who persevere in prayer?' Jesus' unanswered question begs his disciples to ponder the issue, and we can do no less today.

How do you understand the need to pray continually and never lose heart?

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

Rosary to Our Lady: The Rosary will be recited before every Mass in the month of October. If you are interested in leading in the recitation, please put your name on the roster list at the Church foyer.

All Souls Day: Mass of All Souls will be celebrated on Saturday 2 November at 9.00 am.

Advent 2019: Preparing for the Coming of the Saviour Wednesdays, 6 - 27 November in the Main Hall at St Emilie's Parish by Mr Joe Tedesco.

Christmas is a special time of year. It is well understood that the spiritual gift of Christmas can be easily missed amongst all the clamour of the season. Fortunately, the liturgical season of Advent presents us with some key teachings that help us get the most out of Christmas. In this course we will look at some of the key biblical texts drawn on through Advent. Reflecting on them will open up how we draw the most out of Christmas and out of our faith in general.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 19-20 OCTOBER, TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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TIME. "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" The answer to

this question lies in the many men and women in the mission fields who have been martyred in recent times for giving courageous witness to their faith amongst the people they love. Your prayers and generosity to this weekend's World Mission Sunday Appeal is a tangible expression of faith reaching out to the rest of the world, so that when the Son of Man does come, he will find faith on earth. Visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/ghana> to watch a short video on who you will be helping this year.

Becoming Catholic: RCIA Our parish is inviting those within our wider community who may consider seeking to join the Catholic faith. This process involves a conversion journey of drawing closer to God. Please invite anyone, who may be interested in becoming a Catholic. Enrolment is now open. Please call our Parish office at 94565130 or email jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au

PIETY STALL: The book "GOD'S WORD 2020" has arrived; please get your copy as we only have a limited quantity at a special price of \$16. Please give support to the Columban Mission by buying their Calendars. Nativity sets/scenes and Christmas Cards are also available. Please feel free to browse. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank You: The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all Parishioners who supported the Fundraising Raffle in aid of St Francis of Assisi Humpty Doo. Total Collection from the Raffle was \$1400 with \$550 in donations totalling \$1950. The winning number is 10 and the lucky winner is Shayla Lee.

Burswood Outing on Monday 28/10/2019: All parishioners who would like to come along should please register their interest with Mary at the Piety stall or phone Des Lewis on 0422 340 574. The cost is \$10 per person. Please be at the church grounds at 9.45am. Returning to the church grounds around 3 pm.

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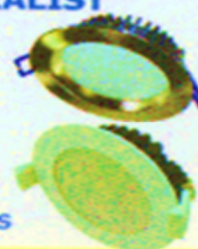
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