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31 December
2017

Holy Family of
Jesus
Year B

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 color, 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)

Legion of Mary

Wed 9.30am

Adoration & Rosary

Tue: 9 - 10am

Benediction

Wed: 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tue-Fri, 30min before Mass or by appointment (Ph: 94565130)

Divine Mercy Devotion

1st Sunday of the month: 3pm

Youth Mass

2nd Sunday of the month: 5pm

School Mass

1st Wednesday of the month: 8am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: 30 Dec 2017, 6:30pm

- For the soul of Louis Nathan, Joseph Pham and all abandoned souls.

Sunday: 31 Dec 2017

9:00am

- For the wedding anniversary of Anderson & Sinuyile Banyan.

5:00pm

- For the birthday of Melanie Lobo.

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading Book of Genesis (15:1-6, 21:1-3)

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord', Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless'. Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 127:1-5

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

- Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! **(R)**
- Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. **(R)**
- Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R)**
- He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. **(R)**

Second Reading Letter to the Hebrews (11:8, 11-12, 17-19)

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke (2:22-40)

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as your promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew in maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Memorial Acclamation We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Pastoral Corner

Pastoral Corner - Feast of the Holy Family

The feast of the Holy Family, coming within the Christmastide celebrations, gives us a further opportunity to reflect on the miracle of the incarnation of Jesus into a human family. God provided this special family to protect and nurture his Son during his earthly life. This family, who were so faithful and instantly obedient to God's will, provides us with a model that shows us how to be committed to and care for the family with which we have been blessed.

Have you ever wondered about the instant obedience that Joseph displayed when he was warned that Jesus was in danger in a dream? How instant is our obedience when we recognise that God is asking us to do something that will be disruptive to our life? Reflect on your own experience of family life. What is it that makes some relationships more special than others and can you identify ways in which you have come to experience God's love in your family?



Christmas Mass Timetable:

Saturday/Sunday, December 30/31: Masses as normal

Monday, January 01 - New Year Day - Solemnity of Mary
6.00pm Mass

The **Parish Office** will be **closed** until 16 January 2018 for the Christmas & New year Break.

There will be **no Anointing** during the First Friday Mass on 5 January 2018

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

Now that the Year of Youth is underway, we encourage the young people (12yo-30yo) to register their details with the youth group so that we can keep you up to date with events coming in 2018.

To register your interest contact Christian on 0413894535, Lauren on 0414998043, or email us on youthstemilies@gmail.com

Mass Intentions And Notices: Please submit your envelope for mass intentions (available in the church foyer) no later than **Wednesday 6pm to Fr. Chien or Fr. Giovanni**. If you have any notice for the bulletin, please email **Fr. Gio-**

Wishes from Fr Chien & Fr Giovanni to all Parishioners of St Emilie:

*Dear Parishioners,
May the peace and the glory of the newborn Jesus be with you all this Christmas.*

In this magic night, the baby Jesus is born and with Him also, the hope and joy into our hearts. A blessed Christmas and a happy new year.

Thank you for your continual prayers.

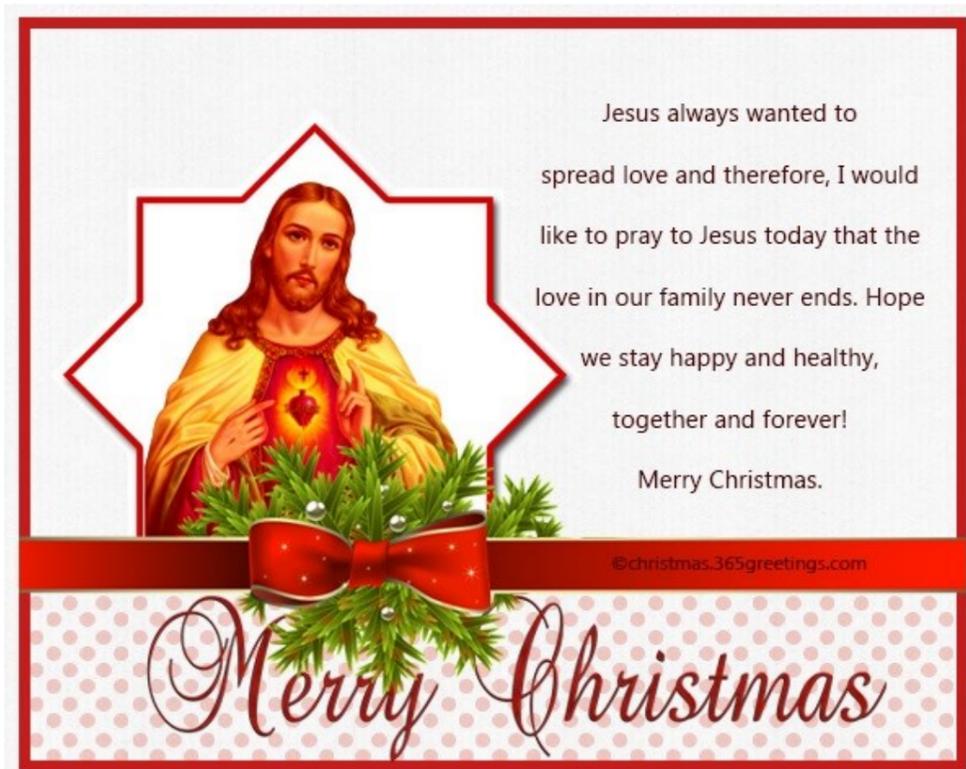
*May God bless you all,
Fr. Chien and Fr. Giovanni*

RCIA is on break from 11 December 2017 to 4 February 2018.

Shrine Time will resume in January 2018.

Adoration Group Hiatus: The Adoration Group which meets on Tuesdays will recommence on January 16, 2018.

PIETY STALL: We thank all parishioners for their generous support during the year 2017 and hope for their continuing support for the year 2018. The book 'GOD'S WORD 2018' is currently sold out, but can be ordered if requested. Wedding and Baptism candles can be personalised with a two weeks notice. Please feel free to browse and request for an item we do not have, We sincerely appreciate your support.



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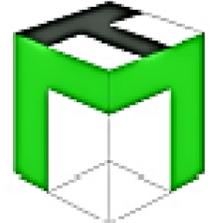

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