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28 February 2021

2nd Sunday of
Lent

Year B

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading: *A reading from the book of Genesis (22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18)*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called.

'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said, 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son. I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 115)

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

- I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R)
- Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R)
- My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R)

Second Reading: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:31-34)*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (9:2-10)*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

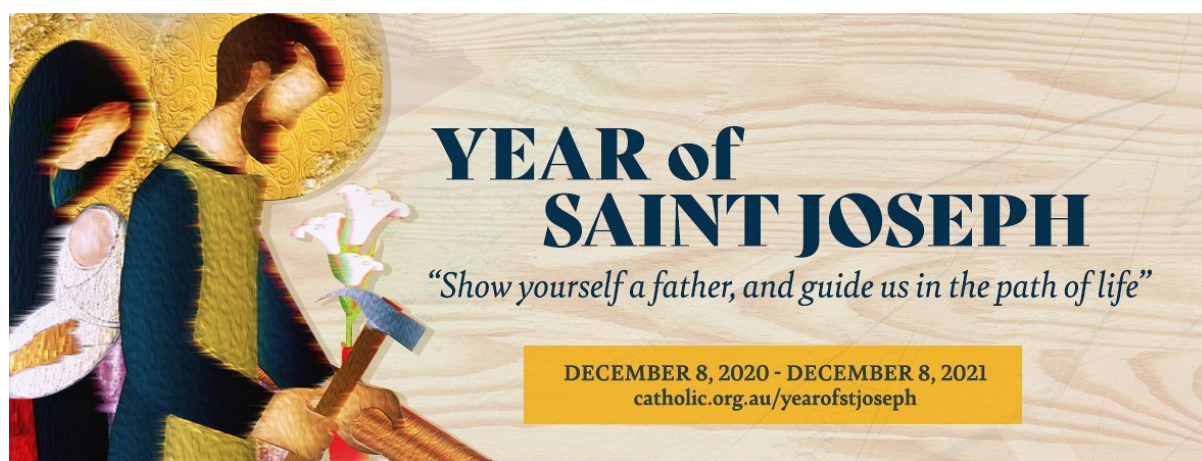
Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Pastoral Corner

Today's Gospel, the 2nd Sunday of Lent, explores the event of the Transfiguration, which affirms the dual nature of Jesus as both man and God. This duality of nature is often difficult for us to comprehend; however it is one of the foundational beliefs of the Church. We must not repeat the reluctance of the disciples to believe and understand. We already have the whole picture. Just as Jesus was revealed as the beloved Son of God, we too can take our place as beloved children of God.

What glimpses of the glory of God do you see in your daily life? Can you recall an experience, which has revealed another person to you in a completely new light? Or being able to see attributes in someone that you had previously been unaware of?

During this week, try as a follower of Jesus, to respond to people with greater generosity, forgiveness, acceptance and love.



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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

O dearest St Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee,
that thou mayest always be my father, my protector,
and my guide in the way of salvation.
Obtain for me a great purity of heart
and a fervent love of the interior life.
After thine example,
may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God,
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary!
And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me
that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death.
Amen

Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, immediately after the 6.00 pm Mass. All are welcome

Rite of Sending [RCIA]

On this First Sunday of Lent with the Rite of Sending let us continue to support with our prayers our 5 Catechumens (*Jerry, Andrew, Nestor Sr, Nestor Jnr & Rifai*) who are now ready to undertake the Lenten journey to Easter when they will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and also our 3 Baptised Christians (*Rebecca, Rachel & Shane*) who are joining us on this Lenten journey with a view to being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. This coming Thursday 25 February they will be presented to the Archbishop during the Archdiocesan Rite of Election to be held at St Mary's Cathedral.

VINES OF ST EMILIE

Just a gentle reminder that we will meet on **Tuesday 2 March from 10 am to 1 pm in the small hall** from 9 am to 10 am. There will be Rosary, some quiet reflection time and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please take note, if members are not able to attend, it would be much appreciated if they could let us know for catering purposes. Thank you. New members are most welcome.

Congratulations

Birthday Blessings for Fr. Victor as he celebrates his 47th Birthday on 27th February. May the Lord continue to bless him with much joy and peace.

Morning Tea

To express our appreciation and gratitude to **Philomena Yong-Too** who has recently retired from



her role as Director of the St Emilie'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

2021 World Day of Prayer

The service this year is being hosted by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 190 Nicholson Road, Canning Vale (opposite Livingston Shopping Centre).

Christians from other Churches in our area will be coming together to celebrate this non-denominational service. The service this year has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Vanuatu and the theme is '**Build on a Strong Foundation**'. St Emilie's community have been part of this service for many years and we invite all parishioners to come along on **Friday, 5th March at 7.30pm** to join together in worship. A light supper will be served afterwards.

Any queries, please contact Veronica Stratton 0423 644 800 robnron@optusnet.com.au or Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900 lharkins@iinet.net.au



Second Sunday of Lent 28th February 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

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

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.

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