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21 March 2021 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Year A

#### **PARISH MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE**

Weekend Mass: Sat: 6.30pm Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 5pm Weekday Mass: Tues-Fri: 6pm Wednesday: 9am (Except 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, at 8am)

<u>Adoration & Rosary:</u> Tue: 9 - 10am <u>Legion Of Mary:</u> Wed 9.30am (excluding 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, at 9am)

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

#### First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37: 12-14)

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 129)

#### R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

- Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R)
- If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R)
- My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord). (R)
- Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R)

#### Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:1-45)

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him, Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you. 'Your brother', said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who has to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb; it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, But I speak for the sake of all these who stand around me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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

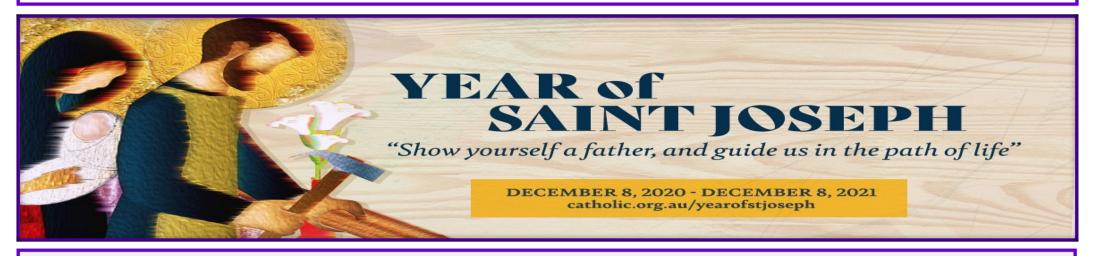
**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

#### **PASTORAL CORNER**

The Gospel this week tells of Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Of all the amazing miracles that he performed in his ministry this is surely the greatest. It is the one that cemented the enmity of the Jewish leaders against him. It is ironic by demonstrating that he is the source of life he seals his death sentence.

Often, for ourselves, it is the challenges of life that offer us the most potent growing experiences. Can you think of any 'death' experiences that have led to some sort of transformation or 'new life' for you? Just as strips of burial cloth bound Lazarus, often our life experiences leave us tied and knotted up. What areas of your life need to be unbound? What aspects of your true self have you buried during your life? How might Jesus help resurrect there?

Reflect on who are the life-giving people in your life? Then try to be 'life-giving' to others this week with positive affirmation.



#### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2021**

#### **TUESDAY, 30 MARCH 2021**

Chrism Mass - 7.00pm at the Cathedral

★ Please note there will be NO 6.00 pm Mass at St Emilie's.

Unfortunately because of COVID Restrictions, the Cathedral can only accommodate 7 guests from each parish.

#### **HOLY THURSDAY, 1 APRIL 2021**

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm** 

★ Adoration at the Altar of Repose will be until midnight.



#### **GOOD FRIDAY, 2 APRIL 2021**

- ☆ Stations of the Cross at 10.00am (Inside the church)
- ♣ Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord at 3.00pm
- **★** There will be <u>ONE</u> collection for the Holy Places.



#### **EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, 3 APRIL 2021**

Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at 8.00pm

★ We start outside, following "The Light of Christ" into the darkened Church.



#### **EASTER SUNDAY, 4 APRIL 2021**

Masses at 7.30am and 9.30am

★ Please note there will be NO 5.00pm Mass.

**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:** We will celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Emilie's on **Tuesday**, **23 March 2021 at 7.00 pm**.

**PALM SUNDAY:** There will be some palms available at the door of the church. However we would appreciate if you could bring your own. The blessing of the palms will take place outside of the church.

<u>CANDLES FOR THE EASTER VIGIL:</u> Please bring your battery-operated candles from previous years for the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 3 April 2021.

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.

<u>ST EMILIE'S PARISH RE PROGRAM CLASSES:</u> Are now running on Tuesdays from 4 - 5pm. However, we are still accepting enrolments. Just bring your children on a Tuesday at 3.45pm, 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 <a href="mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au">lharkins@iinet.net.au</a> or phone 0404 325 900.

**YOUNG ADULT'S FAITH MINISTRY:** Come and find out on **Sunday, 11 April at 6.15pm in the parish hall** about a regular group for those **18+** starting up for the year. Keep an eye out on the notice board for more information.

#### VACANCIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS/FRIENDS WITH DISABILITIES AND ITEMS REQUIRED ON WEEKEND OF 20 & 21 MARCH 2021 AND 27 & 28 MARCH 2021

The Personal Advocacy Program provides an opportunity to the people with intellectual disabilities, to expand their spiritual and personal lives through a relationship with someone from the Parish community and to be involved in parish life.

A group of dedicated Volunteers have been meeting regularly, every **Tuesday night** here at **St Emilie's** since **23 February 2021 from 6.45pm - 9pm**.

There are **3 vacancies for young adults with an Intellectual disability** who would like to join this group. For more information, please contact your Parish Inclusion co-ordinator, **Sonia Pinto on 0420 841 851 or Sr. Geetha on 0406 891 310**. We are also looking for **donations** of items like iPod and boom box, small lamps, colouring books, textas, crayons, pencils, scissors, coloured A4 sheets, sensorial items like largish rocks, shells, pebbles, vases, large trays, sanitising products like wipes, tissues, hand sanitiser, disinfectant sprays, knitting needles and different texture wool. Please contact **Sonia** for more information. Also, check out our website <u>www.paswa.org.au.</u> It is all about relationships, faith, hope, and love!



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children and help and strengthen the communities around them.

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



### ST EMILIE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 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: <a href="http://web.stemiliescps.wa.edu.au/?page\_id=81">http://web.stemiliescps.wa.edu.au/?page\_id=81</a>



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