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11 April 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter Year B

PARISH MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

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

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

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-35)

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 5)

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

- Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end'. (R)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. his is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St John (5:1-6)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begot. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (20:19:31)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. these are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

<u>Communion Antiphon</u>: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PASTORAL CORNER

Touch is a powerful sense. In times of sadness or bereavement a simple touch can often convey more comfort than words. It goes beyond verifying physical presence. It can provide healing and comfort and speaks of support or compassion.

The disciples in today's Gospel reading were transformed by the unexpected presence of Jesus among them. The process of transformation in our own lives often requires the support of others. Are there times when God has acted in a way that is different to what you have expected? Have there been times of doubt in your life experience or your faith journey? How did you overcome these doubts, and how will you nourish your faith in the future?

During this week look for ways in which a simple touch might convey unspoken messages of support to others.

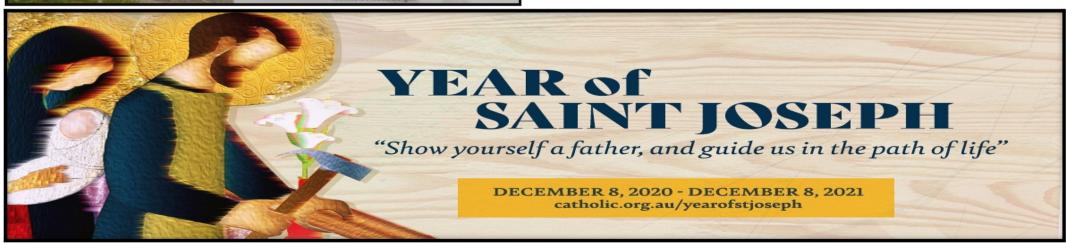


Divine Mercy Sunday

Date: Sunday 11th April 2021
Time: 3pm to 4.15pm
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament with the Chaplet
of Divine Mercy Prayers.

Mass will follow at 5pm





Winter Appeal

Winter is approaching and homeless people are in desperate need of blankets and sleeping bags. The Holy Spirit Choir and Street Ministry will be distributing blankets, winter jackets and sleeping bags to them. We would appreciate if you could donate those items in good condition. It would be very helpful for us if you could label the washed ones so that we don't have to wash them twice. For more information please contact Rebecca Kobayashi on 0432980608.

ST EMILIE'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS FOR 2021: A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the <u>Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation</u>, <u>1st Holy Communion or Confirmation this year</u>. 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. 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 lharkins@iinet.net.au or phone 0404325900.

Welcome and Congratulations

We gladly welcome into our Catholic family of St Emilie's: Andrew, Rifai, Nestor Sr and Nestor Jr. who were baptised on the Easter Vigil and received the Sacraments of Initiation. We also welcome and congratulate Rebecca and Racel who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Shane who has chosen to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Let us continue to support them on this most incredible journey.





A Note of Thanks

This Easter Triduum was prayerful and uplifting thanks to the many who generously shared of their time and talents: the Acolytes, the Proclaimers, those who led us in the music, the servers, ushers and collectors, those who generously prepared the flowers, the many who helped in the liturgy and the Priests who led our worship. Happy Easter!

Fr Jean-Noël Marie PP

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

A very special <u>Thank you</u> to the Youths of our Parish who touched our hearts so profoundly with their powerful re-enactment of the Passion of Our Lord in the morning of Good Friday. I would also like to offer my deepest gratitude to Fr Victor and all those responsible in turning this most ambitious project into such an awesome, prayerful and uplifting experience for all.

Fr. Jean-Noël Marie PP



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