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25th April 2021 4th 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: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:8-12)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other, that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps. 117)

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R)
- I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)
- Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R)

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John (3:1-2)

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (10:11-18)

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. 'And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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

<u>Communion Antiphon</u>: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PASTORAL CORNER

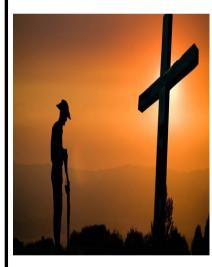


This week's Gospel tells of the **Good Shepherd**, a story which children relate to like no other. It is a story they can easily understand. Children already know how deeply they need protection, nourishment and care – just the things a shepherd gives to his sheep. The care which a shepherd showed for his flock remains a powerful image for the Church, in spite of its origins in an ancient agricultural land.

In our country with its vast paddocks and fences, the work of a true shepherd has lost some of its meaning. But the intimacy and tenderness of the image still speaks to us of the closeness of Christ's relationship with all who believe in him.

In the coming week, attend very carefully to the needs of those people who are in your care, and reflect on the ways you may be called to act as a 'shepherd'- a leader, a provider, a protector?

ANZAC DAY



The Easter journey has an added dynamic this year with the Fourth Sunday of Easter co-inciding with Anzac Day; the day that marks the landing of Australian soldiers at Gallipoli, on the shores of what is now Anzac Cove, in Turkey on the 25th of April 1915. The liturgical norms of the Sunday take precedence yet there is a striking opportunity for both aspects of the day to be interwoven. The Collect implores that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. The notions of bravery and laying down one's life are at the heart of both Jesus' words in the gospel and the commemorative activities that take place on Anzac Day. The Paschal Mystery of Jesus is an event that is unparalleled in human history, however, it constantly renews and reinvigorates the events of our own times.

Personal Advocacy Program

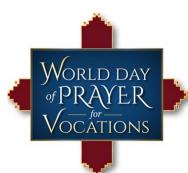
The Personal Advocacy Program, provides an opportunity to the people with intellectual disabilities, to expand their spiritual and personal lives through a relationship with someone from the Parish community and to be involved in parish life. A group of dedicated Volunteers have been meeting regularly every Tuesday night here at St Emilie's since the 23rd of February 2021, from 6.45pm-8pm.

There are 3 vacancies for young adults with an Intellectual disability (between ages 18-25years) who would like to join this group. If you have a family member with an intellectual disability or know a friend who may be interested in knowing more about this program, 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 to get this group up and going. Please contact Sonia for more information. Some items we need are iPod and boom box, small lamps, colouring in 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. Check out our website too www.paswa.org.au It is all about relationships, faith, hope, and love!

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 <u>St Emilie's Primary School and children attending the Parish RE Program After School Classes</u>.

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.



25 April 2021: MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne.

On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

27 April 2021: ALAN AMES MINISTRY - TALK AND HEALING SERVICE

Alan Ames Ministry will be conducting a talk at St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Jugan Street, Glendalough, Tuesday 27 April, 7pm Mass, followed by talk and healing service. Further info: carver1@iinet.net.au.



2 May 2021: SCHOENSTATT MAY PILGRIMAGE

All are invited to attend the Schoenstatt May Pilgrimage, Sunday 2 May from 2.30pm to 4.30 pm, Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon. The theme is "Mary with St Joseph sanctify our family!" Programme will include, Rosary procession, reflection with hymns to Mary, PMA Co-ordinators Recommissioning, Benediction followed by refreshments. Further info; Maria Filamor 0404 817 966.

4 May 2021: VINES of ST. EMILIE: We will be meeting once again on Tuesday 4 May 2021 with the usual format, between 9-10am there will be the usual Adoration and Rosary in church for those wishing to attend, followed by fellowship and activities at the 'small hall'. Transport can be arranged for those needing it, for further inquiries please contact Mary on Tel: 9393-2128 or at the Piety stall. New members are most welcome.

17 Apr	Board / Card games & Lectio
24 Apr	Bowling *
1 May	Brunch & video formation
8 May	Board / Card games & Lectio
15 May	Rosary/ intercession & Lec- tio
22 May	Dim Sum / Movie outing*
29 May	Free day to spend with family
5 Jun	Brunch & video formation
12 Jun	Board / Card games & Lectio
19 Jun	Books & Lectio
27 Jun	Laser tag*
3 Jul	Brunch & video formation
10 Jul	Board / Card games & Lectio
17 Jul	Praise & Worship & Lectio
24 Jul	Indoor Rock Climb- ing*
31 Jul	Free day with fami- ly
7 Aug	Brunch & video formation
14 Aug	Board / Card games & Lectio

Young Adults After Lent, where will you take your faith in Easter?		
You are invited to		
join us at St. Emilie's for a regular 18+ group that		
is beginning, where we can:		
-socialise		
-discuss various topics -be formed in faith		
-share, support and pray together		
-go on outings		
and more with other young Catholics or those curious to know more.		
Join in on Saturdays 10am-12pm		
1st-3rd week of the month in the parish hall		
4th week as an outing		
5th weeks - no meet up		
Text Lauren on 0414998043 if you have any questions.		

1 Aug	Discussion & Lectio
8 Aug	Go-Karts*
•	Brunch & video for- mation
	Board / Card games & Lectio
	Services & Activities & Lectio
	Zoo/Museum/Art Gallery*
	Brunch & video for- mation
	Board / Card games & Lectio
	Rosary/Intercession & Lectio
3 Oct	Wildflower walk*
0 Oct	Free day with family
	Brunch & video for- mation
	Board/Card Games & Lectio
0 Nov	Books & Lectio
	Movies & lunch/ Escape Room*
	Brunch & Year re- flection
1 Dec	Party / BBQ*
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^{*} May change according to weather conditions & discussion

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