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4 April 2021  
Easter Sunday  
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 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, at 8am)

**Adoration & Rosary:** Tue: 9 - 10am

**Legion Of Mary:** Wed 9.30am (excluding 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, at 9am)

**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia!

**First Reading:** *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34, 37-43)*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps. 117)

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel 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. (R)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

**Second Reading:** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (20:1-9)*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but he did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



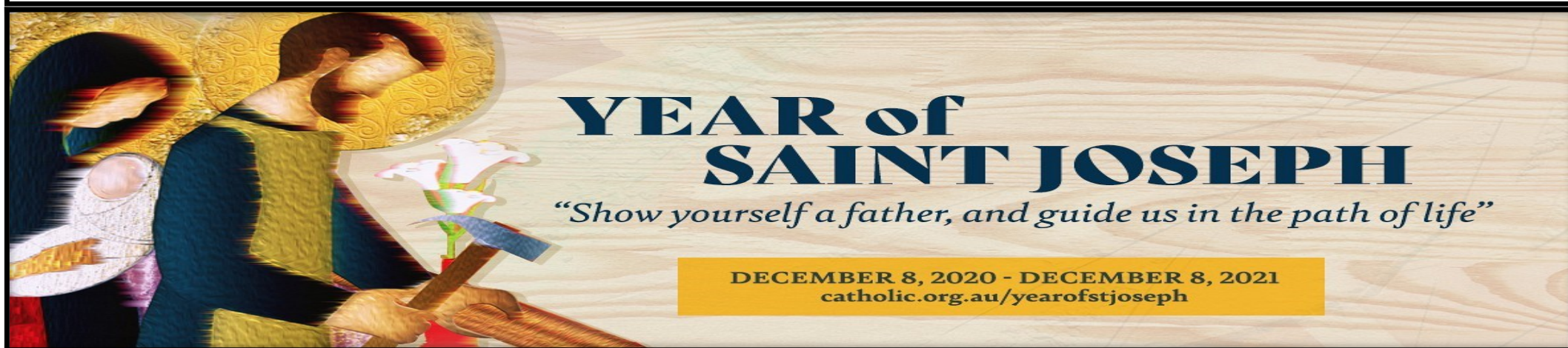


## PASTORAL CORNER

In the Easter Sunday Gospel, Mary Magdala, who loved Jesus so dearly, could not wait until daylight to visit his tomb. When she discovers he is no longer there, she seeks the help of Simon Peter and John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. Peter too was confounded, but when John finally enters the tomb, what he sees triggers something in his understanding and he now believes that Jesus has risen from the dead.

Look at the three in this hectic scene of fear and confusion and try to be with them as they struggle to understand where the body of their beloved friend has gone. Who do you feel most drawn to? Who do you most resemble? The one who even in 'darkness' hurries to meet 'the Beloved'? The impetuous one who rushes in or the one who hesitates and holds back?

The risen Lord opened the eyes of his disciples to what had taken place. It is time now to pray to him to open our eyes, and to lead us into a deeper faith in him, so that we may follow him in his risen life.



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

### **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.*



## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Date : Sunday 11th April 2021

Time: 3pm to 4.15pm followed by the 5.00 pm Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayers



## **Candles for the Easter Vigil**

Please bring your battery-operated candles from previous years for the Celebration of the Easter Vigil on 3 April 2021. There may be some for sale at our Piety Stall.



## **Welcome and Congratulations**

We gladly welcome into our Catholic family of St Emilie's, Jerry, 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.

**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. 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





## Easter Message 2021

The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB

Archbishop of Perth

According to the gospel of John, Jesus spoke the following words to his disciples on the night before he died:

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me (John 14:1).*

These words were spoken in the context of the Last Supper. During that meal Jesus had taken bread, broken it and given it to his disciples, telling them to eat it because it was his body which would be given up for them. He had then taken a cup of wine and invited them to drink from it, telling them that it contained his blood which would be poured out for them and for many (Mark 14:22-25; Matt 26:26-29; Luke 22:19-20). In the context of the growing opposition to Jesus from some of the religious leaders of his time, the apostles would have understood from these words that a crisis was coming which would engulf not only Jesus but them as well. In telling them not to let their hearts be troubled Jesus was speaking into their fear, uncertainty and doubt.

Jesus says the same words to us this year when we, too, are facing uncertainty, and even fear, because of the ongoing crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic which, in spite of the great progress being made in relation to vaccinations, still continues to ravage many parts of the world and threatens to again come and disrupt our lives.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, he says to us. Trust in God still and trust in me.*

It is not always easy to follow this advice given to us by Jesus. The challenges we face, not just because of the pandemic but because of the many other difficulties and problems that each of us faces in our personal, family and community lives, often overwhelm us. As is the case in so much of what we say about our Christian faith, our lived experience differs from the high ideals we profess. The reality for many of us, at least some of the time, is that we **are** afraid and we **are** uncertain. We can often feel as if God is not there or does not care.

This, in fact, is not the case. God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. The faith we seek and the peace which Jesus promises to give us are precious gifts, always on offer to us – but they are never forced upon us. It is good to remember that, in the context of telling his disciples not to have troubled hearts, Jesus goes on to remind them that he is the Way and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). In saying this Jesus is suggesting that if we were to follow some other way rather than his we might well get lost – and, as most of us know from experience, when we get lost we easily become disoriented. We lose our bearings, wander around aimlessly and sometimes even begin to panic and despair. Keeping to his way, and returning to that way once we realise we have strayed, is our sure method for stilling our troubled hearts and receiving the Lord's gift of peace. Similarly, if we commit ourselves to some other truth rather than the truth which Jesus makes known to us about who he is, about who God is, and about who we are in relation to God, then we run the very real risk of building our lives on a mirage or, as Jesus would put it in the gospel, on shifting sands rather than on solid rock (Matt 7:24-27). If we have to spend our lives struggling to maintain our balance because our foundations are so shaky, then we will not have untroubled hearts or that deep peace which is the Lord's gift. And again, if we fail to unite ourselves with the Lord in such a way that our life is enriched and deepened by the presence of his life within us, the serenity and trust which enabled him to endure the opposition, the cruelty and the violence of those who were determined to destroy him, will evade us. Our hearts will remain troubled and they will not be at peace.

When Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples his first words to them were, "Peace be with you" (John 20:20). Because of their love for him and because of the time they had spent with him the disciples were able to receive his gift of peace and their lives were transformed. May this be your experience, too, as we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus this year.

+Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

Archbishop of Perth

The Archbishop's 2021 Easter Message is available at <http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Home.htm> and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kz\\_zLy24AME](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kz_zLy24AME)

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### 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 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**.



## 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 !



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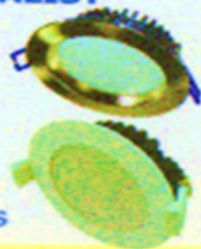
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