Parish Mass & Prayer Schedule

Weekend Mass: Sat: 6.30pm Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 5pm
Adoration & Rosary: Tue: 9 - 10am

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading: 1 Samuel (1:20-22, 24-28)

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel ‘since’ she said ‘I asked the Lord for him.’ When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, ‘Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.’ When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child’s mother came to Eli. She said, ‘If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.’ There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 83)

R: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. (R)
- They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. (R)
- O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. (R)

Second Reading: 1 John (3:1-2, 21-24)

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. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God’s presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whomsoever his commandments live in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!


Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day’s journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, ‘My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.’ ‘Why were you looking for me?’ he replied. ‘Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father’s affairs?’ But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.
The Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family right after Christmas. Already in Sunday’s gospel Jesus is a teen, a 12-year-old who goes his own way instead of journeying home from Passover with his parents. Mary and Joseph have included Jesus in their religious practice of going to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus is at the age when the human brain begins to develop its abstract thinking skills. His questions take him to the temple to sit among teachers who know Israel’s history and holy writings. This process apparently absorbs him for the three days it takes for Mary and Joseph to miss him, and return to Jerusalem, and find him.

Today parents could have messaged their independent child or called the police to check the cameras on every corner. Mary and Joseph have to walk back and what they find is Jesus taking a first step into his adult vocation. His questions and answers amaze all who hear him and astonish his parents. Like any teen, Jesus is unaware he has caused them worry.

A Celebration of our communion
I would like to express my own gratitude to all who contributed towards making our Parish Christmas Carols this year a resounding success and a most joyful occasion. At a time when we are all feeling a little weary and insecure about the future, we were all uplifted by the sheer joy, energy, the spirit of communion that was on display all through that blessed evening. Thank you to our organisers, our Choirs, our musicians, our Youth, our children who performed so beautifully, our Parishioners who provided so much food to share; it felt like the multiplication of the five loaves and the two fishes, those who worked so hard behind the scene to prepare and serve the food, those who helped to clean up afterwards, the arrival of Santa Claus was just amazing…

The spirit of St Emilie is obviously very much alive here in our Parish. So let us continue to look out for each other and let us all continue to do so with joy and hope. Many thanks again and have a safe and wonderful Christmas!

Fr. Jean-Noël Marie PP
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We would like to congratulate our newly formed St Emilie’s Youth Choir for inspiring us with their vibrant and hope-filled music last Sunday during the 5.00pm Mass. Let us all continue to support and encourage our youths in every way we can. They are truly the pride and joy of our Parish. Fr Jean-Noël Marie PP

Farewell to Fr Victor

As you would all be aware, His Grace Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB has appointed Fr Victor to minister to the Missio ad Gentes in the Baldivis area from the beginning of the new year. Fr Victor will therefore be leaving us sometime in January 2022. We are in the process of organising a send-off for him on Sunday 2 January to wish him well and thank him for his ministry here at St Emilie’s. In the mean time let us all keep Fr Victor in our prayers as he prepares to embark upon a new and exciting chapter in his priestly ministry to God’s holy people.

The Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 28 December to Tuesday 11 January 2022

New Public Health and Social measures for Perth & Peel from 6.00pm 23 December to 6.00 am 28 December


Further updates relevant to the Archdiocese of Perth will be communicated on an ongoing basis in response to these developing circumstances and made available on the dedicated COVID-19 page on the website of the Archdiocese of Perth: http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/COVID19.htm

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POSITION FOR EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED BY THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

3.1. In line with the WA State Government mandate of Thursday, 20 October 2021, owing to the nature of occupation, all employees and volunteers employed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, or working in any other premises owned or controlled by the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth are to be double vaccinated by 31 January 2022. The mandate does not include other employees or volunteers based elsewhere, but who regularly visit these sites.

3.2. All other employees and volunteers are strongly encouraged to become double vaccinated (including booster shots where recommended) as soon as possible. For avoidance of doubt, clergy are not defined as employees of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth.

3.3. Employees of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth can attend vaccination appointments during paid working hours.

A full copy of the Archdiocesan Position Statement on Covid-19 Vaccination Support is available at the church entrance.

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