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23 January 2022

3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C

PARISH MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass: Sat: 6.30pm Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 5pm

Adoration & Rosary: Tue: 9 - 10am

Weekday Mass: Tues-Fri: 6pm Wednesday: 9am (Except 1st Wed, at 8am)

Legion Of Mary: Wed 9.30am (excluding 1st Wed, at 9am)

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Nehemiah (8:2-6, 8-10)

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 18)

Refrain: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life

- The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)
- The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R)
- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R)
- May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R)

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (12:12-30)

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke (1:1-4, 4:14-21)

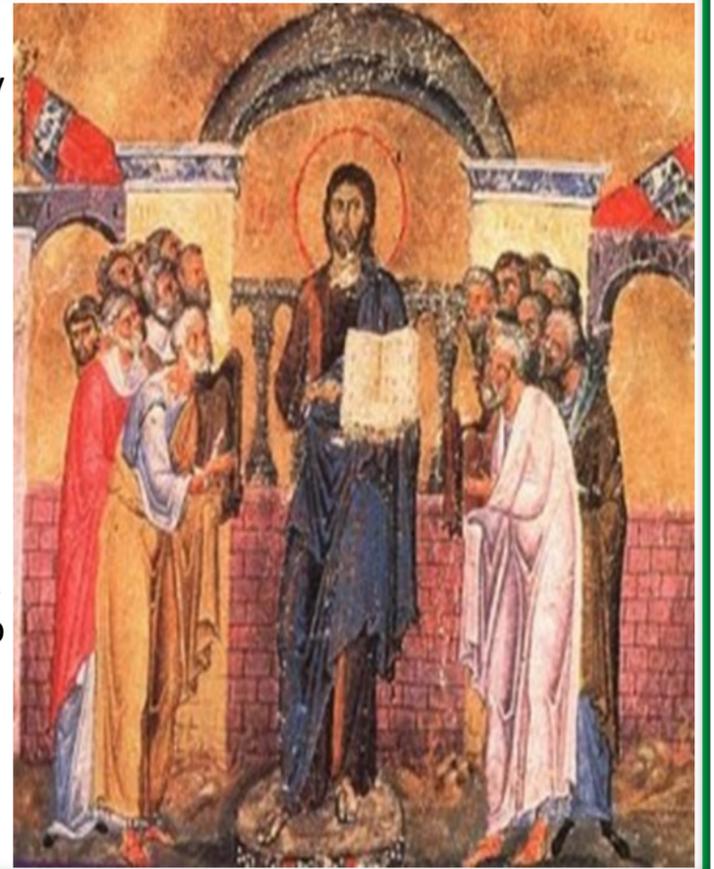
Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

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

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PASTORAL CORNER

The public proclamation of Scripture outlined in our readings today describe a formal liturgy. How does our liturgy of today compare with that of ancient times? How does our response to the Word of God compare with those who listened in those days? Do we recognise that when we listen to scripture being read we are listening to God speaking to us through the words we hear? Perhaps we might try to read a passage slowly and reflectively two or three times, allowing time for particular words or phrases to touch us, and spending time with these words. Allow them to connect with our personal situations, relationships, decisions. Jesus told his listeners that his mission was to bring the good news to the poor, set the captives free, give sight to the blind, and freedom to those who suffer. This week reflect on what practical way can you bring good news to someone who is going through a tough time at the moment?



Saturday Vigil Mass: Time Change

Please note that from Saturday 5 March 2022 (First Sunday of Lent) the Saturday Vigil Mass will start at **6.00pm** rather than 6.30pm.

Piety Stall Specials

The Columban 2022 calendars are on sale at a very discounted price of \$5. This would greatly help towards their missionary work.

What does "Ordinary Time" Mean?

Each part of the liturgical year has either a special season or is in 'ordinary time'. A special season are things like: Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. Whenever the Church isn't celebrating one of these, it is Ordinary Time. The English name "Ordinary" is intended to translate the Latin term *Tempus per annum* (literally "time through the year"). This doesn't mean that Ordinary Time was nothing special because Jesus performed miracles all throughout the year. This means that, because Ordinary Time takes up more than half of the liturgical year, it is referred to as: *Tempus per annum*, or "time through the year." Ordinary time does not need to be "ordinary," and is not meant to mean that somehow we get a break from the Liturgical Year. The opposite is true: Ordinary Time celebrates "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects." Many important liturgical celebrations fall during Ordinary Time, including, Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, All Saints, the Assumption of Mary, and Christ the King. The colour of green is appropriate because it is the colour of hope and growth.



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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

Fr. Victor's farewell will take place this **Sunday 23 January 2022** immediately after the 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. We are very grateful to Fr. Victor for his ministry here at St Emilie's and let us all keep him in our prayers as he embarks upon a new and exciting chapter in his priestly ministry to God's holy people.

COVID-19 ... A Gentle Reminder

With the increase in exposure sites in the area, we encourage all parishioners to keep safe by being mindful of good hygiene practices and to be considerate of everyone around them. Always seek medical advice when appropriate. Do remember to scan by using the SafeWA app or filling in the Register provided at the door of the church. We thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS REGARDING ENROLMENT'S FOR SACRAMENTS AT ST EMILIE'S

The Parish RE Program After School Classes offers general formation for Year 1 & 2 children, prepares children for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation (Year 3 children), 1st Holy Communion (Year 4 children) and Confirmation (Year 6 children), with a Pre-Confirmation year for Year 5 children. Children cannot make 1st Holy Communion until they have made 1st Reconciliation, and with this in mind we hope parents will enrol their younger children when they are either in Year 2 or 3, so that they are in the right year group for each Sacrament. Any queries please contact the RE Co-ordinator, **Cynthia Gauci** on **0430 776 648** or email cynthiagauci123@gmail.com

2022 St Emilie's Parish Religious Education (RE) Program Enrolments

RE Classes will resume on **Tuesday 8th February**. If you haven't already enrolled your children, we will be taking enrolments on the following dates in the church foyer.

Change of day from earlier Bulletin Notice: Mon 24th Jan & Tues 25th January from 2pm - 5pm (we did list Wed 26th Jan before but remembered that it's Australia Day)

Also taking enrolments Tues 1st February & Wed 2nd February from 2pm - 5pm

Fees are \$25 per child or \$35 for two or more children, with an additional fee for Sacraments. Cash or cheque only. Enrolment forms for previously enrolled children are already prepared and only require checking and signing.

For new enrolments we require a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. All stationary & resources are supplied for the classes.

Enquiries contact Cynthia Gauci, 0430 776 648 or email cynthiagauci123@gmail.com

COVID VACCINATIONS – INFORMATION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

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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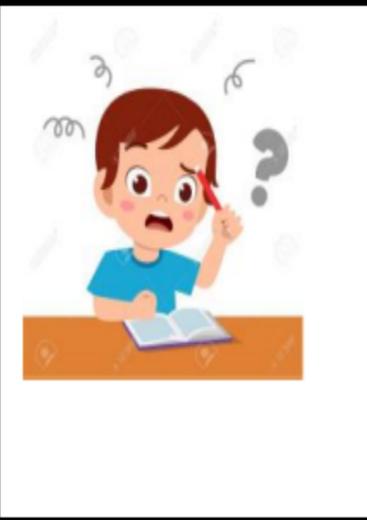
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