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5th February 2023

5th Sunday

In

Ordinary Time

Year A

### Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### 1st Reading

#### Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor; clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord be behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here'. If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

### Responsorial Psalm

#### Ps. 111

*A light rises in the darkness for the upright*

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R/**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news;

with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R/**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R/**

### 2nd Reading

#### First Letter to the Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

### Gospel

#### Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if

salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. 'In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

### Memorial Acclamation

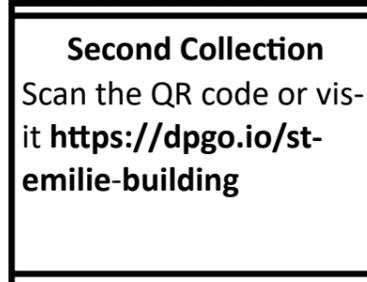
When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

### Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

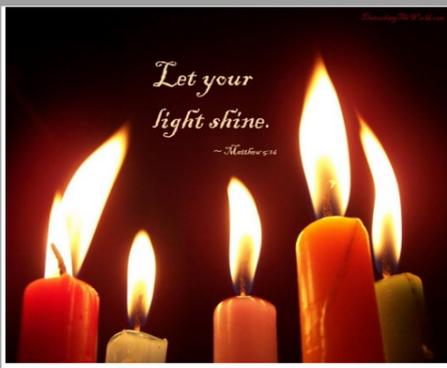


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## PASTORAL CORNER

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a new focus to all the images of salt and light with his call for us to be a witness to God's presence with all people. Do you see the church as 'salt of the earth' and 'light for the world' in your community or in the world today? Where do you look for inspiration and encouragement? Jesus' words challenge each of us to not lose our 'flavour' or hide our 'light', but to keep the gift of our faith alive and fresh. When we take it for granted, we let it become tasteless and stale. Are there any areas of your life that have been dull and tasteless and lost their appeal? How can we possibly be the best people that we are made to be? In what practical ways can we do this? During this week identify one of your unique gifts and talents and use it for the benefit of someone else.

### TOTUM AMORIS EST

"Everything pertains to love"

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20221228-totum-amoris-est.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20221228-totum-amoris-est.html)

I would like to introduce to you the latest **Apostolic Letter** from our Holy Father Pope Francis dated 28 December 2022 to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of St Francis de Sales. I would highly recommend that you read this Letter and reflect on its content which is very pertinent to our spiritual journey in these troubled and challenging times.

Fr Jean-Noël MARIE PP

### Below is another extract from the Pope's Letter

#### True devotion

A second great crucial decision of Francis was to approach the issue of devotion. Here too, as in our own day, the dawning of a new age had raised a number of questions. Two aspects of the issue need to be understood and re-appropriated today. The first regards the very idea of devotion, the second its universal and popular character. At the beginning of the Introduction to the Devout Life, Francis clarifies the meaning of devotion: "It is necessary, first of all, to know in what the virtue of devotion consists. There is only one true devotion, and many false and vain ones. Unless you can distinguish true devotion, you can fall into error and waste your time running after some useless and superstitious devotion".

Francis' description of false devotion is delightful and ever timely. Everyone can relate to it, since he salts it with good humour. "Someone attached to fasting will consider himself devout because he doesn't eat, even though his heart is filled with bitterness; and while, out of love for sobriety, he will not let a drop of wine, or even water, touch his tongue, he will not scruple to drench it in the blood of his neighbour through gossip and slander. Another will consider himself devout because all day long he mumbles a string of prayers, yet remains heedless of the evil, arrogant and hurtful words that his tongue hurls at his servants and neighbours. Yet another will readily open his purse to give alms to the poor but cannot wring an ounce of mercy from his heart in order to forgive his enemies. Another still will pardon his enemies, yet never even think of paying his debts; it will take a lawsuit to make him do so". All these, of course, are perennial vices and struggles, and they lead the saint to conclude that "all these fine people, commonly considered devout, most surely are not".

The origin of true devotion is to be found elsewhere; its deepest roots are in God's life dwelling within our hearts. "True and lively devotion presupposes the love of God; indeed, it is none other than a genuine, and not generic, love of God". In Francis' lively language, devotion is "a sort of spiritual alertness and energy whereby charity acts within us or, we act by means of it, with promptness and affection". For this reason, devotion does not exist alongside charity, but is one of its manifestations, while at the same time leading back to it. Devotion is like a flame with regard to fire: it increases the intensity of charity without altering its quality. "In the end, charity and devotion can be said to differ from one another as fire from a flame. Charity is a spiritual fire that, when fanned into flame, is called devotion. Devotion thus adds nothing to the fire of charity but the flame that makes charity prompt, active and diligent, not only in the observance of God's commandments but also in the exercise of his divine counsels and inspirations". Understood in this way, devotion is far from something abstract. Rather, it becomes a style of life, a way of living immersed in our concrete daily existence. It embraces and discovers meaning in the little things: food and dress, work and relaxation, love and parenthood, conscientiousness in the fulfilment of our duties. In a word, it sheds light on the vocation of each individual.



### Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday falls on **22 February 2023**. To prepare the ashes please bring your blessed palms from previous years by **Sunday 12 February** and leave them in the basket at our church entrance.

### VINES OF ST EMILIE

We will gather on **Tuesday 7 Feb at 10am** for our first get together of the year. There will be **Adoration and Rosary** in the church at **9am** for all those wishing to attend. Just a gentle reminder to all members who are unable to attend to please call either **Priscilla** on **0410 402 137** or **Mary** Tel: **0447 115 936** for catering purposes.

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## World Day of Prayer for the Sick- 11th February 2023

The World Day of the Sick is a Catholic Church awareness day aimed at praying and sharing, sacrificing one's suffering for the welfare of the church, and urging everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister. On that day **Saturday 11 February 2023 the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes we will have a Mass of the Sick at St Emilie's at 9.00am.** You are all welcome.

### WORD OF GOD SUNDAY



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings

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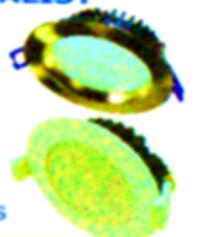
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## Parish Mass & Prayer Schedule

Weekend Mass  
Sat 6pm  
Sun 7.30am, 9.30am, 5pm

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

Adoration & Rosary  
Tue 9-10am

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

Joseph Banks Aged Care Facility  
2nd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am

Aegis Aged Care Facility  
4th Thursday of the month, 10.30am

Schönenstatt Shrine Armadale  
5th Friday of the month, 10.00am

## 2023 St Emilie's Parish Religious Education Program Classes.

The RE Classes covering Formation and Sacramental Preparation for Parish Children attending Government Schools will resume on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** between 4 & 5pm. If you haven't already enrolled your children, we will be able to take enrolments when you bring them to the classes. 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](mailto:cynthiagauci123@gmail.com)

## St Emilie's Parish 2023 Sacramental Program Enrolments

A reminder to all Parish parents, who have children making either the **Sacrament 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Commitment Masses for Sacramental Program

Children making a Sacrament are also encouraged to attend a Sacramental Commitment Mass and completed Sacramental forms can be returned at these Masses. The Mass dates are as follows:

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm Mass & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30am, 9.30am & 5pm Masses.**

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm Mass, & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30am, 9.30am & 5pm Masses**

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### Kindy Enrolments 2023

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form to the Office as soon as possible. .

An Application for Enrolment can be collected from the Front Office or by visiting

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