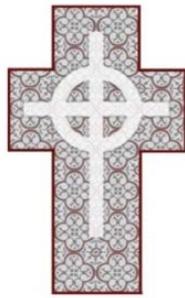


MASS TIMES
9am Friday
8am Sunday



ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

RECONCILIATION
7:45am Sunday
or by appointment

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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

28 July 2019

First Reading *Gn 18:20-32*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 137:1-3. 6-8.*

(R.) *Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading *Col 2:12-14*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation *Rom 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 11:1-13*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the

door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Reflection by

Fr Michael Tate

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But



Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.' How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space. 'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide. 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.' If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness. So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide. We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation: 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'

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ENTRANCE

437 *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

OFFERTORY

442 *In Faith and Hope and Love*

Refrain: In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map, our road
To the Father's high abode. **(R)**

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray. **(R)**

Christ, our shelter, Christ, our friend,
Our beginning and our end. **(R)**

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord. **(R)**

THANKSGIVING

449 *Be Not Afraid*

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not
know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all
will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live. **(R)**

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you
shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side, know that I am
with you through it all. **(R)**

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all
because of me, blessed, blessed
are you! **(R)**

RECESSIONAL

459 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne,
Your saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting, you are God
To endless years the same!

NOTICES



Listening and Discernment Phase

The second phase of the Australian Plenary Council has commenced. Six key themes have been identified by the council for us as a Church to think about and discuss over the coming months. How do you think God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:

1. *Missionary and evangelising*
2. *Inclusive, participatory and synodal*
3. *Humble, healing and merciful*
4. *Prayerful and Eucharistic*
5. *A joyful, hope-filled and servant community*
6. *Open to conversion, renewal and reform*

Over the next six months, we will be focusing on one theme per month. All are invited to participate and help the Church in Australia discern where the Holy Spirit is leading her.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of our truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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PARISH MORNING TEA

The next monthly parish morning tea will be held on **Sunday 4 August 2019** after the 8am Mass in St Luke's Green. All are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share.

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In the coming months, we will provide a preparation program for young people wishing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. If you wish to enrol young people in these programs, please contact the parish office.

THE SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA
invites you to the

Annual Lourdes Healing Mass

Where: St Paschal's Church
30 Warraba Avenue
WAVELL HEIGHTS

When: Saturday 17th August
10.00am

Followed by Morning Tea. Contributions of cakes, sandwiches etc. most appreciated. All welcome.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

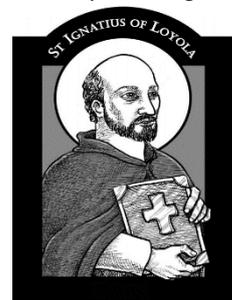
Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- Fr Tom Duncan newly ordained in Toowoomba Diocese,
- 32-page Catholic Education Week feature.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

St Ignatius of Loyola was born the youngest son of a Basque noble family. As a young soldier he fought against the French army and eventually sustained a crippling leg injury. During his long recovery, he read books about the life of Christ and the saints and was duly converted. After a pilgrimage to Jerusalem he went to study in France, where he also did evangelical work as a layman. Together with a small group of followers, Ignatius offered his services to the Pope. They were ordained as priests and in 1540 the Pope gave formal approval to their religious order known as the Society of Jesus. Ignatius remained in Rome as the head of the Jesuits which grew to over one thousand members at the time of his death in 1556.



If you have an item you would like considered for the newsletter please contact the Parish Office.

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Penitential Act

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge
our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the
sacred mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

Amen.

Gloria (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

After the Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.
- OR: 2. When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.
- OR: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

*May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.