

MASS TIMES

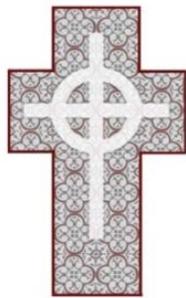
9am Friday

8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

7:45am Sunday

or by appointment



ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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First Reading *Wisdom 9:13-18*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 89:3-17*

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back forever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation *Psalms 118:135*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 14:25-33*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to

complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple. In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities. Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct. We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united

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ENTRANCE

302 God of Mercy and Compassion

God of mercy and compassion,
 Lord of life and blinding light
 Truth whom creatures would refashion
 Force on us the gift of sight

**Refrain: Truth insistent and demanding,
 Love resented and ignored,
 Life beyond all understanding,
 Give us peace and pardon, Lord.**

God most holy and forgiving,
 Penetrate our pride and sloth;
 On a people partly living
 Force the gift of life and growth **(R)**

Lord, who out of love consented
 To the worst that we could do,
 Lord, abandoned and tormented,
 Let us love and suffer too **(R)**

OFFERTORY

323 Where There Is Charity and Love

**Refrain: Where there is charity and love,
 there the God of love abides.**

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
 Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
 Let us revere and love the living God
 And love each other with unfeigning hearts. **(Refrain)**

And so when we are gathered here as one,
 Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
 Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
 And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.
(Refrain)

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
 To where the blessed glory in your sight;
 There let us see and love you face to face,
 Gathered once more in everlasting light. **(Refrain)**

THANKSGIVING

382 Firmly I Believe, and Truly

Firmly I believe and truly
 God is Three and God is One;
 and I next acknowledge duly
 manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
 in that manhood crucified;
 and each thought and deed unruly
 do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
 light and life and strength belong,
 and I love supremely, solely,
 him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
 for the love of him alone,
 Holy Church as his creation,
 and her teachings as his own.

Praise and thanks be ever given,
 with and through the angelic host,
 to the God of earth and heaven,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

RECESSIONAL

424 Ubi Caritas / Living Charity

Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas
 Deus ibi est.

Living charity and steadfast love,
 Living charity shows the heart of God.

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 Living charity shows the heart of God.

NOTICES



2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

This weekend is the 2019 Annual Catholic Campaign, a time for parishes to come together and expand the Church's capacity to care.

Funds raised will support parish ministries, training for future Priests, caring for elderly Priests, helping families access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please put your donation inside the envelopes provided and return in the collection plate this weekend or next.

Give today: 07 3324 3200 catholiccampaign.com.au

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer.

*Congratulations Patrick
& Vera McNevin!*



Monsignor Peter and the St Luke's Parish community wish Patrick and Vera McNevin congratulations on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, which they celebrated on 5 September this year.



Parish Anniversary

It's been two years since the re-opening of Buranda Parish following renovations! Thank you for your continued support as a valued member of our St Luke's community.

Contact Local Safeguarding Representative

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

Prayer for National Safeguarding Week

Lord Jesus

*May we welcome the kingdom of God
anew into our hearts and lives,
embracing discipleship and openness to others.*

*You call us to walk with integrity
in the service of others.*

*May our service be filled with kindness,
and respect for all God's people,
giving special protection to children and the vulnerable.*

*May we seek the truth,
Listen to those wounded by abuse,
and choose to act with compassion and justice.*

*Give us the strength,
to serve humbly and faithfully,
and to love one another
as we are so loved by You.*

Amen.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- Government stands firm on deportation of Tamil family,
- North Queensland Bishops speak out on euthanasia
- Huge changes tipped for education and
- Navigating the digital world.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST PETER CLAVER



St Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1581 AD. After studying at the University of Barcelona, he became a Jesuit at the age of 20. St Peter was influenced by St Alphonsus Rodriguez to become a missionary in the Americas, where he ministered both physically and spiritually to the African slaves. He spent the next 40 years working for the humane treatment of slaves on plantations, and he reportedly converted some 300,000 African slaves to Christianity. Within the Spanish community living in America, St Peter organised charitable societies, similar to those organised by St Vincent de Paul across Europe. He said of the slaves, "We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips."

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.

Thanks be to God