

## MASS TIMES

9am Friday

8am Sunday

# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## RECONCILIATION

7:45am Sunday

or by appointment



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### First Reading *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 71:1-17*

*(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.*

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)

### Second Reading *Romans 15:4-9*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

### Gospel Acclamation *Luke 3:4,6*

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel *Mt 3:1-12*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to

them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom. In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire. At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the coming towards us ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire. We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.'

## ENTRANCE

### 533 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with love, his praise forth tell,  
Come we before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he does us feed,  
And for his sheep he does us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, ever one.

## OFFERTORY

### 449 Be Not Afraid

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

1. 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. **(Refrain)**
2. 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.
3. If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side, know that I am  
with you through it all. **(Refrain)**

4. 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! **(Refrain)**

## THANKSGIVING

### 212 Come As You Are

Come as you are, that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;  
Comes as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.  
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.  
Come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can changed the love that I bear you.  
All will be well, just come as you are.

## RECESSIONAL

### 549 Immaculate Mary

**Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.**

Immaculate Mary, your praise we sing;  
You reign now in splendour with Jesus our King.  
(Refrain)

Predestined for Christ, by eternal decree,  
God willed you both virgin and mother to be. (Refrain)

To you by an angel, the Lord made known  
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son. (Refrain)

Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,  
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived.  
(Refrain)

The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's Son;  
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come. (Refrain)

# NOTICES

## ~ Congratulations & Welcome ~



Last Saturday Peter Pellicaan (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Director of Evangelisation Brisbane, was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

This week the Archbishop appointed Peter as Deacon in our parish of St Luke's. I welcome this appointment and I am sure you will welcome Peter's ministry. In the coming weeks Peter will tell you something of his journey of faith.

## Vale Adrian Peter Drane



Next Sunday, 15 December  
Monsignor Peter will be saying Mass for the repose of the soul of Adrian Peter Drane, son of Mary Drane a foundation resident of St Luke's. Adrian recently passed away after a short illness.

## Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday 24 December, 5pm.  
Followed by light refreshments.

## Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday 25 December, 8am.

## 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.

**lights**  
OF CHRISTMAS  
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

6:30pm carols  
7pm light show  
(every 12 minutes)

11 - 24  
December

FREE

Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and childrens' activities every evening 11 - 24 December, 6:30 - 10:30pm.

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER

**Available from the churches this weekend for \$2**

This week's edition includes:

- Four Brisbane married Catholic men were ordained permanent deacons for the Archdiocese on Saturday, 30 November.
- The relics of St Therese of Lisieux and parents Sts Louis & Zelig Martin to arrive in Brisbane in February 2020.
- Former refugee Anthony Gawlu escaped persecution and violence to become a seminarian at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK - SAINT LUCY



St Lucy was a young woman from a wealthy Sicilian family who lived during the early fourth century. It is believed that her mother arranged for her to be married, but Lucy refused as she wanted to devote her life to serving Christ. She offered prayers at the tomb of St Agatha and her mother's illness was miraculously cured.

She was eventually martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian, but even in the face of death she showed great courage and faith in God. The name Lucy means 'light' and St Lucy is called upon as the patron saint of the blind.

## Contact Local Safeguarding Representative

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# 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**