

MASS TIMES

9am Friday

8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

7:45am Sunday

or by appointment



ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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15 December 2019

First Reading *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145:6-10.*

(R.) *Lord, come and save us.*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord..

Gospel Acclamation *Isaiah 61:1*

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 11:2-11*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going

to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. Those are the signs that the reign of God has begun. I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth. All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us. We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

ENTRANCE

On Jordan's bank

Sung to tune of All People that on Earth Do Dwell

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin,
make straight the way for God within;
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

To God the Son all glory be
whose advent sets your people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.

OFFERTORY

Come, O long expected Jesus

Come, O long expected Jesus,
born to set your people free,
from our fear and sins release us
in your heart our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all you shall impart;
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born, your people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now your gracious kingdom bring.

THANKSGIVING

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Refrain:

Grant to us, O Lord,
a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own Spirit Lord.

Behold, the days are coming,
says the Lord our God,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel.

Deep within their being
I will implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts.

I will be their God
and they shall be my people.

RECESSIONAL

284 Prepare The Way

There was a man of God
whose name was John,
He came to speak for the light,
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Chorus:

Prepare the way of the Lord
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Mountains and hills
shall be brought to the ground,
The winding paths be straightened
And all on earth shall see his face:
Prepare the way of the Lord.

He's the lamb of God
and you must follow him
Who takes the sin of the world,
For he has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

NOTICES

Prayer for Healing

Loving God, we ask that you would be with Margaret Healy and Philomena Van Brunschot at this time. May they sense your presence, feel your power and know your healing love.



Vale Adrian Peter Drane

This 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 passed away on 16 September 2019 and is survived by his wife Sue, son Mitch and daughter Zoe.

Non-perishable Food Items Donations Wanted

We are collecting non-perishable food items which will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. If you would like to participate, please place your food donations into the baskets located on the front veranda of the church. The baskets will be there from now until after Mass on Sunday 22 December.



Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday 24 December 5pm
Followed by light refreshments

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday 25 December 8am



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Coorparoo Qld

Invites applications for the part-time position of Finance Officer
Applications close Wednesday, 8 January 2020.
Full job advertisement can be located at:
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>

** THANK YOU **

Thank you to those who have donated into the poor box throughout the year – St Luke's has raised \$1,600. Eight \$200 Coles vouchers have been donated to Centacare, which will be gifted to families at high risk and those affected by domestic violence.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- Young Australian Catholics marched in their thousands to the steps of Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre last weekend.
- Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge answered questions and reflected on 2019 during a Facebook Live session with thousands of viewers from as far afield as Sydney and Suva.
- A Brisbane priest said it was important that Church and medical workers offer hope to offshore refugees and asylum seekers after the repeal of a controversial "medevac" law.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - SAINT PETER CANISIUS



St Peter Canisius was born in Holland in 1521. He studied canon law at Louvain, but later came to the conclusion that a legal career and marriage, as arranged by his father, were not to his liking. He joined the Jesuits and spent his time in prayer, study, teaching and care of the sick. St Peter was a prominent preacher and he attended the Council of Trent, then later taught at the first Jesuit school at Messina. He was later called to Rome to work with St Ignatius; the founder of the Jesuit order. After posts as rector and vice-chancellor of the University of Ingolstadt, he was sent to Vienna, which was in need of reform. In 1555, his famous Catechism was published and eventually translated into 15 languages during his lifetime. Considered one of the most influential theologians and writers of his time, St Peter Canisius was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1925.

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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