

MASS TIMES

9am Friday
8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

7:45am Sunday
or by appointment



ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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FIRST READING

Sirach 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1
(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with

her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

REFLECTON by Fr Michael Tate

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.' This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an *abuse*.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth. Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person truths.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim (James 5:12-13). We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep *all* that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

ENTRANCE

536 This Day God Gives Me

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, Your ears are list'ning,
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
All that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
Firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

OFFERTORY

402 I Have Loved You

Refrain:

I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

THANKSGIVING

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.

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
Our beginning and our end.

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord.

RECESSIONAL

463 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, sources of all compassion,
Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation
Let your love in us endure.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more your temples leave.
Lord, we would be always blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise you without ceasing,
Glory in your precious love.

Finish then your new creation,
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord;
Let us see your great salvation
Perfectly in you restored.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we sing before the almighty
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

NOTICES



Lent and Easter Mass Times

Ash Wednesday

26 February (Mass 9am)

Holy Thursday

9 April (Vigil Mass 5pm)

Good Friday

10 April (Passion of the Lord 3pm)

Easter Sunday

12 April (Mass 8am)

Lenten Faith Study

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Lenten Program for 2020 entitled *Be Opened: A Journey to New Life*, consists of reflections on the Sunday Gospels for Lent Year A.

If you would like a copy please sign the sheet at the entrance to St Luke's church. Booklets will then be available (for a cash payment of \$5) after Mass on Sunday 23 February.

Sr Sonia Wagner will be handling all payments and can answer any queries you may have PH 0419 412 687.

Donations to the Little King's Movement are much appreciated. Please place your giving envelopes in the collection plates.

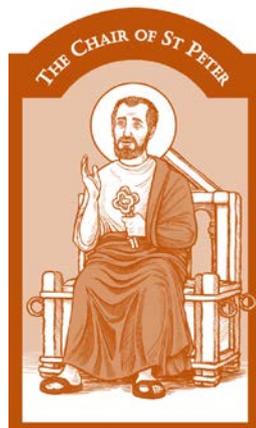
THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the church this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- Maronite Catholic siblings Antony, Angelina and Sienna Abdallah killed in Oatlands tragedy remembered for their devout faith at funeral
- Australian Catholic Bishop Conference says there is no need to change liturgical practices in the wake of a few "tightly-controlled" cases of novel coronavirus in Australia.
- Brisbane Catholic nurse Jess Davis has served aboard Mercy Ships in Cameroon and Guinea, and she is sharing her stories of hope and heartbreak.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - THE CHAIR OF ST PETER



The Feast of the Chair of St Peter commemorates St Peter's founding of the Church of Antioch, as well as his role as the first bishop of Rome. The portable chair believed to have been used by St Peter himself, is preserved at the Vatican, above the apsidal altar of St Peter's Basilica.

In ancient times it was customary for teachers to sit while teaching their students, who would stand around them. Even in the early church, bishops would give the homily seated, with the congregation standing as they listened. Therefore, it is that the celebration of St Peter's Chair is a remembrance of his role as both teacher and bishop.

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This year's Lenten Project Compassion Appeal will begin next Sunday 23 February, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

The theme is 'Global Community and Going Further, Together,' showcasing the many ways Caritas Australia works with local partners around the world to offer hope to those vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Please see Shirley Hallinan at the main entrance for a Caritas envelope, which can be returned to her or placed on the collection plates.

If you wish to find out more about Project Compassion, please visit their website:

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

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.
Thanks be to God*