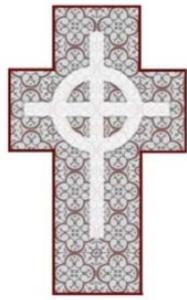


## MASS TIMES

Returning:  
8am, Sunday 12 July  
(live-streaming via YouTube).

## RECONCILIATION

Suspended until further notice.



# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

'I hear so many disparaging me. Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

## RESPONORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14*

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn His servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give Him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*Romans 5:12-15*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:26-33*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted.

*So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.*

*'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in Heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in Heaven.'*

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

*House-tops and Sparrows*

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.' But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death. Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for His disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them? So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.



# NOTICES

## Return to Mass 8am Sunday 12 July

COVID restrictions and guidelines will limit the number of people in the church building so live-streaming has been arranged. More details to come ...



## In the meantime ... watch Mass

You can watch Mass on Channel 10 at 6.00am on Sundays.

Alternatively, join online for the live Mass broadcast via the Cathedral of St Stephen website on Sundays at 8:00am and 12:30pm weekdays and at 8:00am and 10:00am, via: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass-times.html>.

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## Birth of Saint John The Baptist



The Nativity of St John the Baptist as told in the Gospel of Luke, begins with the Angel Gabriel appearing to John's father in the temple. Gabriel told Zachariah that his elderly wife Elizabeth was to have a son named John. When Zachariah left the temple, he was unable to speak, for Gabriel had told Zachariah that he would be left mute until his son was born. After Elizabeth gave birth, there was disagreement among the family's relatives over the naming of the baby. When they approached Zachariah he wrote, "His name is John". From that moment, Zachariah was able to speak again and he praised God and made a prophesy about John, saying: "You will be called the prophet of the Most High."

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## CATHOLIC LEADER NEWS

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- [COVID-19 leads Charismatics group to new world of prayer.](#)
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