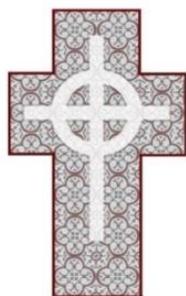


MASS TIMES

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RECONCILIATION

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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

7 June 2020

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with Him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Daniel 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blessed, Lord God of our fathers. (R.) Blessed your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blessed in the temple of your glory. (R.) You are blessed on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blessed who gaze into the depths. (R.) You are blessed in the firmament of Heaven. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the Saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

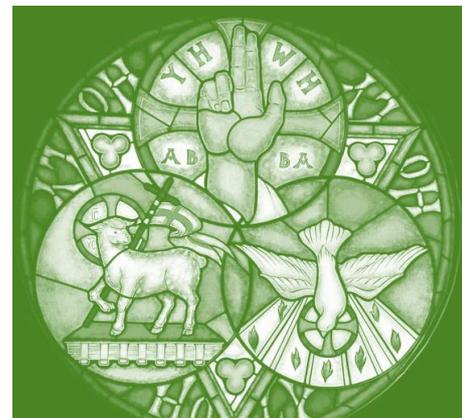
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through Him the world might be saved. No one who believes in Him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

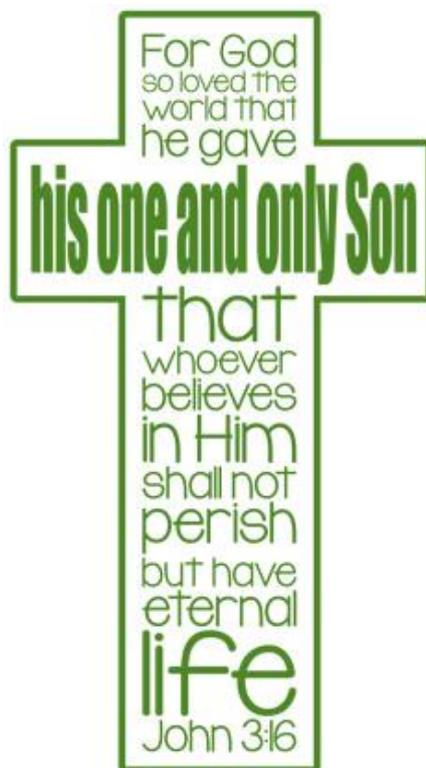
Painting the Picture of God

When He was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational. 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.



NOTICES

Return to Masses An Update from Monsignor Meneely

The Archdiocese of Brisbane welcomes the latest easing of restrictions from the Queensland Government for places of worship. In order for St Luke's to reopen, there are strict requirements that must be adhered to.

St Luke's has a significant number of vulnerable parishioners; the risks for them and our congregation as a whole must be carefully considered before reintroducing services of any kind.

I expect initially masses may be limited to a restricted number within the church building, whilst others will be invited to watch a live-streamed broadcast on YouTube. Celebrating Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation may be different for some time into the future. Maintaining social distancing (i.e.: no more than one person per four square metres) and the practical implementation of other COVID regulations are being prayerfully considered and planning is currently underway.

Until the details are finalised, I urge you to continue to pray. Our God is not socially distant. He longs to hear our prayers and answer them. We may not always understand the larger picture of how He works - but He will not abandon us. The church is not a building, it is a community of people who love Jesus and love each other. Therefore, while we may not be able to meet in person at the moment, we can stay connected with people who care about us, pray for one another and reach out to those we know who might be self-isolating.

Specifics around how St Luke's will return to masses in July, will be communicated next week via newsletter and all information will be uploaded to the St Luke's website.

Monsignor Meneely

DAILY INSPIRATION

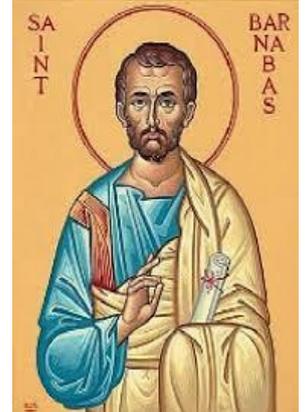
Sign up to receive regular emails, including two-minute homilies, daily readings and updates from the Archdiocese by visiting archbne.org/dwlc

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

Saint Barnabas

St Barnabas was a Jew from the island of Cyprus. He was an Apostle, although not one of the Twelve. It was Barnabas who introduced St Paul to the other Apostles. Paul later joined Barnabas who had been sent to Antioch to lead the growing Christian community there. Together, Barnabas and Paul set out on the first missionary journey which began in Cyprus, but later they



split up after an argument over their companion Mark (the author of the Gospel) who had returned to Jerusalem. Barnabas returned to Cyprus where he established the church and where he was also later martyred around the year 61AD.

WATCH MASS

You can watch Mass at home on Channel 10 at 6.00am on Sundays. Alternatively, join online for the live Mass broadcast via the Cathedral of St Stephen website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass-times.html> at 8:00am and 12:30pm weekdays and at 8:00am and 10:00am on Sundays. You can also watch earlier Masses recorded on the same website.

CATHOLIC LEADER NEWS

The online edition of The Catholic Leader newspaper will be extended to all parishioners **for free** during this time. Keep faith with the Leader at www.catholicleader.com.au

This week's edition includes:

- Search for Christian unity is making progress 25 years on from St John Paul II's encyclical Ut Unum Sint.
- Boosting at-home palliative care services could save Australia \$450 million, new report shows.

SUPPORT ST LUKE'S

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times. Please keep helping our parish community by continuing your weekly offering via direct debit. Call the Archdiocesan Development Fund at 3324 3777 to find out how.

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