



ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

MASS TIMES

8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

By appointment – please
contact Parish Office

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

26 July 2020

FIRST READING

[1 Kings 3:5.7-12](#)

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Psalm 118:57.72 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97](#)

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)

2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)

3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)

4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

SECOND READING

[Romans 8:28-30](#)

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love Him, with all those that He has called according to His purpose. They are the ones He chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of His Son, so that His Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those He intended for this; those He called He justified, and with those He justified He shared His glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 13:44-46](#)

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

REFLECTON by Fr Michael Tate

The Language of Heaven

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime. So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

By *Wisdom*
a house
is built,
and
through
understanding
it is
established;
through
knowledge
its rooms
are
filled
with rare
and
beautiful
treasures.

-The Book of Proverbs

HYMNS

ENTRANCE

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

**Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord.
I have heard you call-ing in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark-ness now
My hand will save.
I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

OFFERTORY

Seek O Seek

Antiphon:

Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;
trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.

God, be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling;
break the snares the world contrives,
keep us from falling.

God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us:
though we faint in mortal strife
his blood will save us.

Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another;
how can we love God above
and not our brother?

THANKSGIVING

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **(Refrain)**

RECESSIONAL

Though the Mountains May Fall

**Though the mountains may fall and the hills
turn to dust
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name
Sing the praise and the glory of God**

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child, He will not
abandon you **(Refrain)**

Should you turn and forsake Him
He will gently call your name
Should you wander away from Him
He will always take you back **(Refrain)**

As He swore to your fathers
When the flood destroyed the land
He will never forsake you
He will swear to you again **(Refrain)**

NOTICES

NEW HISTORY BOOK LAUNCH—AUGUST 4 AT THE HANLY ROOM

Archbishop Mark will launch a new book by Fr Chris Hanlon at the August 4 Meeting of the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society. The book is entitled “The Catholic Church in Colonial Queensland 1859 – 1918” and will retail for \$40. All proceeds will go to the Archdiocesan Archives. The meeting will as usual be in the Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre, alongside the Cathedral, starting at 5.30pm. For book purchases you can try phoning Archives (3324 3433) or Fr Chris Hanlon 0419 730 025.

ST IGNATIUS PARISH'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY - JULY 28

With great pleasure, we are offering a unique experience for our 14th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality. This year, you can view the event from Tuesday 28th July in the comfort of your own home by watching the YouTube recording which will be found on the St Ignatius Parish website (www.stignatiustooowong.org.au) on the day. The evening will be hosted by our very own Robyn Emerson, who will unpack the stories of two exceptional women — Sr Angela Mary Doyle RSM AO and Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF.”

Pre- registration for Mass

COVID restrictions limit us to a maximum of 25 people who can attend mass in the Church building. St Luke's Green will screen mass live, for a limited number of residents, in their theatre and also in the lounges on Levels 2 and 3. **A strict limit on numbers means it is necessary for you to pre-register each week.**

Registration - St Luke's Church

To register your attendance for mass at the Church please phone the parish office on PH 3324 3222 or email the names of those attending, as well as a contact phone number and residential street address to stlukes@bne.catholic.net.au.

Registration – St Lukes Green Theatre

To register your attendance to view mass at St Luke's Green, please contact Allison Fynes Clinton. This option is only available to St Luke's Green residents.

Communion & Giving

Thank you for your continued generosity. Collection boxes will be placed each Sunday at the Church's side entrance and in the St Luke's Green Theatre. If you would like to give via credit card, please swipe the machine located in the Church foyer. For those who participate in the planned giving program, please see Shirley. If you are interested in giving to the parish's ministries through direct debit, please contact the parish office on PH 3324 3222 or stlukes@bne.catholic.net.au.

St Lukes Church - Live Streaming during COVID

Our masses will be livestreamed via YouTube for the foreseeable future. Please refer to our website www.stlukesburanda.com.au for the YouTube link, or type <https://youtu.be/6UQQgjBwTxI> into your internet browser.

Reconciliation

Rite of Reconciliation will now be available by appointment through the parish office.

Please pass this information on to your friends and family.

Monsignor Peter Meneefy

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Alphonsus Liguori



Saint Alphonsus Liguori was born near Naples in 1696, and was the son of a nobleman. He was a successful lawyer before being ordained a priest at the age of 29. In 1731, Alphonsus refounded a community of nuns and a year later he founded the Congregation of the Holy Redeemer; a community of priests dedicated to preaching to the poor in rural towns. He was bishop of Sant Agatha dei Goti for thirteen years before retiring due to ill health. He published more than thirty theological and devotional works and as a result was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871.

Watch Mass

You can watch Mass on TV on Channel 10 at 6.00am on Sundays. Alternatively, join us at St Lukes on our website 8am Sundays or view the Mass broadcast at the Cathedral of St Stephen website on Sundays at 8:00am and 10.00am and on weekdays at 8am.

<https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass-times.html>.

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*