



ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

MASS TIMES

8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

By appointment – please
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

13 September 2020

FIRST READING *Sirach 27:30 – 28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12.

(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING *Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into

prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

REFLECTON by Fr Michael Tate

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

HYMNS

ENTRANCE

496 Here I Am, Lord

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

Quiet Music



THANKSGIVING

204 I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life;
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world;
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever,
you shall live forever.
Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

RECESSIONAL

549 Immaculate Mary

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.
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Immaculate Mary, your praise we sing;
You reign now in splendour with Jesus our King.
(Refrain)

Predestined for Christ, by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be. (Refrain)

To you by an angel, the Lord made known
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son. (Refrain)

Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived.
(Refrain)

The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's Son;
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come. (Refrain)

Parish Collections



THIS SUNDAY: Holy Land Collection

This collection is usually taken up on Good Friday to support the sacred sites in the Holy Land. Because of coronavirus, the collection was postponed and will now be taken up on **today, 13 September 2020**.



2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

The annual **Catholic Campaign** will be run in St Luke's Parish next weekend, 20 September 2020. Your gift will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community. Visit catholiccampaign.com.au to find out more.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian



St Cornelius was elected as pope in 251 AD, a time when Christians were being persecuted. He faced much opposition within the church over the issue of reconciling those who had distanced themselves from the church (apostates) during these dangerous time. **St Cyprian** was the bishop of Carthage. He supported the pope's view that apostates should be pardoned and welcomed back into the church. A few letters written by Cornelius to Cyprian survive today, including those which were written after he was banished from Rome in 253 AD. Cornelius died in exile most probably from poor health, although it was Cyprian who called him a martyr to the faith.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND WELL IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Together we can help every child thrive

We can all...

...speak up if we see something that is not safe for children

...talk respectfully with children and value and act on their ideas

...help children thrive by supporting families

...create places where children feel safe to live, play and learn

For more information about how to play your part, visit www.napcan.org.au

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
6th-12th September 2020

NAPCAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES
www.napcan.org.au

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Child Protection Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse.

We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

LIVESTREAMED MASS

Our masses will also continue to 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/JciSGwp3XDl> into your internet browser.

You can also watch Mass on TV on Channel 10 at 6.00am on Sundays. Mass is broadcast from 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*