

ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

MASS TIMES

8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

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

6 September 2020

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 62:2-6, 8-9 R. v.2

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



REFLECTON by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries? In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage. Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

ENTRANCE

Where There Is Charity and Love

Refrain:

Where there is charity and Love,
there the love of God abides.

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
let us revere and love the living God
and love each other with unfeigning hearts.

And so when we are gathered here as one,
let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
be our resolve all bitterness to shun
and in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

OFFERTORY

Quiet Music



Happy Father's Day!

THANKSGIVING

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 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For your church, that evermore
Lifts its holy hands above,
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore
Its pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

NOTICES

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

God of Abraham, Moses and Aaron,
of Peter, James and John, God of Joseph, family father of Jesus, bless the fathers of all families:
Fathers who have an abundance of love, a happy heart and home; Bless them with a desire to spread
their joy.

Bless the fathers who are hurt or angry; Bless them with the healing of your peace.

Bless those fathers who struggle to make ends meet; those who know what unemployment and empty
pockets feel like. Gift them with good friends and family.

Bless the fathers who grieve the good-bye of a loved one, or the separation from family. Bless them with
serenity and hope for the future.

Bless young fathers with the gift of faith, love, commitment and gratitude.

Bless those whose lives speak of growing old; Let them know what gentle witnesses they are to us, we
who still ponder the meaning of life and growth.

God of love, bless all men.

Raise in their hearts a yearning for you which will not cease.

Bless them today and always. **Amen.**

Upcoming Parish Collections



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 **Sunday 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 on the weekend of 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.

LIVESTREAMED MASS

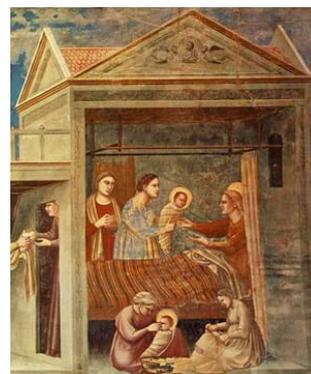
Our masses will also continue to be livestreamed via YouTube for the foreseeable future. Please refer to our website www.stlukesburanda.com.au for the YouTube link, or type <https://youtu.be/JciSGwp3XDI> into your internet browser.

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>.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a feast that commemorates the birthday of Jesus' mother. Even though Mary's birth is not recorded in the scriptures, it is mentioned in the Apocryphal writings from the second century, the Protoevangelium of James and is even mentioned in Islamic scripture. Her parents are named as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim and tradition places Mary's birthplace in Jerusalem. The feast has been celebrated since the fifth century – on September 8 in the Roman Calendar.

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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*