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Mass Times

9am Friday and 8am Sunday

Reconciliation - By appointment

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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

13th February 2022

FIRST READING [Jer 17:5-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,

who relies on things of flesh,

whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the waste-lands:

if good comes, he has no eyes for it,

he settles in the parched places of

the wilderness,

a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,

with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside

that thrusts its roots to the stream:

when the heat comes it feels no

alarm,

its foliage stays green;

it has no worries in a year of

drought,

and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord

1. Happy indeed is the man

who follows not the counsel of the wicked;

nor lingers in the way of sinners

nor sits in the company of scorners,

but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day

and night. **R**

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

R

3. Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff

shall be driven away by the wind.

For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R**

SECOND READING [1 Cor 15:12, 16-20](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven

Alleluia!

GOSPEL [Lk 6:17, 20-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



HYMNS

ENTRANCE

Seek, O Seek the Lord

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?

COMMUNION

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
Blessed are the gentle
For they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they,
That hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they
That suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn
For they shall be comforted,
Blessed are the clean of heart
For they shall see God.

RECESSIONAL

Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Go now, you are sent forth
To live what you proclaim,
To show the world you follow Christ,
In fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
To walk this troubled earth
To share your faith with other souls
And prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth
As God's ambassador,
By serving Him in those we meet
We love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth
And Christ goes with you, too.
Today you help His kingdom come
In everything you do.

NOTICES

REFLECTION

Not a Celestial Joke!

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon - Sts Cyril & Methodius

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM

Due to current restrictions at St Luke's we will not be running the usual Lenten program group open to all parishioners. Depending on interest and restrictions, we will invite residents of Independent Living to join a discussion group using 'The Spirit and the Cross'. We hope to have the Lenten booklets available this weekend.

ANOINTING MASS will be held at St Luke's on the **first Friday** of each month at the usual time of 9.00am. Any changes will be communicated via the newsletter.

The EPISCOPAL ORDINATION of Timothy John Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane will be celebrated at the **Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 22 February at 10.30am.**

Attendance is via ticketed seating only. A limited number of places will be available for online bookings from Tuesday 15th February to Friday 18th February, unless booked out sooner. The link to Eventbrite will be made available on Tuesday 15th on the Cathedral website <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/>

Please do not call the Cathedral office to register – tickets will only be available through Eventbrite and will not be available before Tuesday 15 February.

If you are unable to attend you will be able to livestream the Ordination via this link <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Please keep Bishop-elect Tim in your prayers as he prepares for his future ministry amongst us.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS MESSAGE

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

CONGRATULATIONS WALLY!

We congratulate Wally on the celebration of his 99th birthday.

Wally and Joyce have served God through family and church in this parish for many years.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you all your days.



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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

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

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