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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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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

20th February 2022

FIRST READING [1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23](#)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty.

Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

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.
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.
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

SECOND READING

[1 Cor 15:45-49](#)
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heav-

en. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. *Gospel continues.....*

HYMNS

ENTRANCE

O God, Your People Gather

Tune: All Glory, Praise and Honour

O God, your people gather,
Obedient to your word,
Around your holy altar
To praise your name, O Lord:
For all your loving kindness
Our grateful hearts we raise;
But pardon first the blindness
of all our sinful ways.

You are our loving Father,
You are our holiest Lord,
But we have sinned against you
By thought and deed and word;
Before the court of heaven
We stand and humbly pray
Our sins may be forgiven,
Our faults be washed away.

Thought sinful, we implore you,
To turn and make us live,
That so we may adore you
And our due offering give;
And may the prayers and voices
Of your glad people rise
As your whole Church rejoices
In this great sacrifice.

COMMUNION

Gather Your People

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters, each of us called
To walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other, each of the gifts
The Spirit provides.

RECESSIONAL

Sing to the Mountains

Refrain:

Sing to the mountains,
sing to the sea.
Raise your voices,
lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God.



Family Lenten Calendar - a wonderful resource from Evangelisation Brisbane, filled with lots of ways you can pray, fast and give alms in ways that are suited to children. Please take one home today.

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. You will be able to livestream the Ordination via this link <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

NOTICES

REFLECTION

Learning the language of Heaven

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus *is* the Word of God in human history. Jesus *is* the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but communicado, holy communicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day. © Fr Michael Tate

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon - St Peter Damian

Tue - The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

Wed - St Polycarp

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 conditions, 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.

From Bishop-elect Tim Norton -

I was born and raised in Sydney, and am the middle of three children. My schooling was initially with the Mercy Sisters, then the Marist Brothers, in Eastwood. After high school, I completed a Bachelor of Applied Science in Physiotherapy, then worked in two large, general hospitals prior to joining the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) at the age of 25. I took final vows in 1990 and was ordained a priest in 1991.

If I was asked what have been some formative points for me on this journey with the Spirit, I would nominate the following – Visiting the SVD communities in India during the university holidays with Father Liam Horsfall SVD. I met Mother Theresa in 'Kalighat' (Home for the Dying) in Kolkata. That experience was like meeting an international rock star!

Working part-time during my seminary days as a physiotherapist in Pentridge prison, Melbourne. In my professional life, I had not previously encountered so many violence-related injuries. There were some situations that I found helpful to make sense of by talking about them with col-

leagues and lecturers in my theology classes.

Living and working in Cana Communities in inner city Sydney with young people with mental health issues and/or addictions. I thought initially that I could 'wash the feet' of others, but soon found that we were all washing the feet of one another. I was proud and happy to invite the members of this community to the liturgy of my priestly ordination. . Finding signs of the Spirit in unexpected places!

Working in parish ministry in a densely crowded barrio in Mexico City. It was estimated that, in the 2.5 square kilometres of the parish, there were 80,000 – 100,000 parishioners. Along with 100 catechists, we prepared over 1,000 children each year for their first communion. For me, this was an outstanding experience of parish community life and collaboration.

Working with SVD priests and brothers in our sabbatical programs in Italy. We worked hard to provide them with insightful and challenging ongoing formation. I am proud of the diverse ministry situations that my confreres are facing in many parts of the world.

Working in the area of interculturality with consecrated women and men in various parts of the world, both in person and online. Culture is so important for each and every one of us.

As I approach my episcopal ordination, I am sure that I will be surrounded in ministry with gifted and lively people, willing to help me find my place in the mission of God in the Brisbane Archdiocese, and in the Church in Australia. Please pray for me - Tim

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 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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