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# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## FIRST READING [Wis 18:6-9](#)

### *A reading from the book of Wisdom*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord:

that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.)** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

## SECOND READING [Heb 11:1-2, 8-12](#)

### *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and

lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL [Lk 12:32-48](#)

### *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds

awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



## ENTRANCE

### O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth from darkness came,  
From everlasting you are God,  
To endless years the same.

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

## COMMUNION

### Will You Love Me?

Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?  
Will you walk  
In the light of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Refrain:

Will you love me as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me  
The darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars  
Will be gone like the night,  
And the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on  
Through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night for the world?

## RECESSIONAL

### The Church of Christ, in Ev'ry Age

Tune: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

The Church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
Beset by change, but Spirit led,  
Must claim and test its heritage  
And keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,  
The victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat,  
And never live until they die.

We have no mission but to serve  
In full obedience to our Lord;  
To care for all, without reserve,  
And spread his liberating word.



If you wish to donate towards a thank you gift for Monsignor Peter, envelopes are available at both entrances of the church. Thank you.

*Blessings for the week ahead.*

# NOTICES

## REFLECTION

### *The Gospel and the Commonwealth*

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Common-wealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we must respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we

## FEAST DAYS

- Mon** - St Mary of the Cross
- Tue** - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Wed** - St Lawrence
- Thu** - St Clare
- Fri** - St Jane Frances de Chantal

hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all peoples throughout the world.

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**BAPTISM** We welcome to our faith community **Eleanor Krishna** daughter of Natasha & Michael, who will be Baptised this Sunday.

**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.*

### **Social Justice Statement Launch in Brisbane**

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, is released on-line today. Its focus is on domestic violence against women and children. You can find the statement, along with a range of resources, including a prayer and action card and liturgy notes for Social Justice Sunday (August 28), at: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

You are also invited to the Brisbane launch of the Social Justice Statement by Bishop Tim Norton

on Tuesday 23 August at 7:00 PM for 7:30 PM at St. James Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. Guest speaker will be Karyn Walsh, CEO of Micah Projects. To help St. James Parish to arrange seating, etc., please RSVP your attendance to: [cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au)



## CONTAINERS FOR CASH THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Your efforts have saved 327 containers from going into landfill and raised \$32.70 for charity. That's just the beginning? Please keep bringing your containers in. Containers must display the 10c refund mark.



**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK** National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated August 7-14 2022 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in Australia dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and married life through prayer and education. It is also a time to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Visit [vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com) to learn more.

# 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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