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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 A

19th February 2023

FIRST READING Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 3:16-23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's

thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love

those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



Lent begins this Wednesday - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence (from eating meat) binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

ST LUKES CHURCH

22 February

At 9.00am

ALL WELCOME

HYMNS

ENTRANCE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For He is your health and salvation.
All you who hear,
Now to his altar draw near,
Join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Let us offer our gifts at the altar,
Let not our sins and transgressions
Now cause us to falter.
Christ the high priest
Bids us all join in His feast,
Victims with Him on the altar.

Praise to the Lord,
Who will prosper our work and defend us;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend us.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love will befriend us

COMMUNION

Love Is His Word

Love is his word love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood,'
Love, only love, is his sign.

Love is his news, love is his name,
We are his own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin,
Love, only love, is his name.

RECESSIONAL

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
Lord, keep us in Your grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son
And Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God,
Whom heav'n and earth adore.
Who ever was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

For every container we collect, we receive 10 cents to go to a charity. It's saving the planet one container at a time. Keep up the great work and drop your containers off as you enter the church. Visit <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld/how-it-works> to learn how the scheme works. Thank you for your recycling.



HAVE A GREAT WEEK AHEAD!

NOTICES

Dear friends,

The first part of the gospel is a series of examples – commands in reality – about how to be disarmingly imaginative when we are attacked, insulted, or put upon. Being hit on the right cheek would be a form of insult – a slap, something for example that a master might do to a slave. To offer the other cheek could be one of two things. Jesus is saying, stand firm and don't accept insults and preferably don't insult others in the first place. The word "other" can also mean your "back" – so in other words, Jesus is saying, "Turn around and walk away. Jesus isn't offering a crash course in self-defence, this wouldn't work in cases of domestic violence for example, but Jesus is teaching us to look at the ways in which we participate in or permit a culture of violence – physical or verbal, whether that is in our families, friends or our society. Jesus is asking something more of us than non-violence – he is commanding us to actively oppose violence in its many forms.

Probably the most creative thing that we can do as human beings is to turn our anger and hate into compassion and love. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' Jesus asks us instead to become glimmer of light amid the darkness of hate and violence. He challenges us to resist the instincts that anger provokes. We seek this not just for ourselves, but also for those who have

FEAST DAYS

- Tue** - Sts Peter Damian
- Wed** - Ash Wednesday
- Thu** - St Polycarp

harmed us. For example, how often do we say a prayer for those who have hurt us? This little gesture, however difficult, might open a doorway that we can eventually walk through to discover the home of forgiveness. Our world needs people who do not give in to the provocations of the angry, the frustrated, the violent and the resentful. This is why we need to hear the word of Jesus and act on them and break the cycles of hate.

Fr. Anthony

BAPTISM We warmly welcome to our faith community, **Sofia Jones**, daughter of Annalisa and Mitchell, who will be Baptised this weekend.

BAPTISM PREPARATION will be offered on the *2nd Saturday of*



each month at 10.30 am in the meeting room inside the church. **BAPTISM** will be celebrated on the *3rd Saturday each month* at 10.30am. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to find out more.

The St Luke's Memorial Garden and Columbarium is located on the northern side of St Luke's Church in a peaceful and reflective garden. If you or a member of your family would like to be laid to rest in the St Luke's Columbarium please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Aboriginal Catholic Mass

Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? **Friday, 24th February, 2023**, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal.

To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, commencing at 12.30pm**. The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion.

ANOINTING MASS will be held at St Luke's on the first Friday of each month at the usual time of 9.00am. The next one will be on the **3rd March**. *Any changes will be notified via the newsletter.*

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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 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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