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9am Friday and 8am Sunday

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# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**FIRST READING** Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**SECOND READING** 1 Pt 3:15-18

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it

is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**GOSPEL** Jn 14:15-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

*Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane*  
**(A full copy of Archbishop Mark's letter is available at the front door of the church).**

# HYMNS

## ENTRANCE

### There's a Spirit in the Air

*Tune: Holy Father God of Might.*

There's a Spirit in the air,  
Telling Christians ev'rywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living, working in our world."

May the Spirit fill our praise,  
Guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air,  
Calling people ev'rywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living, working in our world."

## Responsorial Psalm

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
All who love me will keep my word,  
And my Father will love them  
And we will come to them.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## OFFERTORY

### In Faith and Hope and Love

*Refrain:*

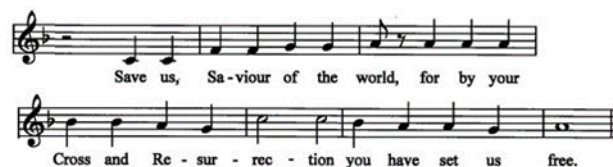
In faith and hope and love  
with joyful trust we move  
towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our bread along the way;  
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

Christ, our hope and our reward;  
Our redeemer and our Lord.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Acclamation 3



## 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.

*Refrain:*

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

### Glory and Praise to Our God

*Refrain:*

Glory and praise to our God,  
Who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
To those who trust in his ways.

In his wisdom he strengthens us,  
Like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
Our God is there to save.

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
Our God is waiting to save,  
Always ready to seek the lost,  
To answer those who pray.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

# NOTICES

Dear friends,

As we continue our exploration of Archbishop Mark's apostolic priorities, we hear in today's first reading, Philip goes down to the city of Samaria to proclaim the Messiah to them. The result is "great joy in that city." If the Gospel is not good news, then the Gospel hasn't been preached. If the acceptance of the Gospel doesn't result in great joy, then the Gospel hasn't been received. Sadly, throughout history, the preaching of the Gospel has often been mixed up with political power. The good news that would set the captives free came with a new political power that would create a new kind of captivity. This tension can be recognised in Australian history and is addressed by the Archbishop's fifth apostolic priority: engaging anew with First Nations Peoples.

*Archbishop Mark writes:*

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-

**FEAST DAYS**  
Thu - St John I  
Sat - St Bernardine of Siena

Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

The history of mistreatment of First Nations Peoples in Australia is sobering. Against the backdrop of these difficult facts, there are signs of hope, and the Church is getting involved. The Uluru Statement has been endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Archdiocese of Brisbane has adopted a Reconciliation Action Plan. Let us consider how we might contribute to this ministry of reconciliation and be part of God's renewal of this land. *Fr Anthony*

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA** thanks St Lukes for supporting this years Project Compassion. Your generosity supports neighbours worldwide, empowering the most vulnerable people to build a just future for their families and community. **Total donated \$824.35**

*Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and mother figures everywhere.  
Blessings to all.*

## ST LUKE'S PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM

Have you walked into the Columbarium area recently? Please take home a brochure and contact the parish office for further information.

**SUMMIT23** is the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023. Three-days of keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus. The Summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be sharing his priorities for the coming years. For further information, go to [brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com) When: 6pm Thurs. 18 May - 3pm Sat. 20 May 2023. Where: Riverlife Centre, Seventeen Mile Rocks.

**CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE!** PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING! GREAT NEWS! WE CAN INCLUDE GLASS WINE & SPIRIT BOTTLES FROM 1 NOV. ALL MONEY RECEIVED WILL GO TO A CHARITY.

**AN 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 **2nd June**. *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.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

*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.**

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', 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**

## SANCTUS SANCTUS

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.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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. Alleluia Alleluia*

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia*