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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

23rd July 2023

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)



SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

In my previous job as parish priest I would write a newsletter reflection on some issue that was either topical or interested me, that I was happy to share with the parishioners each week. I called them 'The Pastor's Post'.

Sometimes they are of a spiritual nature, other times they are matters that have annoyed or challenged me, while other times they are just a bit of nonsense.

I hope they might be of interest to you, my new parishioners. Fr. Peter

CULLING It had to start some time. I had been putting it off for weeks, but the shelves kept staring at me and pleading "What about us?", "Pick me as your prized possession". Finally I have had to start the demanding and time-consuming job of packing, which also means the emotional task of discarding. After at least half a dozen moves in my 35 years of priesthood, I should have it down to a fine art, but it seems that I have become a bit sentimental in my middle (to upper-middle) age. If it helps at all, I have devised a little list of dos and don'ts for those of you yet the face the daunting task of "culling" several years of luggage/baggage down to the vital attachments for the next part of the journey. While not an exhaustive list, it might just make the job a little easier.

Lesson 1. No article of clothing from school (primary or secondary) should still be in a middle-aged adult's cupboard. That sweater your mum knitted you for grade 6 just must now be discarded, along with

HYMNS

ENTRANCE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the king of salvation!
O my soul, praise him,
For God is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear:
Brothers and sisters, draw near,
Praise God in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen!"
Sound from God's people again
Gladly with praise we adore him!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 🎵 🎵
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth.
You have revealed to little ones
The mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 🎵 🎵

OFFERTORY

For the fruits of All Creation

For the fruits of all creation,
Thanks be to God;
For the gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION 🎵 🎵

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

COMMUNION

Eat This Bread

Refrain:

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

Anyone who eats this bread,
will live for ever.

If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life.

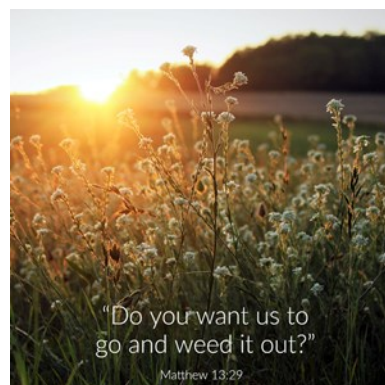
RECESSIONAL

Holy Father, God of Might

Holy Father, God of might,
throned amid the hosts of light,
take our life, our strength, our love,
King of earth and heav'n above.

Hear the songs your people raise,
songs of joyful thanks and praise
calling all created things
to adore you, King of kings.

So will all exalt your name,
And your kingship all proclaim,
Heav'n and earth in unity
Praise the blessed Trinity.



NOTICES

the Hawaiian- print shirt that looked so cool on your 18th birthday. Sad as it is to admit, the bell-bottomed jean will never return, at least not with my waistline. Out they go, along with stud-ded belts, safari suits, white shoes and body shirts.

Lesson 2. Never go through the photo albums (do they still exist in this digital age?) unless you are in the company of a ruthless and unfeeling responsible adult, who will shake you back into reality, as you spend hours trying to recall where you were, and who took that photo of you and some anonymous sightseers back in 1976 when you toured Rotorua for the first time.

Lesson 3. Dust-catchers" are named thus for a good reason. That is all they do. The only joy they can bring has already been used up by the person who bought it for you in the first place. No matter how much may have been spent on it, a signed football jersey from a now defunct rural football team of 1982 can longer be called "a must have", but rather "a must go". Along with the cigarette lighter that was used to light your last dumper in 1988, and your 'best and fairest' trophy for a sport that is no longer played in civilised societies.

Lesson 4. Seriously, ask yourself, just how many books can one mildly intelligent human read (and promise to re-read) in a normal lifetime? Unless you intend giving yourself a serious hernia

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FEAST DAYS

Tue - St James, Apostle
Wed - Sts Joachim & Anne
Sat - St Martha, Mary & Lazarus

from lifting, then you have to be ruthless and cold. Somehow the comfort, feel and smell of pages from 'my very best favourite' book cannot be applied to every best seller purchased over 30 years. A simple hug and a small tear is all that is required before relegation to a Lifeline Bookfest. Let your joy become some else's.

Finally it will occur to you that the things we really need are already packed somewhere in that vast storage case called- your memory. For me the innocent words of children at Mass ("do you go to God's house for Christmas dinner?"), the joyful choir at the Remembrance liturgy and the faces of the newly-initiated at the Easter Vigil, the emotion filled thank-you card from a thoughtful widow after her husband's funeral, or the groom melting with perspiration as his bride takes an inordinate amount of time to walk up the church steps. They are all safely packed away where no dust can get at them and they can be found at will. As for the rest, if the boxes get lost in transit, will anything of real value be lost? *Fr Peter*



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF WEDDINGS AT THE CATHEDRAL

All couples who have been married in the Cathedral of St Stephen are invited to a special Mass celebrating over 150 years of Weddings. A special focus will also be placed on those celebrating a Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) but of course anyone married in the Cathedral or the Chapel is invited to participate. 30th September Mass at 11.30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

BAPTISM Please contact the parish office to learn more about Baptisms at St Lukes.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING will be held in St Luke's Church on **Sunday 6th August** from **9.00am to 10.00am**. This training is for all volunteers, anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer, or anyone wanting to learn about Safeguarding in our parish. The session will be facilitated by Mr Jim O'Brien, Safeguarding Advisor, Office for Safeguarding Services. There's no need to bring anything along, just yourself.

AN ANOINTING MASS will be held on the **4th Aug**.

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

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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. Alleluia Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia