

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

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.

Love your enemies.

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 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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 FEBRUARY 2023

INCLUSIVE LOVE

How should we deal with the hurts that we receive? Should we respond by retaliating? Is there any future in the way of peace and forgiveness? These questions are as pressing today as they were in the ancient world. The people of Israel based their behaviour on the nature of the living God. As God is holy, so Israel was to express its holiness by forbearance and forgiveness among its members. Members of the people of Israel were called to love one another and forego the duty of vengeance when it came to other covenant members.

Jesus took this even further and extended it beyond Israel into our relationship with all people. Now even enemies are to be treated as brothers and sisters. Jesus knew that it is by forgiving that we can share in the nature of the living God and so become complete. It is by our preparedness to forgive that we share in the even-handed perfection of God whose love is poured out for all, deserving or not.

Perhaps Paul was mindful of Jesus' words that a house divided against itself cannot stand (cf. Mark 3:25) when he reminded the Corinthians that they were the Temple of God. Since each member shared in the gift of the Spirit there was no place for division or competition. Paul, Apollos and Cephas were united in their ministry as servants of the Gospel. If they were united, why was the community divided? It was now time to turn the other cheek and live in unity and peace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

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."

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

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. **R.**
2. It is the Lord 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. **R.**
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. **R.**
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. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

7th Week of Ordinary Time YR A

19 Sun: Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 Mon: No Mass

21 Tue: Weekday Mass

22 Wed: Ash Wednesday

23 Thu: After Ash Wednesday

24 Fri: After Ash Wednesday

25 Sat: After Ash Wednesday/Vigil

First Sunday of Lent Yr A

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm

For Baptisms & Weddings

Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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St Maria Goretti's Catholic School
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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

As of Friday 4th November 2022, the State Government announced that WA was no longer in a State of Emergency, however some restrictions will still apply.

Sunday 4th September 2022, 'The Sunday Obligation' for the faithful was re-instituted by Archbishop Costelloe. This means that you are required to attend Sunday Mass, unless you are unwell.

Although Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory in places of worship, it is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to continue to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. If you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Mass at Home available on CH10 6am Sunday morning or go www.massforyou.com.au

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statue's visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **18th February 2023: M Sann 282 Daly St, Belmont & F Punzalan 410 Daly St, Belmont.**

Ash Wednesday – 22nd February 2023

Mass Times: **8.45am ND School Mass** (Parishioners Welcome) & **6.00pm Parish Mass.**

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year (CCL 97, 1251f).

Stations of the Cross

Will commence Friday 24th February At 6pm in the church and continue on Friday's during Lent.

Project Compassion Sunday

The theme of Project Compassion 2023 is “ **For All Future Generations**”. It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact *For all Future Generations*. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival and those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours. PC boxes & envelopes will be available from Ash Wednesday. Please take either or both and return when ready. **If you require a receipt for tax purposes, please mark the box or envelope clearly.**

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2023

Yes it is back for the AFL 2023 season. Forms are available from either entrance of the church. Cross out the team that you think is going to loose. Do this for the whole season. \$10 per entry. The more entrants the bigger the prize money. Completed forms with money can be handed into the parish office, Glenis Ottaway or put in an envelope and placed in Second Collection.

Funeral Details for the late Mrs Eileen Nora Duncan

Tuesday 21st February 10.15am Requiem Mass in Notre Dame Church followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction for all Church Workers

Online courses for church workers (paid/volunteer) will be held 21st Feb @ 7pm. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. The session will cover the Safeguarding policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish's Safeguarding Officer. To register, phone Ingka on 9221 7762 or visit www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au

World Youth Day Lisbon Portugal 2023

To register your interest or get all details go to CYM website: www.cym.com.au or World Youth Day Lisbon Website: www.lisboa2023.org

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Sicily May 5 – 19 2023

Join Monsignor Michael Keating on a Pilgrimage, travelling on Emirates airline. See notice board for full details or contact Anawin Journey 6118 7313.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March 2023

At 'All Saints Anglican Church, Belgravia St Cloverdale (just across Miles Park from ND Church). This is an Ecumenical Service for all denominations, set out by the Bible Society. This year we are focusing on Taiwan. The Service will begin at 10am followed by refreshments. All are invited to attend.

Notre Dame Community

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Stephen & Margaret D'Cruz, Edward & Judith Saldanha, Reginald & Rosy Crasto, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, deceased members of the Jokovich Family, recently deceased Eileen Nora Duncan & All Souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen Daly, Ravi Ratnayake & Fran Carter.

Baptisms:

We welcome to our Catholic Faith Community: *Jonathan Teofilo Lubas Buswell & Ashlee C Patriana.*

