

~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~

Gary Cohen's film, *Judah & Mohammad*, depicts the separate lives of two teenage school boys, one a Jewish Israeli and the other a Palestinian Arab. Judah and Mohammad have never met and are unlikely ever to do so. They are near neighbours, but their lives are separated by a "security wall" that keeps them and their people effectively separated and suspicious of each other, despite the desire for peace of many on both sides of the wall. Sandy Tolan's heart-wrenching novel, *The Lemon Tree*, tells a similar story of women on either side of the same divide. Both film and novel reflect a contemporary story of hostility between Israelis and Palestinians that more or less replicates the relationship between Jews and Samaritans in the first century.

Jesus and his Galilean Jewish friends could hardly have expected a gracious welcome, though they may have been welcomed had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is Jesus' decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish life and worship. The Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem", centre of Jewish life and worship.

James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (Luke 6:27-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the villagers who failed to receive him. He simply turns and rebukes his two disciples and moves on to another village.

There is a sense of relentlessness in this passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. In the company of his disciples, Jesus now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news and establishing God's reign of peace on our planetary home is the purpose of the journey. We are invited to enter into that journey with all its demands. There is no room on this journey for violence or for clinging to familiar securities.

An excerpt by Veronica Lawson

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'WEEKEND MASS TIMES'

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

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'THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES'

Tuesday: 6pm Mass in Chapel

Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)

Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel

'ROSARY'

Saturday: 8.30am Mass & exposition (1st Sat of month)

Sunday: 9.40am

'RECONCILIATION'

Saturday: 5.15pm

'LITURGY MEETING'

Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel

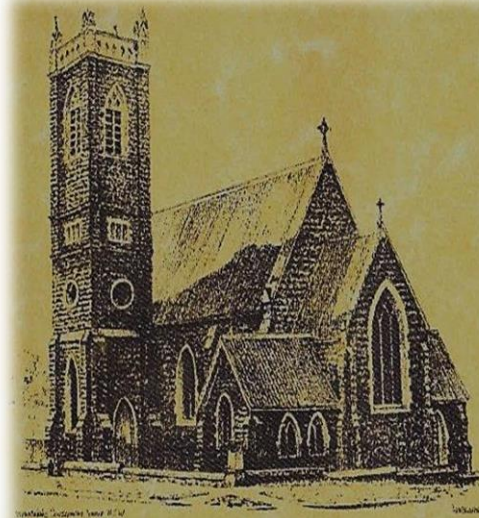
'PRAYER GROUP'

(Rosary & Divine Mercy)

Still in recess

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13th Sunday Ordinary Time

Year C

June 30th 2019

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry
to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord,
your servant is listening; you
have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

ROSTERS

THIS WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 29th & 30th June*

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| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm | Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte | Tony Butler | Dave Shedden |
| Reader | Anne Huebner | Sue Bulger |
| Commentator | Maureen Cook | Cathy Purcell |
| Children's Liturgy | ----- | Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians | Anna Quinn | Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Jessica & Emily Kelly | Georgina Austin & Alana McInerney |
| Church Care | ----- | |
| LINEN | Bev Piper | |

NEXT WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 6th & 7th July*

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| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm | Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte | Trish Matthews | Anne Huebner |
| Reader | Carmel Butler | Pat Spannagle |
| Commentator | Patricia Wilks | Mary Kelly |
| Children's Liturgy | ----- | School Holidays |
| Musicians | Patricia & Monica | Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers | Jude & Franz Moreno | Thomas Bond & Ian Kelly |
| Church Care | Group 3: Yvonne, Lee, Mary, Colleen & Kath | |

FEAST DAY ~ 3rd July: Saint Thomas

PARISH STREET STALL Friday 16th August in front of House to Home. Looking for generous supporters to help run the stall on the day, please place your name on the roster if you are able to donate an hour of your time. We also require cooking, saleable items and a load of wood to raffle on the day. Let's make this a big community effort. Any enquiries please contact Pat on 0401472161. Thank you Patricia for co-ordinating this event

~PARISH NEWS~

PARISH PLAN GIVING please collect your new envelopes from the church foyer - an invitation is extended to any new or existing parishioner who would like to join the Plan Giving program to contact Anna at the presbytery on 69474599.

PARISH WORKSHOP FOR ACOLYTES Sunday 28th July 2019 at 11am. Fr. George and Fr. Namore will both run this session for approximately 1 hour, please bring a plate to share.

BAPTISMS we welcome into our community this weekend *Isla Louise Masters* daughter of Jed and Lauren and *Nora Louise Field* daughter of Robert and Aimee. We pray for all baptism families.

'DONATION POINT TAP' Our parish is leading the way in technology with the introduction of this device. To contribute to our church's fundraising for new paraments (altar clothes, lecture covers and chalice veils) you simply TAP your card once to donate \$5.00. Your bank statement can be used for taxation purposes.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST The Gundagai presbytery is requiring the need of a Parish Secretary for 2 mornings a week (Tuesday & Thursday). If you feel you are able to fill this position please contact Fr. George on 0484604273 or email george.ogah@cg.org.au

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL Winter Appeal envelopes are available from the church foyer for your kind donation. Conference meetings for July will be Saturday the 6th & 20th at 9.30am.

SPECIAL THANKS to Annemarie Young and Julia Gee for their contribution of material and time to make new purifiers for our church.

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:

MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:

Noel Patrick, Sr. Geneiva McRae, Neil Masters, Maree Fillery, Matt & Edith Downing, Andrew Sturt, Kitty Black, Paul Kelly, Harvey Evans, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Len McInerney, Pat Malone, Richard Green, James Brennan, Ken & Brian Gee, Brian Rosetta, Gus & Kath Clout, Ina Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Fr. Peter Quirk, Marie & Jim McInerney, Ted & Kath O'Sullivan, John Hourigan, Joan Malone, Max Butler, Eileen Flood, Filomena & Rudi Comai, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Steph Scott, John Marzol, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, Tom Sturt, Stan Kenny, Imelda, Bede and Francis McInerney, Fr. Geoff Lloyd, Wallace & Ron Agnes, William and Michael Blundell, David Bullock, Phillip, Jean and Steven Crampton, Kathleen & Roy Wilson, Chris Kelleher, John Furze, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Jim, Mona & Michael Clifford, Joan & Bob Liddell, Teresa & Bert Butler, Anne Lawrance, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Thelma & Jack Cobden, Denise & Julie Cobden, Christine Welsh, Paul & Nick Young, Nicole Barby, Allison Brady, Ben Roddy, Scott Payne, Jamie Nixon Gerard Norman, Mary & Reg Madigan, Chris Ballard, Frank Stanfield, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

