

~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~

For the past three years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, "care of our common home". As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to "grateful contemplation of God's world". As a corporal work, it calls us to "simple daily gestures" that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

Today's gospel calls us to redress imbalances in the human community, imbalances that have ultimately affected the earth itself. Jesus is under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke's gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus' ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God's kingdom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first. Jesus' advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kingdom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us.

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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

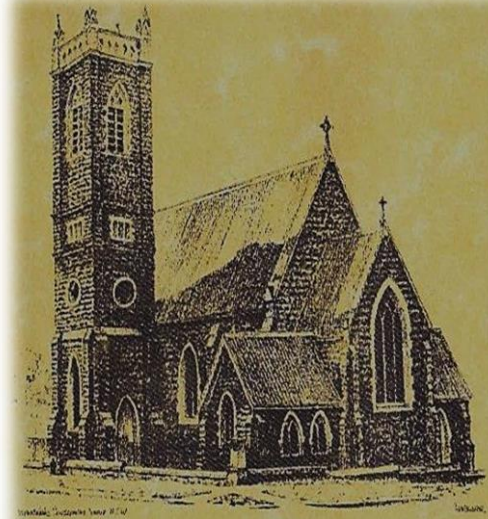
'PRAYER GROUP'

(Rosary & Divine Mercy)

Still in recess

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22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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September 1st 2019

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I
cry to you all the day long. O
Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to
you.

Responsorial Psalm

God, in your goodness, you have
made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke
upon you; learn from me, for I
am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

ROSTERS

THIS WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 31st August & 1st September*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Anne Huebner	Mark Hogan
Reader	Kath Shanahan	Liz Boxall
Commentator	Lana Turner	Claire Cole
Children's Liturgy	-----	Pat Spannagle
Musicians	Patricia & Monica	Anna Quinn
Altar Servers	Jessica & Emily Kelly	Lachlan Hotham & Aidan Turnbull
Church Care	Group 2: Anna, Pat & Sophie	
LINEN Jo Little		
MORNING TEA		
	Janice & Jason Burt	

NEXT WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 7th & 8th September*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Peter Malone	Trish Matthews
Reader	Kath Rosetta	Mark Hogan
Commentator	Howard Young	Cathy Purcell
Children's Liturgy	-----	Kerrin Henderson
Musicians	Anna Quinn	Guest Choir
Altar Servers	Jude & Franz Moreno	Thomas Bond & Ian Kelly
Church Care	-----	
MORNING TEA		

FEAST DAY 3rd Sept: Saint Gregory the Great

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Psalm 103:13:

Wishing all fathers a special Fathers' Day on Sunday

~PARISH NEWS~

PARISH WORKING BEE Saturday 31st August at 9am. We are asking for assistance with gardening, pruning and cob webb dusting, if you have a few hours to spare your help would be greatly appreciated.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL please show your commitment to care for our retired priests by giving generously to this Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available in church pews.

CATHOLIC VOICE the September issue is available for your collection.

ABORTION BILL UP-DATE thank you to the many parishioners who have supported this petition – we have forwarded our signatures to State Parliament.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL conference meetings for September are Saturday the 7th and 21st in Tumut at 9.30am.

PARISH WOOD RAFFLE in front of the Post Office on Friday 20th September. If you have a hour to spare we would appreciate your help in selling tickets, please contact Patricia on 0401472161.

SPECIAL THANKS to our faithful parishioners who supported the prayer afternoon held at our church on Sunday 18th August.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Henry William (Bill) Foley

MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:

Edward, Mary & Clem Malone, Frank Stanfield, Chris Ballard, Russell Breward, Hans & Maria Van De Brug, Sr. Marie Dennis, Paul Kelly, John Callister, Cory Fairbrother, Ray & Lois Shallow, Jan Salan, Jean Brown, Leo Aarts, Gavin Foley, Geoffrey Carney, Tom Sturt, Noel Cook, Hassel McGrath, Rudi Comai, Hugh Oliver, Leo & Elvie Holt, Tereasa & Lionel Holt, Eddie & Betty Mangelsdorf, Mary Tetris, Noel Patrick, Sr. Geneiva McRae, Neil Masters, Maree Fillery, Matt & Edith Downing, Andrew Sturt, Kitty Black, 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 Comai, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Steph Scott, John Marzol, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, Stan Kenny, Imelda, Bede and Francis McInerney, Fr. Geoff Lloyd, Kathleen & Roy Wilson, Joy McGrath, Joan & Bob Liddell, Teresa & Bert Butler, Anne Lawrance, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

