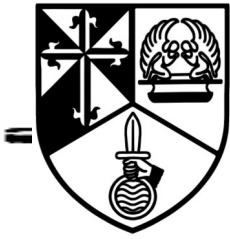


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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays



Judging Others

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY** Please contact Jacque in the
office Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au



What Do You Produce?

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 17: 19-20

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.



'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 12: 6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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ASH WEDNESDAY



**Join us to celebrate the beginning of Lent,
a time for penance, prayer, and fasting.
A day of abstinence from meat.**

**7.30am & 6.00pm
(NO 5.30pm Mass)**

LENTEN PROGRAM

The Parish will run a Lenten Program on the Tuesdays of Lent, so the first week will commence on 1st March (Shrove Tuesday) at 7pm in the Parish Centre. The Program will follow the Archdiocese of Sydney this year. Please leave your name on the sheet in the foyer if you wish to join us for the program.

LENTEN BOOKLETS

Parishioners who would like to use the Wollongong Lenten Program books at home, the booklets are available from the Sacristy after Mass. Cost \$8.00 each.

8th SUNDAY

It may be said of some that they 'talk the talk' but don't 'walk the walk'. That is, their actions do not match their words. Perhaps it may be someone in the family or a friend who promised to do something but then didn't. Perhaps it was someone at work. Perhaps it is someone in authority. This disconnect between words and actions can have a range of consequences from a minor inconvenience to a catastrophe.

As the world watches the Ukraine-Russian border in trepidation, we hope and pray reports of troop withdrawals are true but remain concerned the words are not backed by the appropriate actions. As politicians start campaigning for the, yet uncalled, federal election we pray for the ability to discern whether words match actions.

The scripture reflections for this week remind us that our words and actions reflect the reality of our inner selves' and that 'our speech may betray the ways in which we have yet to be fully converted, and show our need for God's mercy'. Last week's Gospel dealt with actions towards others, but this week is about the action found in the human heart.

HYPOCRISY



There is nothing that excites the media more as when someone, whether it be a politician, a rock star or an actor falls from grace. Time and time again we see newspapers, websites and TV programmes document the misadventures, and perhaps even criminality, of these individuals, as if to say well look at these people they thought they were so good, now look at them! Yet no one stops to scrutinize journalists!

The stain of hypocrisy makes its mark everywhere and sadly also in the Church. In fact, it is often the case that people who practice a faith are deemed to be hypocrites because the teachings of their religion may make them opposed to certain elements of society. So, we hear from our opponents things like "Jesus teaches us not to judge" really no Christian should ever have an opinion about anything. Whilst this approach is simplistic and does not factor in the complexities and nuances of Jesus' teaching, it is rather convenient to create a strawman when one wishes to bash people of faith who have an opinion or an approach which may not be flavour of the month.

Jesus' words to us today, though, do hint at the idea that if we are going to be critical of someone or something we should have our own house in order.

Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

This aphorism follows on from Jesus' teaching last week about how we should pass judgment on others. It is not that we cannot pass judgment but do so with compassion, sensitivity and out of love and concern for the other, never out of revenge or resentment. The judgment of media outlets and other commentators sometime seems to be a judgment made to excite the public, entertain, or merely to indulge in idle gossip. Rather, the Christian attitude towards taking the splinter

Cont...out of our brother's eye is a lesson also in examining ourselves. Can I rightly say such and such to someone if I know that I am doing the same thing? When we judge then we need to guard against hypocrisy.

As we come closer to the holy season of Lent may we seek to weed out the hypocrisy in our own lives so that we too may not fall into the pit.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

REFLECTON - SOCIAL MEDIA

Instead of trees, Jesus today might well have spoken of the social media and the fruit they bear. At their best, they yield the good fruit of freedom, truth and community. At their worst, they spawn hate, violence and deceit. They can be a tool for good or a weapon for ill. What the social media have done is to corroborate on a global scale the simple message of the gospel. We carry within our heart capacities for good or evil. It's in this inner space that our discernment and decision-making take place and give rise to action. Our allies for the good are the light of Christ and the wisdom of the Spirit.

We pray for all users of social media, that they will communicate with love and respect for the truth.

WORDS FLOW FROM WHAT FILLS THE HEART

'A good man draws what is good from the goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Today's Gospel passage is one which is going to be difficult for us to accept. Difficult to accept because none of us is innocent when it comes to there being a gap between what we are and what we say. Difficult to accept also because we may be inclined to question whether the teaching is true - that we can only say good things if we are good ourselves. And there would not seem to be much chance that we are going to model our lives according to the pattern of this Gospel passage, if we neither like it nor think that it is right anyway.

Our ability to speak is a powerful and dangerous tool. It allows us to communicate with each other in ways that are often creative and subtle. We have only to think of the beauty of fine literature and the penetrating brilliance of the writings of great thinkers down the ages. It is language that allows us to express what we intuit and what we feel. It is also language that can enable us to come to realise some truth or feel some emotion as we follow through an argument or read a moving story. On the other hand, we know all too well how we use language to manipulate others to our own ends and often to their harm. We can use language purely to destroy or undermine. And in this darker side to our gift of speech we can place the power of language to conceal, as we lie and flatter. Our language allows us, moreover, to reprove and criticise the actions of others, even though we ourselves are as guilty as they, or even to encourage and advise them to do things that we do not do ourselves. This negative side of our language, in which what we say is often far removed from what we are or do, makes us feel uncomfortable with a Gospel that tells us that we should look for and remedy the faults in our

Cont...own lives before we set about the imperfections of others. But we might also add in justification that our words can have a good effect on others, even if we ourselves remain frail sinners. When language is so powerful a tool, is it not evident that such can be the case?

Excerpt Fr M. R. Ganeri OP

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Parish Vinnies Conference is looking for new members to assist in its important work. For just 2-3 hours per week, you can make a difference for needy families in our community. Please contact Tony Malone on 0431 542 531 for more information.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Sunday February 27 - SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Don't miss out on this opportunity to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? The deadline for online submissions in the local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality is Sunday, February 27. Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

ACCOMODATION WANTED

An accommodation for up to 3 months is sought for a retired legal practitioner assisting people in dire straights pro-bono. Please contact Jolanta on 0430 513 073.

LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

The new Liturgy Roster for the next 6 months will be prepared shortly. As volunteer numbers have decreased over the last year we are urgently in need of volunteers for the new roster. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer if you can volunteer.

CALVARY HOSPITAL—The Auxiliary will hold a plant stall on Thursday 3 March 2022, 8am- 4pm, on the lawns outside the Main Entrance, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce. A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more, will be available at bargain prices. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For more information: Jan 0437790980.

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!
For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: : <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22> Call 1300 734 880 for more info

PARISH GARDEN

A very big **THANK YOU** to the following people: Joe Cortese, Richard Tanzer, John Cornelly, Br Francis, Mike Igoe-Taylor, Peter Catlin, Debbie Jones and Jacque Cortese. These volunteers spent last Saturday morning working on the garden at the front of the church and along side the Parish Centre. The weeds are now removed and the bushes trimmed back. The Church is looking good again! A new garden will be planted along the Parish Centre over the coming months. Thank you

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Bernard Druett, Denis Lawrence, Patricia Zorzi, June Pollard, Gwen Gleeson, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Patrick Readon, Martin McKeon (UK), Carol Hallam

HOLY ROUNABOUT YOUTH GROUP Sundays 3.30 - 5.00pm weekly Sunday afternoon youth group for 11-17 years at Holy Cross Church Hackett.

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. - Meet in the church foyer at 7.30pm OR join us using Zoom. Zoom Details are -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86247979958?pwd=ZnFjN3l3MDdDdDQk5FenhXcjA2K054UT09>
The Meeting ID is 862 4797 9958 and the Passcode is 675081.

ROSTER 5 / 6 March 2022

Saturday 5.00pm	- Acolyte - M. Tran Reader - J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8.00am	- Acolyte - K. Linard Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson
Sunday 10.00am	- Acolyte - R. Tanzer Reader - A. O'Donnell, L. Fardell
Sunday 5.00pm	- Acolyte - L. Kim Reader - M. Proctor

Life always offers you a second chance. It's called tomorrow.