

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A
First Reading Lv 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
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial 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.
 2. It is he 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.
 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.
 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.) The Lord is kind and
merciful.**

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
R. Thanks be to God

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 love
those who love you, what right have
you to claim any credit? Even the
tax collectors do as much, do they
not? And 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.’

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Warfare and the Church**

‘Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is
perfect.’ Is Jesus advocating rather
static fault-less-ness? Not very
appealing! No, the Greek word is
closer to the idea of a perfect wine –
one that has matured and has reached
its full potential. So, Our Lord is
saying, ‘Be a person who is
everything you are capable of being.’
Our Lord gives a striking example of
the challenge. God does not withhold
life-giving sun and rain from people
because they are bad or dishonest, nor
extinguish the life of human beings
because they are evil, because they are
enemies.

What are the implications for
Church teaching on capital
punishment or warfare? Note that
Jesus’ command: ‘You must be ...’
is directed to *You* in the plural. It is
communal, social. The Church
community must listen. Is the Holy
Spirit moving us in a direction not
experienced since its first three
centuries?

We could pause for a moment to
pray on behalf of those who want
to do us harm, the better to hear:
‘Blessed are the peacemakers.’

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SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

**REVERENCE! WHAT IS IT?
HOW DO WE SHOW REVERENCE?**

One could be forgiven for thinking that the Readings this
week are yet another list of how to behave under the heading
“you must.”

Then we are told in Corinthians we are to realise we are
God’s temple. The word “temple” conjures up many images -
some visual, some descriptive, but then, some images which suggest something
deeper and of a personal reflective nature.

The words reverence and respect quickly come to mind when thinking
“temple” as a building. If we are God’s temple, reverence and respect is also relevant
BUT a two way street- we can expect it but need to extend it to others.

ARE WE DOING THIS? HOW ARE WE DOING IT?

In his Gospel, Matthew, continuing the theme is quite unambiguous in his
description of how we should treat those around us. We need, however, to be
mindful that in the time of Jesus, there was only a literal understanding of what He
was saying. Today we extract a different meaning from “love your enemies.” We
don’t need to feel affection or be attached but do need to look out for their welfare
and see they receive fair and just treatment. Perhaps this may mean a review of our
own moral code. Instead of keeping a list of what we perceive as wrongdoings,
criticisms, subtle complaints regarding differences of opinions and actions we should
remember we are ALL God’s children.

Jesus came to love and save NOT to condemn.

We are reminded that “the Spirit of God lives among us”- a very comforting
thought as well as the realisation each of us is a Temple. The Holy Spirit is waiting
for us to ask for help in the building of a better world.

Ron Rolheiser says we are “genuine disciples of Jesus when we live inside His
Spirit.” He continues, telling us “we live in the Spirit when our lives are characterised
by charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, gentleness, long suffering, constancy and
chastity.” He adds “if these do not characterise our lives, we should not nurse the
illusion that we are inside God’s Spirit irrespective of our passion for Truth, Dogma or
Justice.”

This week may be the time for us to reflect on our understanding of the phrase
“You are God’s temple” and ask ourselves if our ministry/ way of life demonstrates
that we are/I am a true disciple of Jesus?

Richard Rohr simplified when he wrote “Listen to Jesus and let Him teach you
how to live.”

Ken and Carolyn Evenden



**Upcoming
Events**

**Choir Practice
Monday @ 1pm**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after Mass,
and 1st
Saturday of the month
@ 9.30am**

**ENJOY THE GOOD
NEWS Resumes after
Easter**

**Cuppa with Mary
MacKillop Tuesday
February 21st 10am @
Marie Weatherall’s
home**

**Wrap With Love 22nd
February @ 1pm
Meeting Room**

**Croatian Mass
Saturday 25/2 11am
All are welcome**

**Craft Group Thursdays
10am**

**ADORATION
TUESDAY @ 8AM**

**COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans
Cove
All are welcome**



MASS THIS WEEK Monday 20th - Sunday 26th February

Monday 20th: No Mass
Tuesday 21st: Mass 9am
Ash Wednesday 22nd: Mass
9.15am, 6pm
Thursday 23rd: Mass 9am
Friday 24th: Mass 9am
Saturday 25th: Mass 9am,
Croatian Mass 11am
Sunday 26th: Mass 9am

PLEASE NOTE:
ASH WEDNESDAY Mass will be
at 9.15 am and 6pm

ROSTERS

18/19 FEBRUARY
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6.00PM MASS
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Reader: School
Eucharistic
Ministers
School
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer C Connell
Commentator L
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Reader: A Brown
Eucharistic
Ministers
L Stevens N Page
Computer Screen D
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MORNING
TEA:
N & L Page

25/26 FEBRUARY
Cleaning
27/2-3/3 Coffey &
Paine

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Reader: J Quigley
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Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
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Reader: B
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Computer Screen T
Priest.

MORNING
TEA:
T van den Broek/
J Barroman



LENTEN PROGRAM

God is on the Journey too:
All are welcome to attend the
Lenten Program

beginning on each
Wednesday February 22 – March 29 after the
9am Mass in the Church Meeting Room. Or you
might like to join the **Evening Lenten Group at**

5pm in the Church Meeting Room, contact Bernie Basevi: [m]0428
227 384 **Or** join a **zoom group** contact Phil Billington [m]0428 593
191 by Sun Feb 19.

A good way to prepare with other like minded people for the
Lenten Journey to Easter.

We ask a \$5 donation for the booklet if you are able.

Any enquires contact:
Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

OFFICE STAFF LEAVE

The office will not be fully
staffed for the next two weeks as
Roslynne is on leave.

Fr Loi will be in and out of the
office. If you do need anything
please phone 4472 4153 and
leave a message or
contact Fr Loi on his mobile
0450 699 363

We only have 2 Pyxes left from 12 that were in the Sacristy.
PLEASE RETURN IF YOU HAVE ONE.
Many thanks, Anne Scicluna

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop Tuesday
February 21, 10 AM at Marie & Greg
Weatherall's home.
All welcome 0405 028 057.

Aged Parishioners who belong to St. Bernard's need Visit and Holy Communion
Are you able to help once a month? We provide Pastoral Service to 5 Aged Care
Facilities a total of 46 residents.

They belong to our Faith Community and they need our outreach. I need the following
once a month on a roster :
2 PEOPLE PLEASE for Maranatha
All resources and guidance given on 1:1.
Please consider this request. Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057.



Please take home a
Project Compassion box or 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 communities around
the world to tackle poverty, food security,
education, water and sanitation and
disaster risk reduction. Project
Compassion 2023 reminds us that the
good that we do today will extend and
impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future
starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable
communities face their challenges today
and build a better tomorrow For All
Future Generations.

You can donate through Project
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visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion,
or by calling 1800 024 413.



Remembering the Sick:

Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin
Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia
and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks,
Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan
Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy
Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital
and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be
added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: David Coates, Christopher Horsfall,
Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Michael Thornton, Barbara
Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda
Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White



The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked to-
gether with the disciples on
the road to Emmaus, draw-
ing them from anxiety to
hope, from confusion to
joy.

Jesus, centre of our
common Emmaus walk,
with You alone to guide
us, make Your home in
our hearts; as we pour
"new wine into fresh
wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the
Holy Spirit, may we give
birth to a renewed faith and
united pastoral action in this
Archdiocese in the years
ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great
Australian Intercessor, pray for
us.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us.

All Saints of
God, who name
and sanctify our
parishes, pray for
us. *Amen*

Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions

February

For Parishes

We pray that parishes,
placing communion at
the centre, may
increasingly become
communities of faith,
fraternity and welcome
towards those most in
need.

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