

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Notice for all Volunteers - Re: Safeguarding & Working With Children.

Over the last few weeks we have advertised steps and protocols regarding the requirements needed for all volunteers. Thank you to all those who have followed the instruction and have completed the requirements.

We are now running more training sessions for those who missed out last year or who have not completed the training online. These will be on Thursday 14th March at 7.00pm and Saturday 16th March at 9.00am in the presbytery. Only one of these training sessions need to be attended.

Please understand that it is a requirement for ALL volunteers to complete the Safeguarding Induction training.

Speaking Awesome Words

Lectors bring the Living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. Proclaiming God's Word well requires specialised training, careful preparation and practice. Therefore I am planning to organise a 2 hour interactive training program with Centre for Liturgy of Australian Catholic University. The parish will sponsor this Program. It will be open to all current readers of the parish and anyone interested in joining the ministry of Reading at Mass. Thank you to those who have come forward and shown interest in this course. **As there are not enough people to run a course ourselves at the Parish we are looking at joining up with a neighbouring Parish. Further details with dates and venue to follow.**

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 9390 5812.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

Wednesday - 10am Uniting

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time.
Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month
after 10AM Mass .



"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. . . Do to others as you would have them do to you. "
Luke 6:27-31

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

This weeks readings - 1Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23;
1 Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Next Weekend: 8th Sun Ord - Year C.

Readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C - 24 February 2019

2019 Lenten Program

We have a Parish Lenten Group looking for people to join in to the program which this year is themed 'Trust'. The group will meet in the presbytery meeting room at 7.30pm either on Tuesday or Thursday night during Lent. There is also another group willing to take new people. This group meets on Thursday's at 7pm at a residence in Condell Park, although spots there are limited. **If you would like to join either of these groups please write your name on the list in the Sacristy or e-mail the office by the end of the week so the books for the program can be organised.**

Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Catholic Bishops have called a Plenary Council for 2020. This is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future and you are all invited to participate.

In the preparation process, we are called to reflect, listen and share insights with one another as we respond to the three questions:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Your voice will be greatly valued. More information can be found at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

A meeting was held at the end of last year and now we invite everyone to a second meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 26th February commencing at 7pm in the Presbytery meeting room.

Kindergarten Family Mass

This weekend we welcome the new Kindergarten children from the primary school and their families who are helping with the liturgy for the Sunday 10am Mass. A Morning Tea will follow.

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; John Ashe; Van Cong Nguyen

Sick: Max Goodwin, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Maria Bui Thi Don; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Portia Mariano; Brian Dimmock; Maria Bui Thi Don

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 3/3/19 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 3/3/19 J Obeid 10/3/19 A Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 1/3/19: Polish group **No Children's Liturgy:** 24th Feb - Family Mass

Weekend Choirs: 3/3 **Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. **10am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	24 FEBRUARY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Mary Buckley	Henrietta Owusu	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Anthony Eltarraf	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	Thao Nguyen	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen	
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Helen Vujevic	Jacinta Eltarraf	
3 MARCH					
C	Gloria Booby	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Phu Nguyen	

Reflection

Go the extra mile

It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully.

But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We can probably all recall a family meal in which such behaviour was not observed. Yet we probably chose to sit through the meal anyway. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what we parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

As you gather as a family, identify some things that family members are expected to do each day (prepare meals, go to school or work; complete homework assignments, complete household chores, behave appropriately at school, at work and at home; and so on). Discuss whether it is easy to live up to these expectations. Why or why not? Then discuss the meaning of the phrase "go the extra mile" and what it would mean to go the extra mile in the expectations you identified. Introduce today's Gospel: *In today's Gospel reading, Jesus describes how we are to act toward one another. What he says may sound like what we mean by the phrase "going the extra mile."*

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:27-38. Discuss whether the actions Jesus describes are easy and consider why we might act in these ways if they seem difficult. Observe that today's Gospel challenges us to make choices based on God's standard; God loves us all the time by going the extra mile for us. During a time of quiet reflection, invite each family member to choose an action for the week in which he or she will go the "extra mile" for the family.

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Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Lincoln Cain

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

Cemetery Committee

We are looking for new people to join the Cemetery Committee. We meet twice a year to discuss any work or upgrades needed for the Cemetery. Please let Fr Van know if you are interested or email the office for further information.

Indigenous Appeal

The Bible Society's RIMS (Remote Indigenous Ministries Support) Project, is a major undertaking and part of The Bible Society Australia's 202 years of existence in providing scriptures to Australia's first people, our Aboriginals.

These projects have been endorsed by Archbishop Christopher Prowse Canberra & Goulburn Diocese, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady, Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers, Darwin Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley, Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Federal Member of Parliament Ms. Linda Burney and Federal Senator Patrick Dodson.

Richard Allcock will be attending all Masses on this weekend and will present a brief talk about the Bible Society's RIMS Project followed by a leaving collection for the project.

Funding is desperately needed to support the printing and distribution of the Murrinhpatha Mini Bible, Modern Tiwi project, Eastern & Central Arrente Bible translation (New Testament and Old Testament portions) & Kriol Audio Indigenous Scriptures for our Indigenous brothers & sisters in Australia.

In summary, the RIMS Project is divided into four fundamental areas: Publication of Indigenous Bibles, Recording of Indigenous Scripture, supporting indigenous translation, Designing Indigenous Bible resources and workshops. It is important to note that the RIMS Indigenous Project is Tax Deductable and all donations above \$2.00 is claimable.