

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 John 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:38-48

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.'

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbour are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

## Caritas Australia Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



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. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

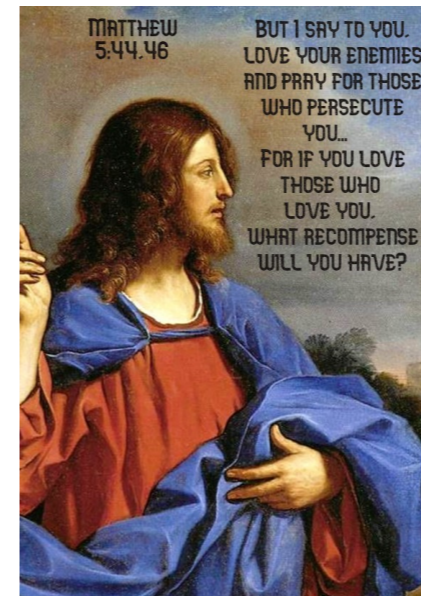


# Parish Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18/19 February 2023

## Love your enemies.



### BE HOLY!

The word "holy" can conjure up the image of someone who is always praying and, perhaps, cut off from everyday earthly realities. Today's readings, however, remind us that holiness is not measured by the calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God's gift. We are holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

## Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

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.”

### PSALM 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

**R: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

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. **R**

It is the Lord 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. **R**

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. **R**

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**

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

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.

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Angela Girolamo – Thursday  
**Sacristan**  
Weekdays: Michael Pierce  
Sundays: Terence Yeow & Roger Worth

**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am  
**Confessions**  
Saturday 6:00 pm  
**Rosary**  
Tues to Fri 8:45am  
**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Friday before Mass 8:30am  
**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters for 25/26 February 2023 1st Sunday of Lent	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Edward Konieczny Chris Platten, Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Alan Tyson Antonetta Bartley, Mikayla Bartley
Children's	Nickie and Tania
Count team	Paul Halliwell, Paul Roocke, Danielle Roocke, Denise Rutt
Altar	26th Feb to 26th Mar Sarita Ingham Bronwyn Gleeson
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	11/12 FEBRUARY
First Collection	\$ 712.45
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 910.00
Open Plate	\$ 316.50
Unborn Child Appeal	\$ 805.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,743.95</b>



**Pope Francis @pontifex**

*Where love becomes tangible, becomes closeness, becomes tenderness, becomes compassion, God is there.*




**Please remember in your prayers**  
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

**Recently Deceased:** Veronica Deegan

**Anniversary of death:**  
*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:** We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

**Special Intention:**



**Project Compassion Prayer**  
God of all generations, we thank you for those who have gone before us, especially those who have cared for your earth and who inspire us to help respect your creation and contribute to its healing.






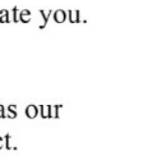
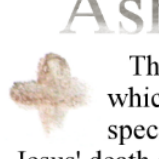
We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today, especially those who work for justice and peace. May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings to walk more closely with you, especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

We thank you for the challenge of the future. May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward. As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope that from now on all generations will experience the great things you will do through us.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.




**What did Jesus say?**  
*How does Jesus tell us we should act toward others? Which of these are true and which are false?*

- When someone hits you on one cheek, you should hit them back. True or False? 
- If someone tries to take your coat, you should give them your tunic as well. True or False? 
- If someone makes you walk a mile with them, you should walk two miles. True or False? 
- If someone asks for something, you shouldn't lend it to them, since they might not give it back. True or False? 
- You should love your friends and hate your enemies. True or False? 
- You should love your enemies and do good to the people who hate you. True or False? 
- You should be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. True or False? 

**Ash Wednesday**  
This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices-out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.




**Parish Announcements**  
**Attention Change of Time – Mass for Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 8am** followed by Holy Rosary 

**Lent Season**  
**Ash Wednesday** 22nd February at 9:15am Mass  
**Stations of the Cross** every Friday after Mass starting on 24th Feb (please see roster at the church entrance if you wish to lead one of the days)

**Sausage Sizzle - Sunday 26th February**  
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having a Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass (Cost is = \$2.50/sausage)

**CWL will be hosting a World Day of Prayer at St Joseph's Church**  
Friday 3rd March at 10am  
Tea and coffee afterwards  
Everyone is welcome!  
For more information please contact Josie Kennett 

**Archdiocese Events**  
**HELP SYRIA. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To make an offering please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake](http://www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake) or scan the QR code. 

**Gala for life - Adelaide**  
A fun and glamorous evening to fundraise for Pregnancy Help Australia  
Tuesday 21st Feb 2023 from 6pm to 10pm at The Strathmore Hotel  
Three course dinner, keynote speeches and a feel good atmosphere.  
Tickets on [www.galaforlife.com.au](http://www.galaforlife.com.au)

**Retreat Walk – Semaphore**  
Sunday February 26, 9.30am - 4pm – The 7km walk is graded as 'easy' and is suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Cost is \$25, meet at the carpark near the Semaphore Surf Life Saving Club, Point Malcolm Reserve, 343 Military Road, Semaphore Park. Register at <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/retreat-walk-adelaide-south-australia/>

**Office for Worship - Upcoming Courses by Dr. Jenny O'Brien**

- The Spirit of the Liturgy**  
Thursdays, March 2-30 (5 weeks) 7-9pm
- The Eucharist**  
Thursdays, June 1-29 (5 weeks) 7-9pm

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall, Wakefield St, Adelaide  
Courses are \$50 per person, payable on the first night by EFTPOS or Bank Transfer. To register, please contact the Office for Worship on 8210 8130 or [worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government. Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.  
**Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety**

Answer to puzzle on front: Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. 1: true 2: true 3: true 4: false 5: false 6: true 7: true