

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:17-37 (Short version 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Family Connection

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another.

Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: *God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.* Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.



Project Compassion 2023 – commences Sunday February 19
The Theme this year 'For All Future Generations' reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

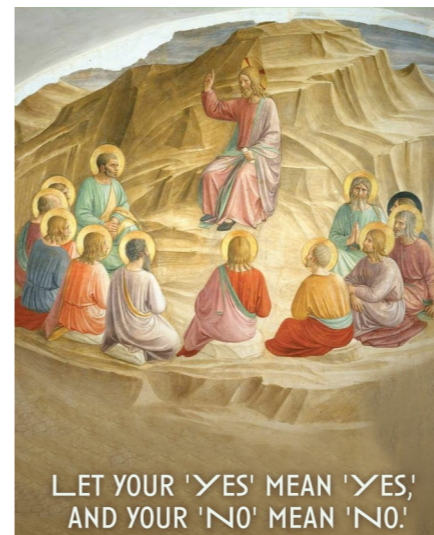


Parish Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/12 February 2023

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.



FOLLOW GOD'S LAW.

The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Sirach 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

PSALM 118:12,4-5,17-18,33-34

R: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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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 18/19 February 2023 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Josh Page Dorothy Pierce, Michelle Page
9:30am	Nick McCabe Ann Mary Kollarackal, Jake Kollarackal
Children's Liturgy	Antonetta and Suanne
Count team	Ron Hoogland, Sheila Hoogland, Peter Rees,
Altar	29th Jan to 19th Feb Dolores Arboit Christina Wong
<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	4/5 FEBRUARY
First Collection	\$ 531.35
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 1,063.50
Open Plate	\$ 454.65
TOTAL	\$ 2,049.50



Pope Francis
@pontifex

I remain close with all my heart to the people affected by the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. I continue to pray for those who have lost their lives, as well as the injured, family members, and rescuers. May our concrete aid sustain them in the midst of this appalling tragedy

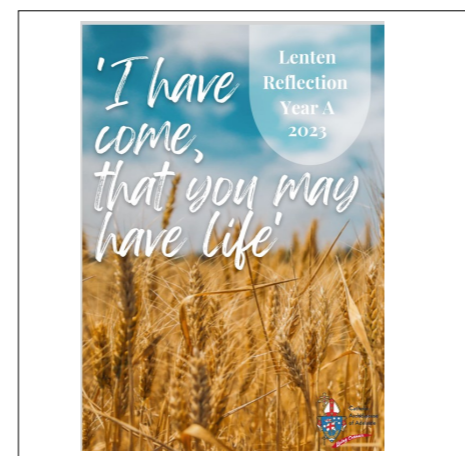


Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased:
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: Adelle Lourdes Zelaya-Caruso and Isla Eloise Mass that will be baptised in our Church this week.




Lenten Reflection Books 2023
The Psalm and Gospel readings for each Sunday in Lent are included in the booklet along with reflections written by clergy and lay people in our Archdiocese and small group questions that are suitable from secondary students to adults.
They will be available to our Parish on the weekend before Ash Wednesday (18-19/Feb)

Attention Change of Time
Mass on the 21st Feb 2023 at 8am followed by Holy Rosary

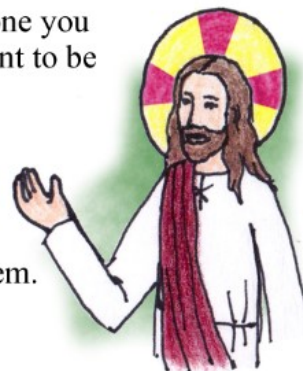


What does Jesus say about the Commandments?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was talking about the laws of God. Some people thought that He would take away the old law that God had given the Jews. But Jesus said that He didn't come to take away the law. He came to fulfill the law.

The old laws tell us the things that we shouldn't do, like worship false gods or kill people or steal. Jesus is telling us that just obeying the commandments isn't enough. He wants us to do everything out of love. If you really love a person then of course you won't kill them! But He says you shouldn't get angry at them either. You wouldn't steal from someone you love- but wouldn't you want to be generous to them too?



Jesus says that the Ten Commandments are very important, but we have to do more than just obey them. We need to love!



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

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W O R D S E R V A N T

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS, who WALK in the LAW of the Lord. BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES, who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS be DILIGENTLY KEPT. Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE and keep your WORDS. OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____

Parish Announcements

Rosters for Volunteers 2023

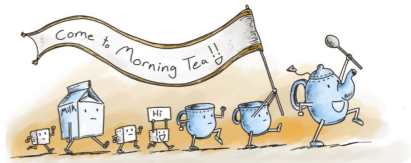
New Roster will start in March as the current one ends on the last weekend of February 2023.

Day of the Unborn Child Appeal – 11th and 12th February, 2023

A special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare & Genesis Pregnancy Support

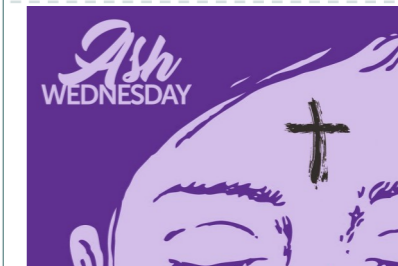
Sunday 12th February

Tea and Coffee after 9:30am
Mass
All Welcome!



Anointing of the sick at St Joseph

Friday 17th February during 9:15am Mass Fr Roy will administer the Sacrament to everyone in need of it. If you know someone that would like to receive it please share the information.



Lent Season

Wednesday 22nd Feb 23
at our regular time for
weekday Mass
9:15am

Day of fasting and abstinence



Stations of the Cross every Friday after Holy Mass starting on 24th Feb

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



Our University Students

We would like to congratulate a number of the younger members of our Parish community who either commence, or continue with university studies this year. We hope they know how proud we are of them and to know that we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Congratulations and God's blessings to all.

Child Safe Contact Person

We extend our appreciation and thanksgiving to Anne Dudzinski for being the Child Safe Contact Person and Sacramental Program Coordinator for our community these past years. We hope that God blesses her journey and her continuous volunteering jobs around the Parish.

Please see Fr Roy or the office if you are interested in volunteering for this important role to keep promoting the safety and wellbeing of our children and young people.

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