

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours'.

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him', he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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10 JULY 2022

CREATION BORN ANEW

The unifying theme of today's readings is being at peace with God, oneself and others. For Deuteronomy, the call is to find peace through faithfulness to the Mosaic law. While the challenge seems daunting, it is possible. The Gospel expands this by calling us to find true peace by loving our neighbour. The parable of the Good Samaritan challenges us to see that it is not a question of determining who my neighbour is, as much as to whom I can be a neighbour.

The reading from the letter to Colossians is one of the Church's earliest hymns and it is a powerful and beautiful reflection on the place of Jesus in God's saving plan. In the light of the resurrection, the first Christians quickly came to see that what had happened in Jesus of Nazareth could not be limited to his earthly ministry. It had become impossible to speak of God's plan of salvation without seeing Jesus as its centre and lynchpin. Paul sees Jesus as the unifying and life-giving force behind all of creation. While the hymn stresses the pride of place that Jesus has in God's saving plan as well as his lordship of all creation, the place and role of the cross is not forgotten. Peace and reconciliation have been achieved through Jesus' blood. It is on the cross, as nowhere else, that Jesus is Lord of all creation, and it is here that creation is born anew.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Deut 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. R.

2. As for me in my poverty and pain / let your help, O God, lift me up. / I will praise God's name with a song; / I will glorify him with thanksgiving. R.

3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. R.

4. For God will bring help to Zion / and rebuild the cities of Judah. / The sons of his servants shall inherit it; / those who love his name shall dwell there. R.



SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created

all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way, because God wanted all perfection to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

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WEEKEND MASSES **Sat:** 5.30pm **Sun:** 9am and 5.30pm

CONFESIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES **Mon:** No Mass **Tues:** No Mass
Wed: 12 pm **Thurs:** 9 am
Fri: 9 am St Bonaventure **Sat:** No Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: John Fittler, Molly Miller, Judy McGregor, Vincent O'Shea, Shirley Chandler.
Anniversaries: John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6), Grant D'Elboux (21/6), Bridget Teo (29/7).

Deceased: Roy Carpenter, Warwick McKeon, Laurence McDonnell.

Sick: Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

VEENA'S VERSIONS:

After O'Reilly had jumped a red light and smashed into another car, he dashed over to the other vehicle to discover that the driver was a priest. "Good God, man, you almost killed me," said the badly shaken priest. "I'm really sorry, Father. Here," said

O'Reilly, taking a bottle from his pocket, "Drink some of this whiskey, for your nerves." The grateful priest gulped down some of the whiskey and then started shouting again. "What do you think you were doing?: I'm lucky to be alive." "Oh, Father, I'm so sorry. You'll feel a lot better after you've drunk some more of this." The priest had a few more stiff belts and then asked, "Why don't you have a drink?"

"I don't think I will, than you, Father," said O'Reilly.
"I'll just sit here and wait for the police."

COMING EVENTS: July is dedicated to [The Precious Blood of Jesus](#). The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical colour green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

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2nd Coll: St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

"God is so good." (1870)



NSW STATE COVID RULES: * FACE MASKS ARE NOT COMPULSORY BUT RECOMMENDED
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

PLENARY COUNCIL IN PRAYER: The Plenary Council Second Assembly has now met. Catholics across the country are asked to continue to pray as the Church journeys towards this important Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The "Walking in the Spirit" pilgrimage has been prepared to encourage individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries to keep the Plenary Council in their prayers.

AUSTRALIAN BUSH LIFE: In his address at Alice Springs in 1986 Pope John Paul II recalled such a story: "If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bushfire sweeping through the timber; the leaves are scorched, the tough bark scarred and burned, but inside the tree the sap still flows, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have survived the flames, and you have still the power to be born. The time for rebirth is now."

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE: Fr Bernard Flood and Fr Ron Perrett celebrate their 60th Ordination Anniversaries to the priesthood on 24 July 2022. Everyone is invited to join together for this milestone celebration, beginning with a concelebrated Mass at St Michael's Church Dungowan at 10.00 am, followed by morning tea in the church grounds. A two-course meal at Carmen's Restaurant from 12.15 pm (cost \$30) will continue the celebrations for those who wish to attend all, or only the lunch celebration. RSVP Di Brown 0419296627, or Pam Crayn 407013904 by 10 July if you are able to attend. Details on noticeboard.

CAN YOU SING FOR THE SPECIAL CELEBATION? It would be appreciated if singing could be organised for the ordination anniversary event for Frs Flood and Perrett. If you could assist please ring Joan Newley 0455126646.

FR MICHAEL ALCOCK'S ADVENTURES: Have you been following Fr Michael's efforts towards Adelaide or bust? You can see him leaving St Patrick's at this [Facebook link](#). We wish him safe and rewarding travels.

*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind,
and love your neighbour as yourself.*

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 10/7/22

Vigil: R. Sr Kathryn D Bolitho
9am Sun: R. Volunteer (Holley) A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R. J Murray D Bearman
Counting Team O and J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 16/7 S Brown, V Griffiths
Altar Linen: E Smyth

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 17/7/22

Vigil: R N Pullman Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R M Murray C Lavell
Counting Team R Paull; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 23/7 K O'Brien, J Cunningham
Altar Linen H Reid

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

