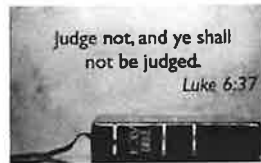




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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / C
20 February 2022

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANointing OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1 st Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph Camilleri, Alyssa Dansord, Carmela Ruotolo, Pamela Pekin, Eileen Muldoon, Dennis Lyons, Barry McCorkill, Fr Manoj Manuel, Alessandro Arcamone, Lionel Singh, Nick Sireilles, Les Harris, Brad Yates, Isaac Moses, Frank Malkoun.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saed Ayoub, Christopher Nalletamby, Albert Yen, Sayu Ketut Utari, Fr Lawrence Vincent Pedemont - Joseph Antoun, Najla Antoun, Joseph Rachmat, Ferdinand Loekito.

Rosters – 26/27 February

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Caterina Cipri, Monica Jung
Thomas Russo
Pamela McKay
Lynette Rodrigues

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Lawrence Tsang, Patricia Hild
Sr Maureen, Leah Garcia
Anne Marie Lyons
Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza

OUR ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Altar Society needs volunteers to clean the sacred vessels, candle sticks and arrange flowers etc. once every six weeks for 1-1/2 hours, either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you can help please approach Fr Peter.

ZUMBA

Please join our Zumba class at St. Mary's Hall (opposite the church). The session is every Thursday. Registration from 6.45pm, for 7pm sharp start. Cost: \$10 per class. Contact Ruth 0412 341 112 for information.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joel Ahn, Ava Ball and Laura Sultana who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We pray for the children in our parish that made their First Holy Communion this weekend. May you continue your faith journey and receive Jesus with the joy and happiness you have now. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. Thank you to all the families for your great patience and understanding. We know this has been a very long journey for you all.
The sacramental Team



COVID-19 UPDATE

Parishioners attending the church are required to wear a face mask.

Please sanitise your hands.

If you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, having a temperature or have been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, you should not enter the church.

STEPPING BEYOND: MONTHLY SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Group, supports those navigating their way through separation or divorce. Guided by trained facilitators, you'll have the opportunity to explore the challenges faced during this time in a safe and supportive environment. This group is held on the last Tuesday of each month via Zoom. 1st Gathering for the year: Tuesday 22nd February – Held online via Zoom. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Registration Essential: Please contact Rita Ph. 8843 2500 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information and registration. See Flyer on Parish Notice Board for more details.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

This year is about CatholicCare's Community Centres – in particular the Springwood Drop-In Centre. Next weekend, 26th /27th February our parish will have an appeal. All donations are 100% Tax Deductible. If you wish to contribute, envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome

TRANSPORT REQUIRED

A lady who lives in the corner of Spurway and Patterson Streets would love to attend the 9.30am Sunday Mass. If you can give her a lift, please approach Eddy Borovnjak 0450 523 440 or contact the office via email: admin@holymary.org.au

ONLINE RETREAT - HIGH HORSES, SCAPEGOATS AND DONKEYS: A LENTEN ODYSSEY.

"This retreat takes us into the realm of tears, the tears of compunction that St Benedict talks about in his chapter on Reverence in Prayer (RB 20). It is a calling forth of ourselves to a new and more authentic living; a dive into the deep; a naming of the truth of who we are before God. It is not a fear based compunction that we will enter into, but rather a compunction based on a deep desire to be in oneness with God." Please register online at jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats More details in the notice board.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PEACE, JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY FACILITATOR

The Peace, Justice and Ecology Facilitator (PJE Facilitator) will be responsible for selected focus areas of social justice and work alongside the PJE Coordinator on projects, programs and events across this important ministry of the Diocese. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment or email Ms Deanne Martin on parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org Applications close 10pm Monday 7 March.

SACRAMENTAL DATES

The dates for the Sacramental Program for Children for 2022 are at the entrance to the church and on our website.

RYDALMEN

Our men's group Lenten program commences on Thursday 3rd March at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room and then continues for 5 consecutive Wednesdays (same time, same place). We shall follow the Diocese of Wollongong's program "Remember." All men, regulars and non-regulars, are most welcome to come, fellowship and journey through Lent together (contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165).



'REMEMBER' LENTEN STUDY GROUP

You are invited to join a weekly Lenten group at Anne Young's home (9 Yimbala St, Rydalmere) starting Friday 4th March from 10am to 12pm. We will be studying the Diocese of Wollongong's REMEMBER program. This is the same format as last year's program with some thought provoking and meaningful studies. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Anne-Louise for more information – 0450 308 351. If numbers are larger than expected we will meet in the parish meeting room. Look forward to meeting and sharing with you all.

ALTAR SERVERS

Our parish is looking for new Altar Servers and a return to duty for our current Altar Servers. Altar Servers must be in Year 5 or above and have made their First Holy Communion. If you are interested, please place your contact details on the clipboard provided at the back of the church. **Fr Peter**



READERS NEEDED

We are desperately short of Readers for all Masses. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role. The next roster begins 5th March and training is provided. Please contact Glenys Oxlee on 0488 228 633 by 20th February for more information &/or if you would like to join the roster

LENT WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22> Call 1300 734 880 for more info.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. For more information email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS GROUP & PLAYGROUP

Calling all mums of children 0-5 years old! Come and join us for our playgroup session on **Tuesdays**, from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall (access from Myrtle Street). Playgroup will run weekly during the school term. Pop in for a chat, a coffee and make new friends. We hope to see you there! For further information contact Natalie on 0418 600 358.



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.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 9: 2-3

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A HEAVENLY IMAGE

Both today's first reading and Gospel passage deal with what is the appropriate response to those who seek to harm us. Saul set out to destroy David and now as he sleeps his life is in David's hands. Will David return violence for violence, death for persecution? Everyone can cite the wounds they have received, the wrongs they have endured as a justification for retaliation and vengeance. The problem with giving violence in response to violence is that the vicious cycle never finishes – one violent act leads to another. Like David, Jesus knew that it is only by being able to forgive that this cycle can be stopped. At the heart of the Gospel is the call to a love that counters hurt, misunderstanding, oppression, and persecution with forgiveness and generosity.

As Paul continues to unfold his arguments for the bodily resurrection of Christians, he compares two Adams. The first Adam is found in the book of Genesis and the second is the risen Lord Jesus. For Paul, it is eminently reasonable that since we have borne the image of the first Adam by having a body, we will also bear the image of the second Adam by sharing in the bodily resurrection. The Corinthians knew that they had been baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus, but Paul knew that they had not fully entered into the life of the resurrection. This would only come about when they had received their glorified bodies at the end of time.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 FEBRUARY 2022

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.



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. R.

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. R.

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.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 27-38

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.