

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form 5:17-37

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. May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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: When we eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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 cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

OR

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for

that food by which we truly live. 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, \boxtimes and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CHOICES

Choices are a part of the human experience. Some are minor and of little consequence, others will shape our futures and have lasting ramifications for our lives. Ecclesiasticus places a choice before us: we have the power to choose life or death, that is, whether we will follow the living God or not. While many people are fearful of God's judgement the point of the first reading is that any judgement on God's part is only a consequence of our own (cf. John 3:17, 12:47).

Jesus invited his hearers to make a decision about the standard they used to live their life of faith. They had grown up with the Jewish law but now the invitation is made to choose a new set of criteria. In the next few weeks, the excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount invite us to choose once again the values that Jesus places before us. Today the challenge is made in terms of our attitude regarding violence, sexual morality and the quality of our speech.

Paul places a choice before the Corinthians – to model their lives on the wisdom of the cross. In Paul's time, the mystery cults abounded and such groups considered themselves as having been initiated into the elect, those who had knowledge and power denied to those around them. He knew they had been given the gift of the Spirit and wisdom, but it was the misunderstood and paradoxical wisdom of the cross.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

12 FEBRUARY 2023

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.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Ps 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.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Glorify 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



SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf. Mt 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 *Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.



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12 February 2023

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr John De Luca, Les Riedling (Father of Fr Robert Riedling), Fr Ruben Elago - Vicky Cook, John Joyce - His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, Corazon Santos - Betty Griffin, Des Howard, Maurice Reid

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ferdinand Loekito, Joseph Rachmat, Les Riedling, Fr Ruben Elago - Peter Murphy, Fr Tim Crowley, Lia Edouard-Betsy - Joseph Paul Faust, George Sant, Carmela Ruotolo, Barry Nicholls, Sr Christine Hesel, Doreen Clinch.

Rosters – 18/19 February

Cleaning Ministry

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Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm Anne Betteridge, Matheus Liberato
Sun. 7.30am Gail Dick, Jodie MacGregor
Sun. 10.00am Sr Maureen, Linda Tsang



ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE

The Diocese of Parramatta wishes to congratulate Fr Adam Carlou, Fr Matthew Dimian and Fr Jack Elkazzi following their ordination to the priesthood on Thursday 2 February.

HOLY MASS FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS OF TURKEY AND SYRIA

Fr Chadi Ibrahim, a native of Aleppo, Syria, will be celebrating a special mass for earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria at St Patrick's Cathedral on next **Friday 17th at 6.30pm**. He invites all to join him to pray for the people of Syria and Turkey.



SCHOENSTATT MEN

MONTHLY FORMATION GATHERINGS

Mens Reflection: The Search for Home – belonging, being 'home' for each other as family, our parish as 'home', God as 'home'. **Sun 19 Feb, 9am-10.30am.**

Optional Mass 11am. No cost. Home of Light, Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa NSW 2745. Enquiries: Jim 0432 487 927. More info: <https://bit.ly/3DSBpan>
Also in the series: Conversion 19 Mar, Mission 16 Apr.

LENTEN MUSIC FORMATION SESSION

Musicians and liturgy planners are invited to attend an evening exploring music for Lent on **Monday 13 February** from **7pm to 8.30pm** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, MET, and Assistant Music Director at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To RSVP, please contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

LED BY THE SPIRIT

You are invited to participate in a Lenten Series, call *Led by the Spirit*. Throughout Scripture the Spirit often leads people through the wilderness so that they might find God's greater plan for their lives. Join us this Lenten season to find where the Spirit is leading you. This series will be run by Disciples of Jesus (DOJ) and the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL). DOJ is a Charismatic Community and the MGLs are an Order of Charismatic Priests, Brothers and Consecrated sisters.
Dates: **Sundays during Lent 26 Feb to 2 April 2023**
Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm
Each Sunday will begin with a high tea—don't miss out.
Location: Christ the King, Parish Hall—10 Statham Ave, North Rocks.
For more information contact Matthew Leslie 0409 295 962

MET LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods. **Tuesday 21 February – 6:30PM to 8:30PM**. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023>



MET – WORSHIP CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK SEMINAR

The MET team are organising a seminar for acolytes and ministers at the altar (senior servers) in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week. Presented by liturgist Chris Ohlsen, the session will be held on **Saturday 4 March** from **9.30am to 3pm** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 28 February, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3456.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION & RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on **Sunday 19 February from 10.30am to 3pm**, with registration from 10am. BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome. For enquiries, please contact either Ann Bergman on anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas on atomas@bigpond.com or (02) 9653 2637.

CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM 2023

The Mount Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville has released their 2023 Retreat Program. This includes weekend/weeklong retreats and day retreats. There are some brochures at the back of the Church. For further information or to make a booking, please visit their webpage <https://mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program> or call on 8795 3400.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Eliza Fernandes** who was baptised on Sunday 5th February 2023.

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE OFFERINGS IN FEBRUARY

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend retreats throughout February, including a Lenten Growth retreat and its monthly one-day pilgrimage. For more information and bookings, please contact 0468 486 782 or email drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on **25-26 February**. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

MET FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE

Want to learn more about the Bible? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Dr Michele Connolly rsj, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three **Thursdays: 23 February, 2 March and 9 March**. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Friday, 17 February – The Seven Holy Founders of The Servite Order

The seven men who are honoured on this date entered the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin in Florence from 1225 to 1227. On the Feast of the Assumption, they shared a vision of Mary that led them to seek solitude together in a house outside the city. A second vision of Mary holding black robes, and an angel with a scroll emblazoned with the words "Servants of Mary", gave them their habit and title. The Rule of Saint Augustine was adopted, and ecclesiastical approval was given in 1304. The Servites, as they came to be called, are especially devoted to the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are one of the five original mendicant orders.



I have chosen you to be my first Servants, and under this name you are to till my Son's Vineyard. Here, too, is the habit which you are to wear; its dark colour will recall the pangs which I suffered on the day when I stood by the Cross of my only Son. Take also the Rule of Saint Augustine, and may you, bearing the title of my Servants, obtain the palm of everlasting life. ~From a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary