

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 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.'

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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

INCLUSIVE LOVE

How should we deal with the hurts that we receive? Should we respond by retaliating? Is there any future in the way of peace and forgiveness? These questions are as pressing today as they were in the ancient world. The people of Israel based their behaviour on the nature of the living God. As God is holy, so Israel was to express its holiness by forbearance and forgiveness among its members. Members of the people of Israel were called to love one another and forego the duty of vengeance when it came to other covenant members.

Jesus took this even further and extended it beyond Israel into our relationship with all people. Now even enemies are to be treated as brothers and sisters. Jesus knew that it is by forgiving that we can share in the nature of the living God and so become complete. It is by our preparedness to forgive that we share in the even-handed perfection of God whose love is poured out for all, deserving or not.

Perhaps Paul was mindful of Jesus' words that a house divided against itself cannot stand (cf. Mark 3:25) when he reminded the Corinthians that they were the Temple of God. Since each member shared in the gift of the Spirit there was no place for division or competition. Paul, Apollos and Cephas were united in their ministry as servants of the Gospel. If they were united, why was the community divided? It was now time to turn the other cheek and live in unity and peace.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 FEBRUARY 2023

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 a holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

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 Lord be with you.

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. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

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.

COLLECT

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus
You must love your neighbour as yourself.

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."

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. 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.**

2. 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.**
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 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.



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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Jn 2:5

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

GOSPEL Mt 5:38-48

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.

Love your enemies.

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



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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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Giordano Procopio, Tom Donohue, Fr Lawrence Vincent Pedemont, Joseph Kutajczyk - Ferdinand Loekito, Joseph Rachmat, Les Riedling, Fr Ruben Elago - Peter Murphy, Fr Tim Crowley, Lia Edouard-Betsy.

Rosters – 25/26 February

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm	Anton Massillamany, Vartgues Markarian
Sun. 7.30am	George Davidson
Sun. 10.00am	Michael Majoor
	Glenys Oxlee
	Joe Zammit

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm	Leah Garcia, Mia Boulous
Sun. 7.30am	Angela & Will Finnane
Sun. 10.00am	Glenys Oxlee, Samuel Yu



ASH WEDNESDAY – 22ND FEBRUARY

On Ash Wednesday there will be two Holy Masses **9.15am and 7.30pm**. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence.



LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 40-day period of penitential preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Lent has a focus on spiritual transformation. The 3 key pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Matthew 4:1-2: Then Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards he was hungry.

OBLIGATORY DUTIES DURING LENT

Fasting & Abstinence:

Our obligatory duty on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: Do not eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Treat it as a day of penance.

Confession:

Catholics are obligated to fulfill their Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season. The Sacrament of Penance is required for any mortal sin and is strongly recommended.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will commence on **Friday 3 March at 7.00pm to 7.30pm**

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:
RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

MONTHLY ROSARY AT THE SHOPS

Please join us in a Public Rosary which takes place at 3pm on the last Saturday of each month. We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Rosary. It takes about 40 minutes. Prayers will begin at 3pm sharp at Ermington Shops, opposite the post office on **Saturday the 25th of February**. Comment: Our Lady of Beauraing said 'Always do good'. Let us try to always do good. (Brian Nairn 0409306381).



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



HOLY WEEK/EASTER CHOIR

Choir rehearsal for Holy Week/Easter will commence on **Wednesday 1 March at 7.30pm** in the Church. Emails have been sent to all Members. New members most welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

During Lent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 7pm to midnight
Wednesday – 9pm to midnight
Friday – 7.30pm to midnight

This Lenten season set aside a few extra minutes every week to be still before God in Adoration. Quiet your heart that you might hear His heart speak: Cor ad Cor. Heart to heart.



RYDALMEN

Our men's group next gathers on **Thursday 23rd February at 7.15pm for 7.30pm** start in the Parish meeting room. We will be starting out Lenten study based on the Diocese of Wollongong's "Triumph" program which includes Sunday Scripture readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions. We also study beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165.



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 read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake

CLEAN UP DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA DAY



Catholic Youth Parramatta and MET – On Clean Up Australia Day, **Sunday 5 March**, witness to the call to take care of God's creation. Join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting

<https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/>

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/

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 21 February – Saint Peter Damian

Saint Peter Damian was a Benedictine monk who strove to purify the Church during the 11th century. Ecclesiastical abuses and political intrigues characterised this period. Having embraced a life of prayer and penance at the hermitage of Fonte Avellana in northern Italy, Peter nevertheless took a public stand against simony (the practice of buying and selling ecclesiastical offices), and clerical marriage. In 1057 he was named cardinal and bishop of Ostia Italy. Peter urged the secular clergy to embrace monastic poverty. His many writings include letters written to influential medieval figures, recommending detachment from worldly goods. He died in 1072 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1828.



"Nobody can fight properly or boldly for the faith if he clings to the fear of being stripped of earthly possessions."
- Saint Peter Damian