



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading

A reading from the book of Leviticus

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

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.

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.

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.

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. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

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

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 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 love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Times for March

Feb 26: Ash Wednesday, Mass at 2pm

Mar 1: Mass at 10am

Mar 8: Mass at 10am

Mar 15: Mass at 10am

Mar 22: Mass at 10am

Important Upcoming Dates

Iona & Avonlea Ecumenical Services are on this Friday, February 28. Parishioners are most welcome to join us at either or both venues.

ROSTER for FEB /MARCH	Feb 23	March 1	March 8
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	I Dart	J Gurry
Lay Leaders		-----	-----
Eucharistic Minister	K Clohesy	A Munro	C Kennedy
Offertory Procession	L Welsch	S Lawler	Volunteer please
Monthly Collector	R Picone	J Millington	J Millington
Counter	E Cameron	J Kennedy	E Cameron
Cleaning	A Munro	A Munro	A Munro



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week with Mass here in the church at 2pm. Project Compassion Boxes and Sets of Envelopes are at the back of the Church for you today.

Project Compassion Sunday.

The readings today anticipate the Lenten period. Lent invites us to reflect, pray, fast and give alms. In today's gospel, Jesus redefines who is our "neighbour," to include not only those with whom we are comfortable, but all of humanity – our global community. Jesus offers a radical approach to be with others – he invites us to go further, to go above and beyond what is required. Caritas Australia's Project Compassion calls to go above and beyond in our almsgiving to bring joy and hope to others. In the weeks of Lent we will hear stories of people who participate in Caritas Australia supported programs. We will be inspired by the resilience of our sisters and brothers as they face the challenges of injustice, living in extreme poverty, impacted by many things. Through our support of Project Compassion, we seek to stand in solidarity with our neighbours as a global community. In the season of Lent, consider where in our own lives do we need to go further in love and compassion? We pray for our church community as we undertake prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, that this time will create in us a heart of a true neighbour, recognising that all human beings have an inherent dignity which must always be upheld.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas & Bushfire Appeal
We have collected \$310.00 to date for these appeals.

Monthly Collections
Parish \$97.00
Presbytery: \$25.00
Loose: \$71.00

Child Safety Standards :

We have a Child Safety Policy in this Parish to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A Child Safety Code of Conduct has been adopted for all who work with children in this Parish. Ann Munro is our safeguarding officer.