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Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).



1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38 - A quick word on the second reading: our Lectionary's translation that first Adam *became a living soul* and the last Adam (Christ) *a life-giving spirit* seems a little odd. How are soul and spirit different? The first is a quotation from Genesis 2:7 where the Hebrew has the peculiar word *nephesh* that does not always translate as *soul* as we tend to use it. In this instance it indicates the earthly body of clay that was lifeless until it received breath (spirit) from God. Consider our use of S.O.S – *Save our souls* – by which we really mean save our very physical selves. The risen Christ, on the other hand, is a heavenly body whose breath bestow life.

Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday (NO Thursday Mass)	6.30am
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Exceptions

Saturday and Public Holidays	8.00am
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Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition held after Mass
Friday 7am - 9am.
All are invited to join this devotion.

Reconciliation

Saturday	5pm-5.30pm
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Or by appointment

Baptism

Infant Baptism:
2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass
Baptism preparation:
3rd Saturday 10.30am

In the gospel, the mission announced in the synagogue in Nazareth on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and now unfolding in Galilee, and as was indicated in last Sunday's beatitudes, points to a new order based on the ways of the Kingdom of God rather than those of the powerful of the world. The major part (verses 27-35) of today's reading expounds two principles or commands: 1) *love your enemies (and do good to them)*; 2) *give (not lend) to all who ask*. The rhetorical construction has these mentioned three times, interspersed with examples and expansions, ending in the conveniently summarised third and final mention in verse 35. The first rule might be considered as two (*love and do good*) but they are variants of each other and are consistently kept together even as other elements are added in the expansions. Rereading the passage from the beginning with these two in mind makes things clearer.

It opens with *Love your enemies* – the only item repeated later verbatim. The following *do good to those who hate you* along with *bless those who curse you* and *pray for those who persecute you* are examples specifying how one might act well towards enemies, now described in increasing degrees of antipathy – those who merely hate, those who wish or speak harm, and those who do harm. The very specific example is then given of offering the other cheek to one who has struck you, an adaptation of Lamentations 3:30 in a passage not included in our Lectionary; it is used only in the Office of Readings, on Friday of week 23 in Ordinary Time, and so is little is encountered. That context raises two possibilities for interpreting this difficult saying: since in Lamentations the people and prophet are under punishment from God, the ill treatment by others is accepted as part of the just punishment; and, sporadically Lamentations expresses the idea that when the punishment is over it will be God who metes out any punishment on the oppressors. The following advice not to withhold the tunic from the one who takes the cloak fits the pattern of turning the cheek, but seems also to be a segue to the next of the key rules: *Give to everyone who asks*. Then to conclude the first stating of these rules is Luke's version of the Golden Rule – *as you wish to be treated, so also treat others* – reminding us also that our actions are indeed our own, and how we are to act is not to be dictated by others' behaviour. Should we let another's actions dictate our own we turn from the ways of God who acts as he wills, that is according to his own principles. **Continued Page 3...**

Liturgy of the Word

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Acclamation of Faith:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come
again.

Prayer Requests



We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

CONDOLENCE: Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones; **especially:**

- **Aileen, William and Rosslyn Dove**
- **Sylvia Kinne**
- **Alice Magalene Strong**

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes.

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office.



A VOCATION VIEW: If you love your enemies, do well to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you, realise that God has already called YOU.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre: 1300 133 544

vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

www.vocationbrisbane.com

Sacrament of Penance



Last week 43 children began their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. You will have noticed from the notice board together with their "Sacrament of Penance Passbook" they are given a little sheet each week to look at key aspects of the Mass. This week they are concentrating on the Responsorial Psalm antiphon and the gift of compassion which is a key message of this Sunday's Gospel. Please continue to support the children and their families during this preparation time.

St Monica's Guild Meeting

St. Monica's Guild members will meet after Mass and Rosary on **Saturday 2nd March, 2019**

Any widowed woman in the parish is welcome to come along.

Church Car Parking 2 March



On **Saturday 2nd March 2019** St Dymphna's School is holding an event and although parking will also be provided on the school oval the car park maybe crowded for 6pm Mass.



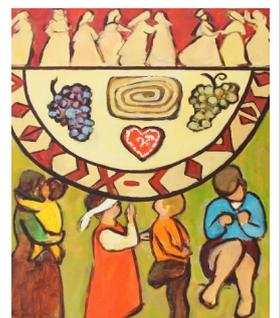
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One of the ways that we can undertake special acts of charity during lent, is to make weekly contributions to **Project Compassion**.

This charitable work is sponsored by **Caritas Australia**. In particular your gift, no matter how small or how large, is directly used to support people living in less developed overseas countries. Caritas is the church's overseas aid agency and provides help to people living in extreme poverty or people suffering in the wake of natural disasters.

There are boxes into which you could place a small donation each week or envelopes that serves the same purpose. **The boxes and envelopes are available in the church foyer from this weekend.** The contributions are brought back and sent on to Caritas Australia after Easter.



Join in the Spirit this Lent

2019 Lenten Program – *Compassion*

Our Parish will once again be conducting **Evangelisation Brisbane's Lenten Program** this Lent. The program for this year (Year C) is titled, *COMPASSION – Reflecting and sharing the Good News*.

When: 7.00pm each Tuesday from 5 March to 12 April 2019.

Where: The John Paul II Room at the front of the Church.

Resources: The booklets for this program will be provided free to parishioners who register their attendance prior to Monday, 4 March 2019.

How do I register? You can register your attendance on the 'Sign-on sheet' available in the foyer of the Church. Or please contact the parish office.

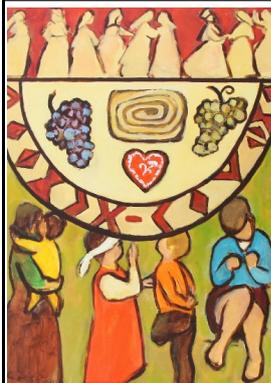
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Three examples then follow, in effect saying, if you act towards others only as they do to you, that is by limiting good deeds to those who are good to you, how are you any better than a sinner? In the structuring of these three examples it may appear that the first two, loving enemies and doing good, are distinct, but that is countered by the following summary iterating the first statements in brief: *love your enemies and do good, and lend without expectation of return*. Here now it should be noted that the verb *give* has changed to *lend*, but they need to be read as synonyms, for if you lend something with no expectation of it being returned you have indeed given it away; we do not have here a new rule, but a variant reiteration from the opening section. Importantly, we have a link back to the beatitudes' ending, *your reward will be great*, and, similar to the point made above, a direct connection to acting to like God who *is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked*.

We may consider the next section to open with a reworking of the same point, evoking as it does the many utterances in the Hebrew scriptures of the article of faith, that *God is merciful (or compassionate) and gracious (or kind)*, who is also patient and ready to forgive (see for example Exodus 34:6-7). This leads into another threefold set of degrees of acting that instead of being read separately may perhaps be linked in a way that admits of our own struggle to act like God: *do not judge* – but if you do, *do not condemn* but you do, *forgive*.

Rev Dr Barry Craig - Liturgia Homily Help - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Our Lady and St Dympna's to Host World Day of Prayer 1 March 2019



Our parish has been selected to host this year's ecumenical **World Day of Prayer service at 10am Friday, 1st March**. The service will be followed by a morning tea. This year's host country is Slovenia, and the theme is 'Come – everything is ready'.

Please join us for the service followed by morning tea afterwards.

Further information about the World Day of Prayer can be found at <https://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html>

General Notices

MASS FOR THE DEAF RESUMES AT DORRINGTON MARCH 3 An AUSLAN-SUPPORTED Mass will be held at St Michael's Catholic Church, 250 Banks Street Dorrington/Ashgrove, on Sunday 3 March at 8.30am. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this very special Mass. Morning tea will follow. Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.net.au. Other Auslan-supported Masses for 2019 will be held at St Michael's at the Sunday 8.30am Masses on : 2 June, 8 September, and 17 November.



ASPLEY-CARE TRIVIA NIGHT - will be held on Saturday night **9th March** at the Geebung Bowls Club on Robinson Rd. It is conducted by the Quota Club of Sandgate with all

proceeds going to Aspleycare Emergency Relief program. This night always ensures Lots of Prizes, Plenty of Fun and Supper so make up a group or come and join one on the night – be there around 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Please contact Clive Smith on 32631927 or Judy Doak on 0447824980 for further details.

DELEGATION "ST. TERESA OF JESUS" AUSTRALIA CANOSSIAN DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY - Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23rd June – 3rd July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr Mel on: 0484 007 508.

Rosters

Notice to Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers

Our Parish Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers perform an important role in the celebration of the Mass. In order to ensure that we have sufficient numbers of these ministries available for Mass on weekends, please ensure that if you are rostered for any of these ministries, you inform the Mass Coordinator for the relevant Mass of your arrival at **least 10 minutes** before Mass commences.

Mar 2/3	Extraordinary Ministers	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	T. Borger (B) T. Borger G. Cox Sr M. Costello D. Salvati	First Reading T. Hand Second Reading I. Dove Prayers of the Faithful M. Cafe	L. Powell S. Stevens	Volunteer	Yvonne Di
7.00 a.m. Mass	A. Lopez (B) J. Bissell D. Francis G. Bortuzzo H. Hollamby	First Reading S. Ferlito Second Reading A. Spanevello Prayers of the Faithful D. Chiavaro	F. Hollamby	I. Spanevello	Nancy Wendy.W
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Fernandes (B) J. Ferris A. Ware C. Ware B. Neill T. Hoang J. Patterson	First Reading P. Mawaka Second Reading L. George Prayers of the Faithful J. Mascarenhas	R. Tumma A. Brough E. Lucas E. Santos	Volunteer	Judith Men's Choir
5.00 p.m. Mass	G. Dias (B) S. Lopez E. Lebajo H. Boevink K. O'Donnell	First Reading B. Kent Second Reading S. Tam Prayers of the Faithful J. Bissell	Royce Matthew Ria Matthew	Ike Soo Choon & Family	Ike Soo Choon & Family
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners 16 February: Salvio and Jinella Cleaners 2 March Harry Boevink & David Francis	Counters 3 March A. Dunn N. Dunn R. Heskett D. Salvati	Counters 10 March C. Smith D. Kehoe R. Volter J. Coates	We Are Called Table Of Plenty One Bread One Body City of God	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:2-3,13-16 Lord, it is good to give thans to you. Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Gospel: Luke 6:39-45</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Townsville Bishop Tim Harris says crushing debt is falling on people in rural areas after floods Vinnies celebrates 125 years of service to Queensland families Pro-life organisation fights against abortion with a 40-day prayer and fasting vigil starting Ash Wednesday Government plans to encourage more teachers to work at remote In-digenous community schools Former senator takes leading role in Catholic education Pope confirms the removal of former Washington cardinal and archbishop from the priesthood Dynamic 83-year-old has been described as a champion Christian after retiring from Religious Instruction classes at Albany Hills State School 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>24</td> <td>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>26</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>27</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>28</td> <td>St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>1</td> <td>Autumn Ember Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>2</td> <td>Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>3</td> <td>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Project Compassion Sunday</td> </tr> </table>	Sun	24	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mon	25		Tues	26		Wed	27		Thurs	28	St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor	Fri	1	Autumn Ember Day	Sat	2	Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary	Sun	3	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Project Compassion Sunday
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