

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 FEBRUARY 2025

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

**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 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 1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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 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.



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23rd of February 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S
 MALVERN EAST
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Mass Times

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | St. Mary's |
| | 9:30 a.m. | St. Roch's |
| | 10:30 a.m. | St. Joseph's |
| | 5:00 p.m. | St. Roch's |
| Monday | 5:30 p.m. | St. Roch's |
| Tuesday | 9:15 a.m. | St. Joseph's |
| Wednesday | 5:30 p.m. [Exposition until 7 p.m.] | St. Roch's |
| Thursday | 9:15 a.m. [Exposition until 10:30 a.m.] | St. Mary's |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Cabrini Chapel |
| Friday | 9:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Saturday | 9:15 a.m. | St. Mary's |

Confessions:

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| Monday | 6.00pm (until the last penitent is heard) | St Roch's |
| Tuesday | 9.45am (until the last penitent is heard) | St Joseph's |
| Wednesday | 6.00 p.m - 6:50 p.m | St Roch's |
| Thursday | 9.45 a.m - 10.20 a.m | St Mary's |
| Friday | 9.45am (until the last penitent is heard) | Holy Eucharist |
| Saturday | 9.45am (until the last penitent is heard) | St Mary's |

MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:

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| Sat | 22nd Feb | 5:00 p.m | Eduardo D'Ambrosio, for his one year anniversary |
| Sun | 23rd Feb | 8:30 a.m | Catherine Magree, for the repose of her soul on her anniversary |
| | | 9:30 a.m | Joan O'Shea, for the repose of her soul |
| | | 10:30 a.m | Private Intention |
| | | 5:00 p.m | <i>Pro Popolo</i> |
| Mon | 24th Feb | 5:30 p.m | Fr John O'Reilly, recently deceased, for the repose of his soul |
| Tues | 25th Feb | 9:15 a.m | Maria Grazia Favloro, for the repose of her soul |
| Wed | 26th Feb | 5:30 p.m | John Haugh, for the anniversary of his death |
| Thur | 27th Feb | 9:15 a.m | The Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Fri | 28th Feb | 9:15 a.m | Loretta Sutherland, for the repose of her soul on her anniversary |
| Sat | 1st Mar | 9:15 a.m | Victoria Refalo, for the repose of her soul |

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE:

CURRENTLY SICK: Sr. Dr Mary Treacy LCM, Andy Basa, Sam Bernardo, Chris Connaughton, Peter Conroy, John Dals, Tony Davenport, Delfina Di Pasquale, Iris Dumenden, Linette Falckh, Gigi Falckh, Karl Falckh, Primo Giudici, Margaret Gladstone, Raymond Gibson, Renee Lawrence, Arlette Lobo, Maria Lombardo, Gemma Lopes, Colleen Lloyd, Margaret Marriott, Mary Maconochie, Audrey Marden, Keith McDougall, Michelle Moore, Laila Petrie, Monique Poussin, Danuta Przekwas, Elizabeth Rusden, Mercedes Sanabria, Corrin Stares, Frances Trainor, Leigh Wingate, Susena Zeiden.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kris Upton, Christopher Wiggins

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME: Fr Paul Maher, Rosannah Beaumont, Vivian Beaumont, Arthur Boater, Ian Bowditch, Anthony Cimino, Brian Couttie, Eduardo D'Ambrosio, Giovanni D'Ambrosio, Rocco di Paolo, John Dwyer, Alan Fields, Caroline Fonceca, James Gehring, Julian Gerpacio, Ted Haworth, Agostini Inverno, Rocco Iorlano, Teresa Iorlano, Catherine Magree, Concetta Mazza, John Meehan, Noel McMahan, Anne Meany, Angela Piscioneri, Ilario Piscioneri, Michael Russo, Dorothy Tobin, Joseph Treacy, Rose Treacy, Pieta Yole, Florence Williams.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

READING THE WORD TOGETHER

Every Tuesday at St Joseph's, from
7.30pm - 8.30pm, we reflect on the readings
for the next Sunday, using
'Break Open the Word'.

In Meeting Room 1: enter from the west side
of the Church, at the rear.

Everyone welcome.

NO EXPOSITION ON THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Following the usual Mass at
St Mary's at 9:15am on
Thursday 27th February, there
will not be the usual
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament as both our Fathers
must leave to attend a Clergy
Workshop Day with the
Archbishop.
Thank you for your
understanding.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - MORNING TEA AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Dear Parishioners, our monthly
gatherings to meet after Mass and
enjoy a cup of tea and some cake
begins again on Sunday **March 2nd**.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after
the 10:30 Mass

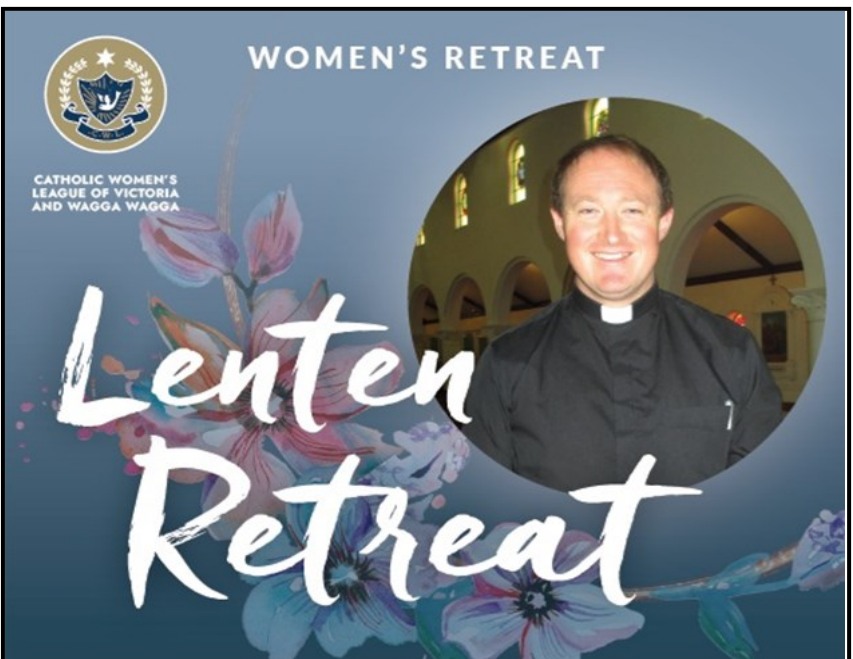
Looking forward to seeing you
soon.

All welcome.

ST ROCH'S AND ST JOSEPH'S OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in
our parish community, which will run over the next four weeks.
Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of
discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal
prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content
presented and provided over this time and we look forward to
growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through
this process.



*The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga
invites you to a Women's Retreat*

DATE: **Saturday 15 March 2025**

TIME: 9am to 12.30pm

VENUE: St Roch's Catholic Church, 198-200 Burke Rd, Glen Iris

The morning includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Spiritual Talks and morning tea.

Led by Fr Michael Gallacher.

To book go to www.trybooking.com/CXRYE or email info@cwlvicww.org.au

All are welcome. We would love to see you.



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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

LOVE THE ENEMY

We are now into the heart of Luke's Sermon on the Plain. We are also presented with the most important Gospel teaching that characterises Jesus' followers: Love and forgiveness of the enemy. But this is also dangerous teaching, for it is easy to misunderstand what Jesus is asking of his disciples. He is not addressing disciples individually, but together. The response to the 'enemy' comes from the total gathering of the Gospel household who support each other as they deal with the enemy. It is not the individual disciple who bears responsibility for enemy love. It is a collective response.

The response is also agential or active, never passive or submissive. Disciples disarm by their attitude of 'love'—a desire that the aggressor comes to know their own self-worth in their relationship to God and others. It is not about feeling affection or warmth towards the enemy, an impossible response in the face of suffering or hurt. 'Turning the other cheek' is a form of passive resistance to the aggressor, rather than responding with tit-for-tat assault, a response culturally expected. Luke's audience who are wealthy are encouraged to be generous. Jesus encourages disciples to act compassionately, like God.

Today's Gospel is challenging, especially in the context of the issues that today's believers are concerned about. Luke offers sage advice. A spirit of kindness and non-aggression towards the assailants of our world can help create a society shaped by peace rather than violence. Such a spirit ideally characterises our faith communities imbued with today's Gospel.

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