

Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. / Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go”, but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir”, but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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THE PATIENCE OF GOD

The parable about two sons in today’s Gospel can be understood on various levels. In Jesus’ own context it probably served to defend his practice, shocking to the religious authorities, of celebrating the discovery of God’s mercy with those considered outcasts and sinners.

At a deeper level, the parable shows that what God looks to—and can wait for with infinite patience—is the *final* outcome in people’s lives. God can put up with an initial *No*, and many other *No*’s besides, on the way to a final and lasting *Yes*.

From the human angle, people who appear religious and obedient from the start may never have sufficiently plumbed the depth of God’s mercy to know God as God really is. Conversion at depth and the knowledge of God that goes with it overflows into a pattern of life truly reflecting God’s grace. But a hard, judgemental attitude to others may indicate lack of true conversion and knowledge of God: something that may leave such people waiting at the door, while those whom they thought far less worthy enter into the fullness of life before them.

What ultimately determines fitness for eternal life is conformity of the human heart to the heart of God. None of us could ever amass sufficient good works to merit even a second of life with God. That life will be God’s gift in abundance if only we have grown—sometimes in the course of a very winding and to-and-fro journey—into the capacity to receive it.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / Do not remember the sins of my youth. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

3. The Lord is good and upright / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common



purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

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Weekly collections

Letter boxes have been installed in the front & western church foyers for your collection money. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring
Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321

Our **Community newsletter** is available this weekend. Collect a copy from the foyer

Sunday Mass Times

6.00 pm — (Saturday Vigil)

8.30am — (Sunday)

10.00 am — (Sunday)

Weekday Mass/Services

Monday 28/9 No Services
Tuesday 29/9 Mass 12 noon
Wed 30/9 SHC Mass 7.30am
2pm Funeral Mass Mary Coffey
Thursday 1/10 No services
Friday 2/10 Mass 12 noon
Saturday 3/10 Mass 10am

Feast Days this week

Monday 28th September

St Wenceslaus, Martyr
St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions,
martyrs

Tuesday 29th September

Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
archangels

Wednesday 30th September

St Jerome, priest, doctor

Thursday 1st October

St Therese of the Child Jesus,
virgin, doctor

Friday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

Reconciliation

After midday Mass on Fridays

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

Baptisms

are held on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office and with the Baptismal Preparation Team.

Weddings - Contact Parish Office

Meditation

The Meditation group meet every Tuesday from 11am in the McAuley Room

Parish library

Our parish Library is open on Tues and Fri mornings from 9.30am to 12pm. Come and join us for Mahjong on Friday mornings. We have a great selection of books, DVD's and puzzles for you to borrow. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and great company.

Popes' Prayer Intentions for September

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Popes' Prayer Intentions for October

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Welcome

We welcome into our community this weekend through Baptism:
Oscar Diaz & Luke Durrans

Keep updated with our parish through our facebook page:



Brighton Catholic Parish

Brighton Parish Pastoral Council Members

Fr Michael Kyumu,
Christina Jonas (Chairperson),
Emmy Smyk (Dep Chair),
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Monica Conway (Secretary),
Graham Workman,
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Keith Moorman, Chris Nell,
Mary Hyland, Di O'Neill,
Frank Verrall, Margaret Senyszyn,
Cara McGlaughlin (SHC Youth Minister)

Readings for next weekend

3rd/4th October, 2020

27th Sunday in Ord Time, Yr A

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased

Ken Smith, Helen Martin,
Mary Coffey, Letizia Colmagro.

Deceased

Moira Kleinig,
Raymond Shanley (Ireland)
Agnes McGearty (Ireland).

Anniversaries

Eileen Fairlie, Lyn Hodgson,
Leigh Griffen, Mary Edwards,
Rita Welsby, Arnold, Gladys,
Donald & Dorothy Grose

Sick

Jimmy Ryan, Frances McKenna,
Leo Price, Peggy Traynor(Ireland),
Peter Paige, Robyn Williams,
Pam Wallman, Barbara Driscoll,
Jim McClafferty, Robert Wolf,
Kevin Pardon, Pam Wynn,
Leon Grealy, Chris Boast,
Rachel Bainbridge, Taylor Keen,
Charlie Hamblen, Duncan Booth,
Fr Peter Dunn, Bob McEvoy,
Margaret Mary Roche,
Pat Donnelly, Eileen Paige, Mr Biro,
Debbie Canino, Betty Fowles,
Sr Marietta Green, Margaret Doyle,
John Wallace, Carol Swavley,
Aoibhinn Delaney

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

Direct Giving App

The Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App has been upgraded to allow people to contribute via their mobile phone. Users can make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to their parish and community (second collection) and for the support of the clergy (first collection) as well as to special collections held throughout the year. If you have any inquiries, please call 8210 8160 or email cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au

COVID Safe

We are all reminded to keep ourselves and each other safe whilst in our church and offices. Please maintain a safe social distance (currently 1.5m) between each other, use the hand sanitiser, remember to sign in (BYO Pen/ use wipes on pens provided) whenever on the premises, and if you are not well or immunocompromised, DO NOT come to Mass at this time.

We would respectfully ask that you comply with any requests asked of you by the COVID Marshal.



SEASON OF CREATION 1st September – 4th October

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together.

The **weekend of the 3rd/4th October** is the culmination of Season of Creation.

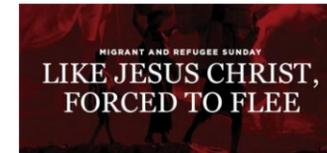
If you are able, please bring a pot plant from home for Fr. Michael to bless during Mass.

After each Mass there will be a packet of seeds for parishioners to take home and plant.

Also after the 10am Mass Fr. Michael will be blessing a tree for our new Reflection garden. You are invited to join us for the blessing and for morning tea afterwards, the library will be open for you to visit also.

ST. JOSEPH'S OLD SCHOLARS SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday October 7th 2020.
Lockleys Hotel - 493 Henley Beach Road, Lockleys. 11.45am for 12 noon start. SENIORS MENU - \$17.90 (includes complimentary drink). BOOKINGS with Josie (8295 3667) or Joyleen (8337 9500) by FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER. Seating will not be allocated. Invitation for ALL students/teachers/staff who have ever had a connection with a Josephite School/College and/or St. Mary MacKillop.



Refugee and Migrant Sunday

This weekend we are asked to remember and pray for all those who have been displaced as a result of COVID 19. We especially pray for all those experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalisation and rejection.

Knights of the Southern Cross Guest Speaker Grant Lock when, Oct 7th Where, Activity Centre. 7.30 pm

What are the five faces of Islam? Is Islam a religion of Peace as Muslims insist? These and other contentious issues will be discussed by our speaker Grant Lock who with his wife Janna have spent 24 yrs in Pakistan and Afghanistan using his farming and management skills to build schools, septic tanks, sink bores and help farmers increase their crops while finally finishing as manager of a big eye hospital in Kabul. His early retirement a few years ago due to a medical condition and his return to Australia has given him an insight to how we should cope with the increased Muslim presence in our country. His presentation will be an interactive one with his audience in order to open our minds and give us the tools to see our Muslim neighbours through Christian eyes. There will be a gold coin collection for various KSC charities

Friday 6th November Wine and cheese night to celebrate the opening of the community library upstairs. Watch the bulletin for further details

Ordination of Bishop of Port Pirie

Bishop-elect Karol Kulczycki SDS will be ordained in Poland on Mon Sept 29, prior to his installation as Bishop of Port Pirie Diocese on Oct 28. The Ordination Ceremony will be live streamed on the following website:

<https://www.sdsau.com/bishop/>

The **Corner UC Op Shop** is located at The Corner Uniting Church at Warradale. Whilst we are currently not open to the public, we will be uploading items for sale on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/TheCornerUCOpShop. We encourage you to "like" our page and keep up to date with our items for sale. Thank you.

McAuley

Community News



Last Thursday we celebrated Mercy Day in a very special way. The day began with a beautiful whole school mass celebrating the life and works of Catherine McAuley which was hosted by the learners and educators in the Year 1/2 Neighbourhood. As part of their 'gospel in action' preparation for the mass all the learners came together earlier in the week with a vegetable they had brought from home to make delicious and nourishing soup for Fred's Van. Mass was followed by our Vinnies Food Drive competition to see which of our house teams could earn the most spirit points for their team by making the longest line of food to be donated by the families to our local Vinnies food cupboard. Later in the afternoon a number of Mercy leaders, along with Alice Dunlop and Emmy Smyk, represented the school and took part in the Mercy Day Mass which was celebrated by Archbishop O'Regan at Glenalta.

Leaving Collection next weekend.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Holy Father declared that this year the Holy Father's Appeal – (Peter's Pence) collection, which traditionally takes place around the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, would be transferred throughout the world to the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 4, feast of St Francis of Assisi. The Peter's Pence collection provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world.

Live streaming of Masses from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

The Archdiocese is continue to live stream **Sunday Mass at 11am** from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. These Masses can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

The Mass will be replayed on Channel 44 at 5pm.

Plenary Council 2020

'What is God asking of us in Australia at this time? six booklets offered for our reflection on line at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>