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Mass Times

Sunday– 8:30am & 10:30am
Tuesday to Friday– 7:00am
Saturday– 9:00am Vigil- 6:00pm
Public Holidays– 9:00am

Reconciliation

Before Vigil & Sunday Masses or on request

Anointing

Healing Mass

11:00am - First Friday of each month - otherwise by request

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Service in Deed!

The Parable of the Good Samaritan would have been shocking to Jesus' audience: the idea of a 'good' Samaritan was completely foreign to them. The Samaritans were descended from northern Israelites who had intermarried with foreigners some 750 years earlier. As such, Jews considered them to be non-Jews whose religious beliefs had been contaminated by their foreign ancestors.

Thus, it is unlikely that any of Jesus' Jewish listeners would have considered a Samaritan to be a 'neighbour'. In fact, in a strict reading of Leviticus 19.18, the command to "love your neighbour as yourself" means "fellow countrymen only". But Jesus makes a Samaritan the hero of this parable in order to change the focus of the lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus does not define who is or is not a neighbour. Instead, he describes someone who *acts* as a neighbour and helps without hesitation.

At the end of the parable, the lawyer understands that "the one who showed him mercy" was a neighbour to the man who had been robbed. He recognises that our actions are more important than an abstract definition of "neighbour". Jesus then challenges him – and us – to act the same way: to act like neighbours to those in need.

John L. McLaughlin

'Mercy' says US Jesuit Fr James Keenan SJ 'is the willingness to enter into the mess of another'. Biblical mercy does not criticise or condemn; it is to be a friend, to move into another's chaos with holiness and compassion. Mercy recognises a shared humanity which compels a response of action.

Fr Chris



Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Entrance Hymn: No 533 (Gather) All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Opening Prayer

O God, who show me the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess, are accounted Christians and the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law; turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "Surely this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' "Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' "No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Responsorial Psalm: **Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.** No 69 (Gather)

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. "But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. "The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'" Jesus asked, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Offertory Hymn: No 323 (Gather) Where There is Charity and Love

Communion Antiphon

The Sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Communion Hymn: No 487 (Gather) Servant Song

Recessional: No 425 (Gather) Now Thank We are All Our God

Let us pray for:

Recently Deceased: Margaret Mary Grusovin, Dr. Michael Burns, Bridget Olive Best, Corazon Owen, Andrew Young, Stella Mary Casey, Elizabeth Johnson, Baby Noah Thomas Purcell, Lillian Celio, Sr Anne Manning, Enriquete De La Cruz, Mona Israel, Henry Strasburger.

Anniversaries: Marcia Lazanas, Jean and Ted Sykes, Michael Brennan, Sr. Mary Brennan RSCJ, Peggy and Patrick Kavanagh, Fr Ted Kennedy, Fr Geoff King.

Recently ill: Kerin Star, Bruce Conolly, Dolly East, Margaret, John D. Campbell, Sr. Marie Langtry.

Next Week's Readings: 17 July 2016

First Reading: Genesis 1018: 1-10

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations			
16-17 July 2016	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W Fothergill	H Campbell	C Coggins
Readers	S Wittenoom	M Topui	M Byron
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	B Clulow M Musgrave M Woodburne S Woodburne

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION envelopes to be collected at rear of church.

A MORNING'S AND REFLECTION AND DISCUSION on the practical demands of Pope Francis' call to ecological conversion at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney,, Tuesday 12th July, 10am - 12 noon. Contact Tricia Gemmell (pgemmell@tpg.com.au). or ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au, or the Grail Centre (9955 3053). A small donation is requested to cover costs. For more information on The Grail see www.grailaustralia.org.au

MERCY IN THE CITY LECTURE SERIES: Frank Brennan SJ AO is running another event in Sydney on 12 July. A Conversation About Struggling to Believe in a Time of Disillusionment. Guest speaker: Mgr Tomas Halik. Doors open 5.30pm for a 6pm start Warrane Theatre, Museum of Sydney. Limited Seats Available. RSVP: events@mercylectureseries.com.au.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Struggling to believe in a time of disillusionment—Professor Thomas Halik with Frank Brennan. 12 July 6-7pm Museum of Sydney. RSVP: events@mercylectureseries.com.au

ST CANICES EVENTS:

St Ignatius Feast Day Mass - 31st July

Lay Leadership Talk Between the Masses - 9:30am - 7th August

Spirituality Talk Between the Masses - 9:30am - 26th August

Movie Night In the Hall - Healing facilitated by Fr Steve Sinn - 15th September



Responding to the Abuse scandal with a balanced Faith

Last week, more than 100 people braved a very cold night to come along to see 'Spotlight', the first of the St Canice Cinema screenings. In introducing the film, Fr Richard Leonard SJ said, "This is a film that usually provokes strong responses. In equal measure I have anger shame and grief".

In discussions after the screening, Fr Richard spoke about the 'transparency' we can expect to witness in the Church as we move slowly past the abuse scandals in the Church. Many in the audience were also very vocal about the ongoing damage wreaked on the Church, and with subsequent 'disconnect' of so many of our younger generation.

In our lifetimes, we've been caught in a cultural crisis between Church and a changing society. In a sense, the Church has been the touchstone or lightning rod because it is an *abiding institution*, and where attention on the evils of child sexual abuse has been focused. In reality, the problem of sexual abuse is wider and deeper in our society. The Australian Royal Commission has already begun to point for instance toward other of our most respected institutions in this regard.

Pope Francis has highlighted the urgent need for healing, and calls our Catholic Church to repentance and tighter professional standards. This will happen.

While we all suffer this anger, shame and grief, it's important to maintain a confident dignity and respond humbly yet truthfully to criticisms when this subject is raised in our social circles. We must not lose perspective on the entire context of religious contributions to society as a whole.

In this regard, here are a few facts worth considering:

The Good about the Catholic Church that we rarely tell anyone

The Catholic Church is the largest non-Government employer in Australia: at least 131, 000, of which 98,500 are women (75%).

721,000 school children are in the Catholic sector

1,710 schools with 82,000 staff employed

There are at least 3,200 volunteer catechists

The Australian Catholic University ACU is fastest growing, truly national university, an increase of 42% in the last three with 22,932 students.

Notre Dame Australia won the Kullari NAIDOC Award for the most successful University in indigenous graduations for the last three years.

66 hospitals – 9,500 beds (12% of all hospital beds)

23,200 residential aged care beds

5,393 retirement and independent living units and serviced apartments, 8 dedicated hospices with palliative care services

20% of all medical research is done the St Vincent's or Mercy Healthcare Research Institutes

Largest welfare provider outside Government with 63 member organisations; 12, 600 employees; 500 different services; 1.1 million clients were cared for in 2015

The St Vincent de Paul Society is the largest and most extensive volunteer welfare network in the country with 18,209 members and 30,910 volunteers.