

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Notice for all Volunteers - Re: Safeguarding & Working With Children.

Over the last few weeks we have advertised steps and protocols regarding the requirements needed for all volunteers. Thank you to all those who have followed the instruction and have completed the requirements.

We are now running more training sessions for those who missed out last year or who have not completed the training online. These will be on Thursday 14th March at 7.00pm and Saturday 16th March at 9.00am in the presbytery. Only one of these training sessions need to be attended.

Please understand that it is a requirement for ALL volunteers to complete the Safeguarding Induction training.

Discernment Retreat for Men (20-22 March 2019)

Take a glimpse into life and formation into the priesthood; the weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q & A with seminarians and discussions.

This retreat is designed to help men discern their vocations. Speakers include a keynote from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. At the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. Cost :\$99. To register to go www.vocationcentre.org.au under 'Vocation Centre Events' To enquire about registration, contact the Vocation Centre on 9307 8424 or joseph.vuicakau@sydneycatholic.org

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 9390 5812.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am
Wednesday - 8.00am
Thursday - 8.00am
Friday - 8.00am
Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona
Friday - 11am Bupa Greenacre

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time.
Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month
after 10AM Mass .



"Happy are you when people hate you, ... on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven." Luke 6:22-23

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

This weeks readings - Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Luke 6:17, 20-26

Next Weekend: 7th Sun Ord - Year C.

Readings: 1Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;
Luke 6:27-38

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C - 17 February 2019

2019 Lenten Program

We have a Parish Lenten Group looking for people to join in to the program which this year is themed 'Trust'. The group will meet in the presbytery meeting room at 7.30pm either on Tuesday or Thursday night during Lent. There is also another group willing to take new people. This group meets on Thursday's at 7pm at a residence in Condell Park, although spots there are limited. If you would like to join either of these groups please write your name on the list in the Sacristy or e-mail the office by the end of the week so the books for the program can be organised.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday 19th Feb commencing at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

Speaking Awesome Words

Lectors bring the Living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. Proclaiming God's Word well requires specialised training, careful preparation and practice. Therefore I am planning to organise a 2 hour interactive training program with Centre for Liturgy of Australian Catholic University. It will be held one Saturday morning on our parish premises. The parish will sponsor this Program. It will be open to all current readers of the parish and anyone interested in joining the ministry of Reading at Mass. ***I need 20 takers to organise it on our premises, therefore please let me or the parish office know by 22nd February, if you are interested.***

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; John Ashe; Baden Clouten

Anniversary: Phaolo Minh Truc Le

Deceased: Cyril Crouche; Giuse & Maria; Da Minh Tiem

Sick: Max Goodwin, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Maria Bui Thi Don; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Portia Mariano; Brian Dimmock; Maria Bui Thi Don

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 23/2/19 Group 4: Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 24/2/19 Thom Pham 3/3/19 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 22/2/19: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 17th Feb - Belinda

Weekend Choirs: 24/2 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group Choir.
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. **10am** - St Faustina's Choir. **6pm** - St Mary Mackillop Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	17 FEBRUARY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Ala Pesamino	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	

24 FEBRUARY

C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Mary Buckley	Henrietta Owusu	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Anthony Eltarraf
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Thao Nguyen	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Helen Vujevic	Jacinta Eltarraf

Reflection

Happiness

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God?

Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

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Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Anthony Vu

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

Feasts of the Week

22 February - The Chair of St Peter, apostle. Feast.

The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

23 February - St Polycarp, bishop, martyr. Memorial.

Born about the year 69. Died on this day about 155 at Smyrna (Turkey), where he had been the beloved and respected bishop. A disciple of Saint John the apostle (27 December) who wrote to the Philippians to strengthen their faith and to defend the Church against heresy. Remembered because of the account of his martyrdom for his fearless acknowledgment of Christ, and honoured as one of the apostolic fathers of the Church.

Indigenous Appeal

Richard Allcock will be attending all Masses on the weekend of 23rd & 24th February, and will present a brief talk about the Bible Society's RIMS (Remote Indigenous Ministries Support) Project followed by a leaving collection. (*More info on backboard*)

Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Catholic Bishops have called a Plenary Council for 2020. This is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future and you are all invited to participate.

The Plenary Council gives us an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. In the preparation process, we are called to reflect, listen and share insights with one another as we respond to the three questions:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Your voice will be greatly valued. More information can be found at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

A meeting was held at the end of last year and now we invite everyone to a second meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 26th February commencing at 7.00pm in the Presbytery meeting room.