

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

2nd - 3rd March 2019

First Reading: Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

R/ Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

PROJECT COMPASSION

The theme for Project compassion 2019 is based around hope and giving Lent 100% in the name of hope.

Hope is one of the three pillars of Christian virtue. The other two being faith and charity. It is a powerful force for good and often helps to transform lives.

Hope helps us to face life's challenges and sustains us as we work alongside the marginalised and vulnerable communities to achieve better lives.

Pope Francis has said that: "Jesus has given us a light that shines in the darkness; defend it, protect it. This unique light is the greatest richness entrusted to your life." This light, is the light of hope.

Based on God's love for all, hope enables us to rise above our fears and helps those in great need to shape a better future for their communities.



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Honesty and Humility

Today we hear a continuation of the gospel passage of the last two Sundays. The brief parables of Jesus recalled today take the form of familiar proverbs: no disciple is superior to the teacher; 'can a blind person lead a blind person; why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye but can't perceive the log in your own?'; a tree known by its fruits.

These parables are more than the expression of 'home truths'. The Good News of the kingdom expressed by Jesus is a promise of a new kind of existence, to be found by identifying with the ways of the living God after the example of the One who is the revelation of the Father. Luke continues with his examination of the new order ushered in by discipleship and turns to a very personal dimension of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The 'fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher'. Jesus offers himself as a model of non-judgement. This, after all, belongs only to God.

There are echoes here of last week: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves; grant pardon and you will be pardoned.' The disciples must recognise their own shortcomings and work tirelessly to rectify these so that what issues forth are the good fruits that only true goodness of heart can produce.

Jesus wants his followers not to place him on a pedestal as an object of veneration but to live out in their lives the pattern of his life – One with him in heart, mind and word. Whether leaders or laborers of God's vineyard they are to be 'meek and humble of heart' in order to be able to see with clarity their own moral failures and recognise the potential goodness and sufferings in other persons hearts; they are to be attentive to the pain of the world, and to live lives of practical compassion, justice and service.

To be a disciple is to be a "good person" and good persons are those who produce "good treasure" out of the abundance of their hearts, who do not look down upon others or seek to control, dominate or abuse. In the Jewish tradition the heart was the seat of wisdom, knowledge and life as well as the seat of emotions. Heart and mind are one and the source and motivation for actions.

This week as we might think about how easy or difficult we have found it to be self reflective or self critical over the past days and how we can encourage each other to recognise and nurture the goodness of God that dwells in us all.



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

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Pauline O'Day (President)

Ph: 9484 2445

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of

the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday

(English) & Friday (Italian) after

9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Release of Draft 2 of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

I am pleased to announce the release of Draft 2 of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. This draft was provided to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia in November for consideration. We are currently working to clarify a number of minor issues prior to the final adoption of the Standards. I don't anticipate there will be major changes. In the meantime, it is important that dioceses and religious orders and their various entities familiarise themselves with the Standards and begin preparation for upcoming audits.

Along with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Draft 2, you will find lots of new information on our website – in excess of 200 support materials providing guides, tools, good practice and resources to help create safe environments and meet the requirements of the Standards and information about the CPSL Audit Framework. Visit: www.info@cpsltd.org.au

Sheree Limbrick
Chief Executive Officer

Sacred Heart Primary School Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2020 school year are open. For a school tour, contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website: <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>


Open Day: Wednesday 20th March at 9.30am – 11.00am and 12.00pm – 1.30pm

- Dates to Remember**
- Wednesday 6th March:** Ash Wednesday
Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm
 - Thursday 7th March:** 1.30pm
Mass for the Anointing of the Sick
 - All Fridays during Lent:**
Stations of the Cross - 7.30pm
 - Sunday 17th March:** 10.30am - Children's Mass & commitment for children preparing for Reconciliation
 - Sunday 17th March:** 11.30am - in the presbytery Meeting for Parents/Guardians of children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Sunday 17th March:** After 10.30am Mass
Parish Picnic in School grounds


Last Week's Collection: 24/02/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1030.85
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$603.90

Thank you for your kind generosity!



From the Archbishop's Office:



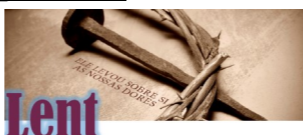
Dear friends, this week the lifting of the suppression order concerning Cardinal George Pell's trial and the sustained media focus has made for a challenging time for the Catholic Church in Melbourne. We will all have different ways of both responding to this news and making sense of it. For some it heralds another chapter in the already painful journey that Catholics have been a part of over the last few years. Some of us may feel upset and saddened by the news. Some of us may just feel very wary about the way our Church is being portrayed in the media. There are those in our community who have been abused and the story touches on and may re-open already raw wounds. On this, the last Sunday prior to Lent, we gather around the table of the Lord. We pray that God will continue to journey with us as we search to understand, accept and acknowledge the challenges of our times. We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who have suffered abuse within the Church.

Lenten Program - The Person of Jesus
5th March - 9th April 2019

Presenter: *Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD*
Venue: Sacred Heart Preston
Time: 7.30 – 8.30pm

Topics

- 5th March** - Jesus is God
- 12th March** - Jesus is the Compassionate God
- 19th March** - Jesus is the Free Man
- 26th March** - Jesus is the Healer
- 2nd April** - Jesus is the Teacher
- 9th April** - Jesus is the Redeemer




Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as we move from station to station. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, and then we move to the next station until all 14 are complete. The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. Please join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7.30 pm.

Like to join Sacred Heart's Music Ministry??
Contact Priscilla on 0415061781




Parish Picnic



Come and join us for a parish picnic! Everyone is invited to attend Mass and stay on for a social gathering on Sunday 17th March, in the Sacred Heart School grounds. There will be a lot of food and weather permitting, outdoor family games.

Movie at the Westgarth - "Stan & Ollie"

Date: Thursday 21st of March
The day will begin at 12pm with a light sandwich lunch and complimentary tea or coffee, followed by the movie. 

Tickets: \$15 covers movie and lunch. Door prizes. Please leave your name and contact number today on the sign up sheet if you haven't already. Payment by Sunday 17th if possible or contact Eileen 0402448 652 or Pauline 9484 2445.


Lenten Men's Retreat: Overcoming Temptation & Addiction

The Dominican Friars invite young men (aged 18-40) to a weekend Lenten retreat at St. Dominic's Priory, Melbourne. The retreat will include daily Mass, confession, adoration and presentations on the ascetical and mystical heritage of the Church's spiritual tradition to enable us to be free from vice and achieve the liberation of a life lived in the truth, beauty and goodness of Christ. Where: St. Dominic's Priory, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell
When: March 8th at 5:00pm – March 10th at 3pm
Cost: The retreat cost is \$50 and includes all meals. Places are strictly limited and RSVP is essential by March 6th
(Email Br Sebastian on sebastian.condon@op.org.au)

Movie watching at the Presbytery


This is an open invitation to all who would like to get together at the presbytery to watch a religious movie in the evening of every 2nd Friday of the month. First viewing will be on Friday 8th March, after Stations of the Cross, at about 8.15 pm. Title of the movie: St. Patrick, the Irish Legend. There will be some refreshments and drinks served. Welcome!!

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 9th March 2019
Rebecca/Alice

Thank you for your help! 

Church Cleaning Volunteers

Again, we invite parishioners who are willing to help clean our church, only once a year, to please sign your name and contact number on the roster placed in our church foyer. Thank you for your help!



Roster for weekend of 9th - 10th March 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	John Plum Terry Murphy	Mary Harb Charlotte Bainy	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Mancini M.	Gugliotti A. Ilardi L.	Tamburrini M.
Sun 10.30am	Moira O'Brien Sonya Bading	Eileen Stevens Teresa Bernardini	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Cameron Dunne Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin Damian Casamento	Jessica Suppiah

WE PRAY FOR:
The elderly and the sick

Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Fr Jan Szweda

Those who have died

John Borowicki (4th Anni.), Michael Bradshaw (3rd Anni.), Settimo Crocco (30th Anni.), JJay De Melo, Alejandra Domingo, Mario Grigolato, Hugo Klaus, Domenica & Francesco Rizzo, Giuseppe Varalla (9th Anni.) & all deceased members of the Crocco, Gelain & Rizzo families.

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Lenten Regulations
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- Prayer:** for e.g., Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- Self Denial:** for e.g., not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- Helping Others:** for e.g., special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

Lenten Prayer / Reflection Group

If you would like to join the weekly prayer/reflection group during Lent, please come to join Faye and her family at 657 Gilbert Rd, Reservoir, on Saturday 9th March at 4pm. You may contact Faye on 0413713973.