



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Wednesday to Friday 9.15am, Saturday 8.00am

Adoration & Novena: Saturday 9.00am

Lord's Day Mass Berala: Saturday 5.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am & Sunday 10.00am

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

24 FEBRUARY 2019

First Reading

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

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.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

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.

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

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.'

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retreats Ph: 4236 0533

Carmelites Varroville -

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
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Healing After Abortion:

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www.divineretreatcentre.org.au
Ph: 4372 1598

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit
www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 9699 8190

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Mon 25/2	6.45am	Mass
Tue 26/2	6.45am 11.00am 7.00pm	Mass Funeral Mass for Fr Kings Bible Study
Wed 27/2	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Thu 28/2	6.45am 9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Practice for Parish Choir at 8 Wallace St, Sefton
Fri 1/3	6.45am 9.15am	Mass Mass
Sat 2/3	8.00am 8.30pm 9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Rosary Novena, Adoration, Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 3/3	8.00am 10.00am	Mass Mass



*"Family that pray together
stay together"*
PILGRIM STATUE

FROM ST PETER CHANEL
at Nazareth Family
2 Dawn Crescent, Regents Park
*Please join them any evening at 7.30pm for
the Rosary.*

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary
prayer please contact Mona
on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

From Legion of Mary, Berala
at the Langi Home

To host the Rosary Statue Legion of
Mary, Berala call
Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

3 MARCH 2019**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	William ANDREWS	Mario CAPRA
MUSIC & SINGING	Maureen HYNES & PARISH CHOIR		Alannah KASSIS
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Ken HARTMAN	Amanda GAHAN
	Flavia NARAYAN	Joe MOSES	Susie MRVUNAC
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Isabella ARAUJO
CHURCH SHOP	Charlie SCULLY	Jenny MICHAEL	John SHANLEY
GREETERS	Kate PARISH, Roshan & Sharon SEBASTIAN	Loutoa OLIE	Rhia & Mervin VICTORINO
HOSPITALITY		Tony & Jennifer KASULE	

Hospital Visitation Sat: Jann Rockliff & Phil

Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee,
Jann Rockliff & Mariana Tannous

Hospital Communion Sun: Charlie Scully & Kay Scully

Cleaners SPC: Alosina & Uliana Taua'a and David Faasootau

Children's liturgy: Anna Facer

Saturday 8AM**2 MARCH**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Jann Rockliff

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Kathleen Gabrielle, Tony Draybi

Recently Deceased: Fr Graham Kings,
Irene Holzhauser, Sheryl Thompson,
Estrella Latorre, Patricia (Pat) Kavanagh,
Pedro Durango Tejero Sr

Anniversary: Louis Moses, Harley
Simms (25th year), Cynthia de Souza,
Cenon Alinson, Gloria Eamiguel

Deceased: Mary Gabrielle,
Deceased Members and Friends of:
Ross & Mitchell Families, O'Dwyer &
Erwin Families, Amarille and Tejero
Families

Other Intentions: Suffering Souls,
Tommy Thomas

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. 3rd Wednesday of Every Month
10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions.
Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereave-
ment. Morning tea provided. For more info: Bereavement Support: (02)
9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Cultural Change Required



The Catholic Church in Australia must enact “cultural change” to stamp out sexual abuse by those within its ranks, Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of Catholic Bishops Conference of Australia, has said, ahead of a major summit on abuse at the Vatican last week.

Archbishop Coleridge described how his own personal understanding of the issue of abuse and how the church has handled such cases had changed. “For me over the years it’s been a journey from seeing abuse as a sin, to seeing it as a crime and then finally seeing it as a culture – by which I mean abuse and its cover-up were aggravated, and probably caused, by cultural elements in the Catholic church,” he said.

Cultural change is an ongoing requirement we as humans always encounter. In the context of the findings about sexual abuse of minors in the Church and related cover-ups, the culture has to be changed into transparency.

It is not the laws and regulations that can protect the vulnerable ultimately. Only the right culture with a vision for life that will at last can help. This principle is true not only in our civil life, but also in the religious life.

Jesus in his sermon on the plain as we read in the Gospel of Luke is also demanding a drastic cultural change for his disciples though on a different level (*Cf Luke 6:27-28*). Jesus asked his disciples to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, and to pray for those who ill-treat them. Jesus is asking his disciples to root their life on compassion, not on tit for tat attitude. For a society which considered pay back as the absolute form of justice, Jesus’ teaching was total reversal of their world view.

Christian life is a continual attempt to transcend the values that are regarded absolute in our society. A true Christian cannot but be a revolutionary working on subverting the established order of moral and ethical life of the civil world. Such true disciples may be considered fools by the society, but the ultimate truth and joy of the Kingdom of God will be theirs. True compassionate and sensitive love does not play upon the feelings or exploit the experience of others. Christian love is compassion. Most times we find that the people who hate others have a broken life or they are surrounded by people with broken and divided hearts. No amount of judging or condemning is going to help them. Compassionate love and pardoning is the only medicine for them.

Jesus said, “*Be compassionate as your Father in Heaven*” (*Luke 6:36*). This may make others scorn you, and ridicule you. But be courageous to step out of the spiral of the restlessness and hate-filled world. Be not an advocate of the devil but a prophet of cultural change for the Kingdom of God. As a Disciple of Christ, challenge the culture of violence and retribution with acts of love and compassion.

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 6:27-38

Scriptural Context. Compassion.

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God’s compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today’s gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God’s compassion we are also called to show it to others.

Historical Context. In the midst of oppression.

What a powerful message Jesus delivered to people who were subjugated and oppressed by an invading army. It would have been easy, and somehow ‘natural’, for the people of Palestine to hate the Roman occupiers and to seek revenge upon them. How confronting then for Jesus to say, ‘love your enemies’! He tells the people the way to live God’s way in this situation was to be compassionate towards the oppressors; that when they rob you of your cloak to present them with your shirt as well. To do otherwise is to become like the oppressors themselves. Meeting hatred with hatred never ended hatred.

Different View. Turn the other cheek.

Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike - only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand - as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.

An upright and honest man who feared God and shunned evil.

The Moral Reflections on Job by Pope St Gregory the Great

(Pope Leo I (born in 400AD), also known as Saint Leo the Great, was Pope from 440 and died in 461. He was a Roman aristocrat, and was the first pope to have been called "the Great". He is a Doctor of the Church, most remembered theologically for issuing the Tome of Leo, a document which was a major foundation to the debates of the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. The Council of Chalcedon, the fourth ecumenical council, dealt primarily with Christology, and elucidated the orthodox definition of Christ's being as the hypostatic union of two natures, divine and human, united in one person, "with neither confusion nor division". It was followed by a major schism associated with Monophysitism, Miaphysitism and Dyophysitism.)

Some people are so simple that they do not know what uprightness is. Theirs is not the true simplicity of the innocent: they are as far from that as they are far from rising to the virtue of uprightness. As long as they do not know how to guard their steps by walking in uprightness, they can never remain innocent merely by walking in simplicity. This is why St Paul warns his disciples I hope that you are also wise in what is good, and innocent of what is bad but also Brothers, you are not to be childish in your outlook, though you can be babies as far as wickedness is concerned. Thus Christ our Truth enjoins his disciples with the words Be cunning as serpents and yet as harmless as doves. In giving them this admonition, he had to join the two together, so that both the simplicity of the dove might be instructed by the craftiness of the serpent, and the craftiness of the serpent might be attempered by the simplicity of the dove.

That is why the Holy Spirit has manifested his presence to mankind, not only in the form of a dove but also in the form of fire. For by the dove simplicity is indicated, and by fire, zeal. So he is manifested in a dove and in fire, because those who are full of the Spirit have the mildness of simplicity, but catch fire with zeal of uprightness against the offences of sinners.

An upright and honest man who feared God and shunned evil. Undoubtedly whoever longs for the eternal country lives sincerely and uprightly: perfect in practice, and right in faith, sincere in the good that he does in this lower state, right in the high truths which he minds in his inner self. For there are some who are not sincere in the good actions that they do, looking not to be rewarded within themselves but to win favour from others. Hence it is well said by a certain wise man, Woe to the sinner who follows two ways. A sinner goes two ways when an action he performs belongs to God but what he aims at in his thought belongs to the world.

It is well said, who feared God and shunned evil, for the holy Church of the elect starts on the path of simplicity and of uprightness from fear but completes that path in charity. When, from the love of God, she feels an unwillingness to sin, then she may shun evil. But when she is still doing good deeds from fear then she is not entirely shunning evil: the fact is that she would have sinned if she could have sinned without being punished.

So then: when Job is said to have feared God, it is rightly related that he also shunned evil. Fear comes first and charity follows later; and when that has happened, the offence which is left behind in the mind is trodden underfoot by the desires of the heart.



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Mass with Anointing of the Sick



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
is our Church's sacrament
for the sick and the ageing.

We invite everyone to be present at this
special Mass that will include the Anointing
of the Sick on

Saturday, 9 March at 10.00am

**Please note: NO 8AM Mass,
NO Adoration, NO Confession.**

9 March 2019

After Mass, light brunch will be served at the Jubilee Hall.
For any queries, please call the Parish Office on 9644 7787

PARISH NEWS

FR KINGS ENTERS ETERNAL LIFE

Funeral Mass for Fr Graham Vincent Kings will be celebrated at 11 AM on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at St Peter Chanel Church.

Fr Kings, Pastor Emeritus, was called to Eternal Life on Sunday 17 February. He was aged 82. Fr Kings was the Parish Priest of Berala from 1980 until his retirement to Lesser Duties in December 2011.

Fr Kings was first appointed Assistant Priest at Chatswood, then Mona Vale, Berala, Miranda, Willoughby, and Gosford. He was Administrator at Collaroy Plateau for just one month in 1980 before his appointment as Parish Priest to St Peter Chanel, Berala

Fr Graham Kings was born at Lewisham and educated at St Joseph's Convent, Rozelle before moving to Christian Brothers' Schools at Rozelle and later at Lewisham. Seminary studies at Springwood and Manly preceded his Ordination at St Mary's Cathedral on 15 July 1961.

May the soul of Fr Graham Vincent Kings experience the resurrection promised by Christ.



WELCOME FR CHARLES KAGANDA

Fr Charles Kaganda is a priest of Masakaensis in Uganda. He is holidaying in Sydney and will be staying in the presbytery until the 26th of March. While he is in residence, he is also happily assisting with Masses, especially on weekdays giving Monsignor Michael Berbari a break from his usual 6.45 AM Mass. We wish him a pleasant stay in our parish.

RELIC TO COME TO BERALA

You may have read the news in brief in the Catholic Weekly about the Relic of St Peter Chanel coming to Berala. Yes, the news about the installation of the relic in the Church for public veneration and dedication of the Church after 82 years is spreading. The preparation for the same is well and truly underway. The reliquary is ready with the monstrance to display the relic coming from India. The four dedication candles are to use smokeless oil to burn and they are imported from USA. The candle holders are fashioned from the Copperware from the history of the church. When Archbishop Anthony Fisher installs the Relic of the proto martyr of Oceania in our Church on 11 August, St Peter Chanel will become the only Church in Australia with the Relic of St Peter Chanel on display. Because of the big celebration of the Dedication and Installation of the Relic in August, Parish Day this year will be a low key observation on July 14. If you are interested in helping with the dedication Day celebrations, please contact the parish office.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEDICATION AND INSTALLATION SOUVENIR BOOKLET

To mark the very special occasion of the Dedication of the Church and Installation of the Relic of St Peter Chanel, a souvenir booklet will be produced, capturing the life of St Peter Chanel as well as the history of our parish. We invite all parishioners, both past and present, to share memories, stories, photos and testimonials to help inform this booklet. Please contact Rhia Victorino on 0420 966 463 or by email rhiaivictorino@gmail.com if you have any contributions to make towards the booklet or would like to assist in developing the content. Contributions are due by **24 March 2019**.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

A Lenten Programme will be held in the Michael home on the Wednesday nights of Lent at 7.30pm. The 1st Session will be the evening of Ash Wednesday, 6 March. Please contact Jenny on 0413 679 931 to express your interest so that programme booklets can be ordered.

SPC PRIMARY SCHOOL LENTEN GROUP

SPC Lenten Groups will commence on Tuesday March 5 at 9.10am in the Multipurpose Room/Staffroom. Thereafter every Wednesday- March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10.

FREEDOM TO LOVE

"This Program helped me to realize how much God really loves us, even with all of our imperfections. It is just incredible."

— Angela Walter

DVD-BASED STUDY

DATES, TIMES, LOCATION

March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4 | 7.30pm for 5 consecutive Thursdays.

Multi-purpose room at St Peter Chanel Primary School (entry via Regent St).

COST/REGISTRATION

\$25 which includes a participant workbook.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Ivica Kovac on 0403-201-444 or ivicakovac@optusnet.com.au.

Book online now to secure your spot:
www.trybooking.com/472568



Christopher West is recognized around the globe for his work promoting an integral, biblical vision of human life, love, and sexuality. He serves as a research fellow and faculty member of the Theology of the Body Institute and is the best-selling author of several books. He and his wife, Wendy, live with their five children near Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The world tells us that freedom is the ability to do what we want, whenever we want, with whomever we want. But has this led to strong relationships, strong families, or strong communities? Since the days of the "sexual revolution," the opposite has played out. Sexual chaos, exploitation, broken families, and a lot of pain have been the result of "freedom."

Recognizing the world's confusion, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Theology of the Body—a profound message of love and human sexuality. In this powerful, five-part study based on the Theology of the Body, popular author and presenter Christopher West lays out a convincing and refreshing road map to living a life of authentic freedom. The concepts presented in this study will change everything, including your worldview.

In this study, you will learn:

- What the Theology of the Body is and how it can change your life.
- How to live a life of freedom.
- What real love looks like.
- The difference between love and lust.
- What the problem is with pornography.
- That contraception does not lead to freedom.
- That God has a plan for your future.

...and much more.

For more information on the Theology of the Body and Freedom to Love, visit www.theologyofthebody.com



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office 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 02 9390 5812.

PARISH NEWS



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OPEN DAY

Thursday 7th March

8:00am-9:30am, 2:30pm-4:00pm and
6:30pm-7:30pm

Enrolling girls and boys for
Kindergarten - Year 6



**Join us for morning tea after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 3 March
to celebrate Catholic Schools Week!**

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

"At St Joseph the Worker we believe that each child is unique and can reach their potential in our welcoming, caring and resource rich environment.

We provide experienced, specialised teachers to support the academic needs to each child, encouraging them to be reflective, self-motivated learners. Children and parents are excited to be part of our small community and its strong sense of belonging, where cultural differences are celebrated.

We will be having an Open Day on 2 March from 10.00am - 11.00am. Please contact the office on 9646 1434 for information on School Tours for families who will be enrolling their children in Kindergarten in 2020.

OPEN DAY | Saturday, 2 March 10am-11am



School Tours

Monday, 4 March at 3.15pm
Wednesday, 6 March at 5.30pm
Thursday, 7 March at 9.30am



St Joseph the Worker

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AUBURN SOUTH

OTHER NOTICES

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Couples for Christ NSW. Cluster Teaching—The Fired Up Life. Passion principles to motivate you for work and life with guest speaker Kirby Llaban. **Friday, 1 March** | 7.30pm -10.30pm | St Peter Chanel Jubilee Hall, Berala.

Town Hall Housing Assembly. The Archdiocese of Sydney is joining with our partners Vinnies (NSW), Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign and 2000 citizens to advocate for a fairer affordable housing system in Sydney. If you would like to attend, please register, indicating that you are representing the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: <https://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/housing>. If you would like more information or to organise a group from your parish to attend, please contact the Justice and Peace Office on 02 93078465 or jpointo@sydneycatholic.org | **Thursday 14th March 2019** | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Sydney Town Hall

2019 Bishop Manning Lecture- The Catholic Community in the 21st Century. Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? Who's going with us? Listen to priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy speak on this topic of critical importance to the future of our Church. Named in honour of the Emeritus Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Kevin Manning, this annual lecture is hosted by the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations. Date: **Thursday 21 March 2019** | Time: 6-8:30pm | Where: Kirribilli Club (Grand Ballroom), 11 Harbourview Crescent Lavender Bay. Cost: Free | Registrations essential: ccercatholic.org.au/register

Mount St Benedict Centre. Lenten Reflection Day. The Mount St Benedict Centre invites you to its last ever Lenten Reflection day prior to the closure of the Centre. The day will include input, time for reflection and conversation on scripture and the themes of Lent in conversation with contemporary issues and spirituality. There will also be a concluding ritual and prayer which will acknowledge and celebrate the history

of the Centre as a place of peace, spiritual formation and hospitality. **Saturday 9 March** 10.00-3.00pm | **Facilitator:** Catherine McCahill sgs and Sr Patty Fawcner sgs | **Cost:** \$30.00 - Morning Tea provided; BYO lunch | **Bookings by:** Monday 4 March | Ph 8752 5390 | **Email:** mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au | 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road.

Deanery Men's Breakfast: Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by St Christopher's Parish Panania, hear from Robert Haddad from Sydney Catholic Schools on his experience of Catholic brotherhood and what helped him connect with his faith as a young man. Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Anthony Randazzo. **Saturday March 16**, 8am Exposition and Adoration, 8.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Randazzo, 9.30am BBQ breakfast. St. Christopher's Parish, 233 Tower St. Panania. \$10 per person. **Register:** www.trybooking.com/BAACH **More Info:** christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org Ph: 9307 8402

MISCELLANEOUS

Could you help a child in care? We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday 5th March 2019, 5:30pm-8pm. CatholicCare 2C West Street (Cnr Thomas Street), Lewisham NSW 2049. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Ladies. You are welcome to improve your Communication, Reading and Writing Skills. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at 25 Helena Street, Auburn. Also come and join our knitting and crochet group each Monday morning. We knit for: Ronald McDonald House, Red Cross and our own family. Enrolments now open. Contact Sr Elaine Walker on 9649 9635.

ANTIPHONS & READINGS

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.

Responsorial Psalm:

(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.)**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

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.

Next Week's Readings

Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45

Planned Giving Request Form. Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate.

Your Name:.....

Telephone NoEmail

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. ☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (An authority form will be sent)