

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross
after 9:30am Mass on
Sunday 23 Feb 2025
Thank you for your support!

\$3.00



WELCOME

Asher NGUYEN

To God's family through
Baptism
on 23 February 2025
Our prayers and blessings to
you and your family

**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**

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Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

CONGRATULATIONS

The 25th Anniversary of the Marriage of

JENCY & JOY GEORGE

May God always keep this amazing pair
in love and bliss!



Parish Bulletin

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 22/23 Feb 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Be merciful as your
Father is merciful.*

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 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.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying 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? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.'

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. He 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.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Response:

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 for get 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**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 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.

The word of the Lord

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.
The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS
Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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**ROSTERS— 1/2 Mar 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Alan Tyson Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woidt Antonetta Bartley
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY 15/16 FEB 2025

Open Plate	\$322.20
Planned Giving	\$708.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,030.20

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$556.70

ASH WEDNESDAY
On Wednesday 5th March 2025
Holy Mass & Service at 9:15am

CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE PARISH

RECONCILIATION

Workshops—

- Monday 3rd March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 17th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

Celebration— Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Workshops—

- Monday 12th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 2nd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

Rehearsal—Sunday 15th June after parish mass
Celebration— Sunday 22nd June 11:00am
Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

For more information, please contact the Parish Office. Tel: 8431 6932
Email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

ENROLMENT CUT-OFF 28 FEB 2025

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.


For the Repose of the Soul:
Marcel Clark

Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex



When goodness is not reinvested, it is lost. The greatness of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

National Liturgy & Music Conference, Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament and Song

Registrations are now open for the APMN & NLC biennial conference to be held in Adelaide from October 1-3 2025 at the Hilton Hotel. This is a great opportunity for parish musicians, school APRIMS and RECs, parish priests and pastoral associates to hear international and national speakers in the field (Fr Ricky Manalo CSP, Rita Ferrone, Fr Richard Leonard SJ) together with other inspirational and prophetic Australian voices. Visit the Conference website for full information: <https://pilgrimsofhope.com.au/> Early Bird registrations close on April 30, 2025. Contact the Community Life & Worship team at worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8130 if you have any questions.

Birthline Pregnancy Support

Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss? At Birthline, we're searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of Telephone Counsellors. Whether you have prior experience or are completely new to counselling, our FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course (TCC) will equip you with the skills and confidence needed to support those in need. If counselling or a commitment to weekly training isn't the right fit for you, there are other volunteer opportunities available. Please see flyer attached for more information. For enquiries, please email tcc@birthline.org.au or call on 0413 380 883. Website: birthline.org.au.

Homeshare: A solution to the rental crisis for older women in SA

Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity. The Homeshare program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity—a model that has been successfully running around the world for years. A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the [Homeshare Pilot Program](#) is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 55+ living on their own that have a spare bedroom, with female homesharers that need affordable accommodation from a similar age group that can offer some help around the house. Unlike a traditional flatmate arrangement, the matching process is rigorous: both parties undergo interviews, reference checks and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a householder or homesharer, please visit: [Homeshare](#).

St Vincent de Paul Society campaign


We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at svdp@svdpsa.org.au.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

The Kids' Bulletin

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What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading? Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!


Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



FATHER, FORGIVE THEM!

Answer to Word-finder: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

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