



We are a community learning to be disciples of Jesus

Welcome to Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish 25 October 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times This Week

Saturday 6pm	Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday 9am	Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday 10:45am	The Good Shepherd
Mon 26/10	11.00am Rosary Garden
Tue 27/10	9.30am Our Lady of Mercy
Wed 28/10	9.30am Our Lady of Mercy Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles
Thu 29/10	9.30am Our Lady of Mercy
Fri 30/10	9.30am Our Lady of Mercy
Fri 30/10	7.00pm St James the Less
Sat 31/10	9.30am The Good Shepherd
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass on Thursday and Saturday mornings for half an hour.	
Reconciliation is available during and after Exposition, and by appointment.	



'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?'

Fratelli Tutti: A Better Kind of Politics (chapter 5), and Dialogue and Friendship in Society (chapter 6)

Fratelli Tutti ('All Brothers' or 'All Humanity'), is Pope Francis' recently-released encyclical on fraternity and social friendship. This week we look at chapters 5 and 6.

In the political sphere, Pope Francis discusses two movements that hinder our ability to see the world as open and having a place for all people: populism and liberalism. Populism distorts the notion of a "people" in a closed and exclusionary way. Liberalism, specifically neoliberalism, exalts the marketplace as the solution to all problems, to the benefit only of those in power. Citing St. John Paul II, Pope Francis imagines a nobler politics that puts social love at the forefront rather than economics. Political love is practiced in sacrifice for those in greatest need, but in accord with subsidiarity so that it does not become "a soulless pragmatism". This requires politicians to strive for "fruitfulness" over "results": "what is important is not constantly achieving great results... It is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others". Thus, politics should focus on the long-term common good. The pope also calls for reform of the U.N. and an end to human trafficking.

In chapter 6, Pope Francis turns to dialogue and its essential role in creating a new culture of fraternity. Dialogue is a middle path between "selfish indifference" and "violent protest". Society is built on authentic dialogue, which involves respecting the other's viewpoint, but not in a relativistic fashion. Rather, "it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth". In envisioning how this might look in a pluralistic society, the pope draws on a favorite image, that of the polyhedron, "whose different sides form a variegated unity, in which 'the whole is greater than the part'". This is lived out in the hard, but joyful, work of encountering those who are different than ourselves. For this we can call on the Holy Spirit for the gift of kindness.

Our Priests

Father Richard Morris
Parish Priest

Father Ian Wilson
Assisting Priest

Our Churches

Our Lady of Mercy
5 Mann Street, Mt Barker SA 5251

The Good Shepherd
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St James the Less
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Please Pray For...

Sick

Gene Ferrarese, Blossom (Teresa) Ferrarese, Anne Jansen, Jacinda Jansen-Roberts, Ashlee Lloyd, Helen Malin, Helene Meijer, David Neville, Prema Sequeira, Patricia Smyth, David Thomas.

Names are kept on the sick list for 4 weeks.

Recently Deceased

Des Chambers, Gordon Fletcher, Roderick Wilson.

Anniversaries

Modesto Bonetti, Caroline Byrth, Vincent Coffey, Vonnie Fox, Ray Gaitt, Geoffrey Hill, David Jarred, Marie McVeigh, Raffaele Palma, Katharine Renc, Stan Richards, Ben Simon.

Anniversaries from Saturday 24th to Friday 30th October.

Parish Pastoral Council

Neil McGoran (Chair), Fr Richard Morris (Ex Officio), Fr Ian Wilson (Ex Officio), Gavin McLaughlin (Ex Officio), Stewart Chilcott, Teena Cobiac, Joanna Falkland, Mike Galea, Yesamma Hendry, Sandra Lloyd, Jo Manalo, Michelle Muller, Tung Pham, Jan Sobotta.

Supporting our parish community on our journey of faith.

Parish Finance Council

Tom Hardy (Chair), Father Richard Morris (ex officio), John Barton (Treasurer), Michelle Muller, Noel Duffield, Delia Hughes, Jim Mann, Toni Palombi.

For parish property, maintenance and finance matters.

Collections Last Week (Monday to Sunday)

1st Collection (supporting our priests) \$ 629.00

2nd Collection (supporting the parish)

Envelopes \$ 1,040.00

Online and direct debit \$ 775.00

Loose plate \$ 295.10

Total second collection \$ 2,110.10

Special Collection (Catholic Missions) \$ 708.40

Thank you for supporting our parish and our priests.

If you would like to give to the first and second collections via envelope, direct debit or credit card, please contact Michelle or Father Richard at the Parish Office, ph 8391 1053.

Meetings This Week

Sun 10.30am	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Mon 9.45am	Arty Crafty Ladies	OLOM Foyer
Tue 6pm	St Francis College Board	Staff Room
Wed 4pm	Catechesis of the GS	St James the Less
Thu 10.30am	Christian Meditation	Parish House

On our Parish Website

Visit our website at: <https://www.barkerstrathcatholic.com/>

Prayers for all occasions,

Contact tracing forms,

Website links,

Strath hall booking calendar,

And lots, lots more.



Reflection

on the Scripture Readings

Today's gospel takes us to the ideal at the heart the teaching of Jesus. In his Sermon on the Mount, as he contrasted the accepted standards of old Israel with his New Law, Jesus warned his followers that their 'uprightness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees'. It is not surprising,

therefore, that the interpretation of the 'commandments of the Law' was one of the issues at stake in the conflict between Jesus and his enemies.

'Love your enemies': these words were addressed to a people whose traditions urged them to care for their own; but saw no place for goodwill and generosity to foreigners in general - whom they looked upon as rivals and enemies. Old Israel had been taken into covenant with the living God, shown in the Exodus to be the champion of the poor and oppressed. Through the covenant they were called to identify with the ways of God. In fact, their traditions - as today's first reading makes clear - were remarkable compared with the outlook of other peoples of their time. As they began to learn what identification with God's ways involved, they recognised that they must care for the powerless: the poor, widows and orphans, the strangers who had settled among them. But they still had much to learn - their goodwill was not extended to all of God's children without exception. In advocating this as the New Law of love, Jesus was not abolishing the old Law, but bringing it to 'fulfilment'. The ideal held up by Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law was clear: 'I say this to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; so that you will be children of your Father in heaven' (Mt 5:44).

Promoting a movement of popular renewal, the Pharisees sought to formulate summary expressions of the requirements of the Law. Their discussion along these lines is echoed in the antagonistic question with which they tried to confound Jesus. In his reply, Jesus refers to two commandments - implying that, in a certain sense, they constitute a single commandment. He refers to two well known texts: 'You must love the Lord with all your heart, soul and strength' (Deut 6:5) and 'Love your neighbour as yourself' (Lev 19:18) - a text that declares, quite explicitly, that the neighbour referred to is a 'member of your race'. His uniting of these texts, in such a way that neither can have its full meaning without the other, takes us to the heart of the 'fulfilment of the Law'. His followers must identify with the boundlessly generous and inclusive ways of his Father. The outlook of the 'golden rule', expressed in the second text he has quoted, must be the expression of a goodwill that has no limits. The identification with God's ways, called for in the covenant, has now found its full and final expression, as it did in the Good Samaritan parable in response to the question, 'Who is my neighbour?' We recognise the revolutionary nature of Jesus' New Law of love. In fact, the universal goodwill taught by Jesus became the ideal of New Testament communities: 'When you did it to the least, you did it to me' (Mt 25:40); 'There can be neither Jew nor Greek, you are all one in Christ' (Gal 3:28). Paul recognised that this identification with God's ways is a gift of the Spirit - 'The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit' (Rom 5:5). John Thornhill SM

Question of the Week

Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind'. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. (Matthew 22:37-39)

Adults: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbour as yourself?

Young People: How would God's view of rules and laws affect the way you enforce them? Give a specific example.

Children: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbour? How can you do a better job following Jesus' commandment?

Baptism This Weekend

This weekend we welcome Vivian Kathleen Fletcher into the Faith through the sacrament of Baptism. We ask God to bless Vivian, her parents Walter and Maryanne and godparents Nicola, Vincent, Nicole and Mario on this special occasion.



The baptism will be on Sunday after Mass at Strathalbyn.

Congratulations

Kris and Gertrude Stolarski are celebrating the golden jubilee of their marriage this weekend. We ask God's blessing upon them and their family.

Parish Finance Council

New Members

Our Finance Council is currently seeking new members, especially from Strathalbyn, Macclesfield and beyond.

If you feel that you are able to contribute your ideas, actively listen and collaborate with others regarding parish property, finance, health and safety, please feel welcome to contact Father Richard to find out more about this role.

The Finance Council would be more than happy to alternate meetings between Mt Barker, Strathalbyn and Macclesfield.

COVID Safety

The Finance Council reviews our COVID safety and compliance at each monthly meeting.

The Archdiocese strongly discourages congregational singing at this time. At Strathalbyn we are able to spread out further than the minimum required, so we have chosen to continue singing at Mass. Unfortunately this is not possible at Mount Barker.

Please be vigilant about social distancing, by staying 1.5 metres (approx two arm's lengths) from those not in your family group. We have not placed distance markers on the pews as there are many family groups attending Mass. The pews are spaced 1.5m apart, which is also a helpful guide at Communion time.

We hope to reintroduce an after-Mass cuppa at Mount Barker when the weather allows it to be held outside. This will be done in a safe manner and in accordance with COVID guidelines.

We are also seeking additional COVID Marshals. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help with this.

Atrium - Can you Help?

We are seeking one extra adult volunteer to assist with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for this term. Weds 4-6pm from 21st Oct through to 2nd Dec at Macclesfield. Transport can be provided. No training is necessary as we have three catechists available. Even a commitment of one or two weeks would be helpful. Please contact Teena on 0499 172 740.

Reclaiming All Hallows' Eve

All Hallows' Eve (All Saints' Eve) is next weekend!

Young people are invited to dress as their favourite saint for 6pm Mass at Our Lady of Mercy. The kids can gather in the foyer to show off their costumes and then process down to the front with candles or pictures of loved ones. After Mass we will have a sausage sizzle and trick or treating.

Adults: If you would like our young people to trick or treat your house, please send your name and address to the parish office by Wednesday or fill in the sign up sheet after Mass. We will work out a route that we can travel by car in convoy.

Yes, we can visit Strathalbyn and Macclesfield!

SVDP Raffle

Last chance this weekend to purchase tickets for the Vinnies raffle of a dolls house and rocking horse. Tickets are \$1 at The Good Shepherd, Strathalbyn. All proceeds go towards Christmas hampers for our companions.

Papal Blessing for Catechists

Are you a Catechist, Leader of Children's Liturgy of the Word or involved in any Children related Ministries in your Parish? If you or someone you know has contributed to the area of Children's Ministries in your parish community for many years we would love to hear from you no later than November 2. These Catechists will be awarded a special Papal Blessing in recognition of their generous service at next year's Commissioning Mass for Catechists celebrated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan in the Cathedral.

For any further inquiries please contact Elena Moffa on P: 8301 6110, elena.moffa@cesa.catholic.edu.au or Sr Jenny Seal jenny.seal@cesa.catholic.edu.au.

Early learning and kindergarten for children 6 months to 5 years in Mount Barker.



For more information call 8188 8700 or go to alivecatholic.org.au



WE LOVE OUR PRIESTS
Celebrating World Priest Day



WORLD PRIEST DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We come before you today to ask your blessing on our brothers, Whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Lord Jesus, We ask that you support them with your Presence and fill them with Grace to serve You faithfully. Gracious Spirit, open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to pursue your calling, and open their hearts to hear your call to this most Holy Sacrament. Amen.

Thank you for saying "YES" to His call. Happy World's Priest day. We love you our dear Priests.

WWME Central Unit, SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING EXODUS 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:

when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me.

He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL MATTHEW 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next Week: November 1, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalm: 23:1-6 Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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