

MASSES— 12th to 19th Feb 23

Sun	12	9.30am	People of the parish
		11.30am	People of the parish
Mon	13	12.00noon	Bridie Obrien (RIP)
Tues	14	9.30am	Eda Wood family (Spl int)
Wed	15	9.30am	Sr. Leera Lobo (Thanksgiving)
Thurs	16	9.30am	Frank Healy (B'day remembrance), Catherine Lutwama (RIP)
Fri	17	9.30am	Holy souls
Sat	18	9.30am	George Dunnion, Donna Boyle (Anni) William Edwards (Thanksgiving)
Sun	19	9.30am	William & Anna Mara (Anni)
		11.30am	People of the parish

Lectors

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9.30am Cath Slater, Cosmos (R)
11.30am Angela N., Maame (R)

19/02/2023

Anthonia A., Naomi (R)
Chidekke, Mary (R)

Eucharistic Ministers

9.30am Betty O. (E) 11.30am Frank, Patricia (E)

The sick of the Parish: Rose Hogan, Norah Griffith, Mary Mulrone, Gerard Griffith, Maria Clear, Ann Crowley, Christopher Browne, Jarek, Bridie McAndrew, Teresa McAffer, Andrea, Chinasa Okosisi, John, Mr. Tran, Damian Curristan, Owen Darroch.

Anniversaries during the week: Harry Hone, Ellen Crawley, Jim O'Driscoll, Frank Boman, Robert Hancock, Bridie Underwood, Elizabeth Quilter, Michael Augustine Cox, Sandra Dawn Herbert, Catherine Lutwama, Arturo Taylor Florez, Margaret Lyons, Bridget Nash, George Dunnion, Christopher Doyle, James Crone, Paddy Kelly, John Floyd, William Mara, John Callaghan.

Saint of the week: Cyril and Methodius were two brothers and Byzantine Christian theologians and missionaries. For their work evangelizing the Slavs, they are known as the "Apostles to the Slavs". They are credited with devising the Glagolitic alphabet, the first alphabet used to transcribe Old Church Slavonic. After their deaths, their pupils continued their missionary work among other Slavs.

Life is ...

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfil it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it.

Mother Teresa



A.J. Missions

St. Osburg

Ss. Mary & Benedict

St. Elizabeth

Parish Newsletter –6th Sunday in ordinary time — 12th to 19th Feb 2023

COME TO TERMS WITH YOUR OPPONENT IN GOOD TIME:

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the law and commandments. The first reading tells us to choose life by obeying God's commandments. The laws that we have to govern our society are not meant to take away our freedom, but to empower us to do the right thing for ourselves and for others. By keeping the commandments of God and of the Church, we are literally choosing life, but when we disobey, we are likened to someone choosing death. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is far greater than our own. And in the gospel Jesus tells us that he has come to fulfil the law, not to abolish it.

Today's gospel is part of the Sermon on the Mountain, in which Jesus like the Moses of old, gives the new Law. He does not get rid of the Mosaic Law, but to complete it by giving it, its full meaning. We have heard Jesus saying time and again: "*you have learnt how it was said... but I say this to you*" meaning that he is giving us the full meaning of that law.

Let us reflect on a short phrase that comes from the gospel: "*Come to terms with your opponent in good time.*" Jesus is telling us to use common sense by judging situations, because when we remain stubborn we can cause a lot of harm to ourselves and to others. Think of all the wars that have taken place, the loss of life, the destruction and sufferings they cause! How would the world be if leaders settled their disputes with negotiations instead of fighting first and then negotiate? Could we not have been in a better situation if the President of Russia had pursued peace with Ukraine instead of starting with war? How much suffering would be avoided if we were to come to terms with our opponents whether at work, in our neighbourhood or in our families instead of first starting with harsh words! There are things which we do only to regret them later, and to wish that had we done it differently, life would have been better. So, "*come to terms with your opponent in good time.*"

Last Sunday, Jesus reminded us that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. We are chosen and sent to become light for others to enable them to follow Jesus. We are ambassadors of Christ. What the world taught us to consider as values, may not necessarily be values anymore now that we are Christians. That is why Jesus tells us: "*you have learned how it was saidbut I say to you*". He tells us to behave appropriately: 'your virtue must go deeper than simple religiosity.'

As you return home today, let us go and live as a new people. There is no harm in walking a different or opposite direction as long as it does not cause harm to others. Let us use common sense and build bridges of peace, reconciliation and justice in good time. Yes, "*Come to terms with your opponent in good time*"

