



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th / 30th June 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

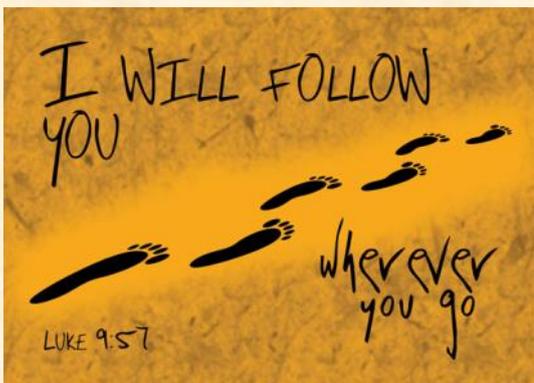


Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

(Dianne Bergant CSA)



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helen Power, Billie Jo Delphin, Tess Powell, Stan Gard, Veronica Croft, John Odgers, Peta Hickey, Tony Hall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Janice Phelps, Allen Henshaw, Kellie-Anne Wall, Mary Powell, Max Liston, Carmel Roach, Irene Adams, Adrienne Walls, Kevin Delphin, Kath Quirk, Sr De Pazzi, Catherine Duffy, Robert Hartley, Damian Keenan, Majorie Bohr, Eileen Gawen, John Herring, Nicholas McBrien, Denise Godde, Eugene Cavanagh, Youssef Ghosn, Fr Harry Josco, Timothy Stephenson, Donna Bartholomew, Patrick Gannon.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all. We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 29th /30th June		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Xavier High School	Jane Murtagh Sr Carina Morton Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Pauline Mulquiney 1 volunteer	Pauline Willis Sue Hayhoe Sue McLaurin Fran Kernaghan Gemma Whitehead 1 volunteer
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Catherine Cutler	Ann McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts		

Sat /Sun: 6th /7th July		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Kellie Gordes Brian Waters Paula Waters	Bede Hart Cathy Nyhan Rom Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Catherine Cutler 1 volunteer	Peter & Dianne Treacy Kevin Kennedy Trish Parkinson Marjorie Serbinek Marissa Hart
Cantor Musicians	Margie & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Volunteers		

Prayer to be Disciples

God of love, source of mercy and compassion, weave your dream for the world into the fabric of our lives. Remove the scales from our eyes and lift the indifference from our hearts, so that we may see your vision –a new reign of justice and compassion that will renew the earth. Transform our lives, so that we may accomplish your purpose. Anoint us with your spirit of love that we might bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim release to the captive. Give us a new urgency and a new commitment to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and visit those who live in isolation. Surround us with your love, fill us with your grace, and strengthen us for your service. Empower us to respond to the call of Jesus to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses, and to follow. Make us your disciples. Amen

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

' A disciple of the Lord, is called to set out on a journey that isn't a "stroll," but a mission to proclaim the Gospel and spread the good news of salvation.'

Parish News

Pastoral Planned Giving

This weekend marks the end of the current financial year. Thanks for your ongoing support of our parish community in this regard. The parish is reliant on you generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments and to engage in pastoral activities. 2019/2020 planned giving envelopes (red) are ready for collection at church entrance (Mate Street). If you are not already contributing to our parish community in this way and are able to do so please fill in the details on the slip where the envelopes are located and place in the container provided. Otherwise contact the parish office by email/phone with the relevant details. Donations can also be made on a regular basis by direct debit.

Due to changes in taxation policy and our financial status we have been advised that you will not be able to claim your contribution to the planned giving as a tax deduction. Statements will still be provided for all contributors at the end of this financial year.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 6 will be celebrated in our parish community on Saturday 17 August at 6pm during our celebration of Eucharist. Parents of Year 6 children not attending St Anne's who wish their child to receive this concluding sacrament of initiation in the Catholic tradition are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible. Once we have an indication of numbers involved, we will be able to organise a preparation process.

Please remember in your prayers the children and parents in their commitment to continue to open their lives to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Morning Tea

Our next morning tea is next Sunday 7 July at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. Thanks to Yvonne & Mardi who will be hosting this event.

Football Tipping

As of the end of the split round 14 - Kip Kipper 79; Don Jones, Brian Butts 78; Martin Cruickshank, Paula McEachern, Noel Willis 77.

Feast Days

Wednesday 3rd July —St Thomas Apostle
Thursday 4th July—St Elizabeth of Portugal
Friday 5th July —St Anthony Zaccaria
Saturday 6th July—St Maria Goretti

Catholic Mission

Thanks to those who were able to attend the talk given by Bishop Alfred Agyenta and Dr Joseph Ayembilla last Sunday. They outlined the projects currently underway in Ghana aimed at poverty alleviation, education and healthcare.

Later in the year when we have our parish mission appeal you will be given the opportunity to support the ongoing projects supported by Catholic Mission in their region.

The provision of a lunchtime meal, a communal afternoon tea and the hospitality shown was much appreciated by our guests.

Helen Power's Funeral

Helen is the sister of Annette and Margaret Power who were both parishioners at Sacred Heart. At the request of her family her funeral will be held during our celebration of Eucharist this Friday 5 July at 9.30am.

Immediately after Mass morning tea will be offered by her family in our hall. Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate Helen's life and support her nieces and nephews.

Xavier High School Youth Mass

Thanks to the students and staff of Xavier High School who will lead us in our celebration of Eucharist this Saturday 29 June at 6.00pm. Supper will be shared afterwards in Sacred Heart Hall. All welcome.

Parish Council News

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council will be held this Thursday 4 July at 6.00pm in the Hall.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Rosters

Your new rosters are now available for collection on side table at front of church (Swan Street) side.

Volunteers for Transport to Weekend Masses

We are still looking for volunteers who are willing to participate on a roster system or when available to bring parishioners to mass particularly on a Sunday morning. If you can help out please contact parish office by phone or email or Kevin Kennedy on 0403 454 987.

Plenary Council 2020

National Theme for Discernment 3. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the people of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Ecumenical Taize Prayer on Sunday 30 June in Wesley Chapel at St David's Uniting Church Albury 5.00pm.

Liturgy of the Word

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21; Gal 5: 1, 13-18; Luke 9: 51-62

Responsorial Psalm:



You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;

You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!



Reflection on the Readings

The Gospel this weekend marks a turning point in the gospel of Luke. It is the commencement of Jesus' journey towards Jerusalem and we are told that he resolutely takes that road (or in some translations, he resolutely 'sets his face' towards Jerusalem). Earlier in this chapter, we have heard Peter's confession of faith, seen the Transfiguration and heard Jesus predict his death. Today's passage begins the second half of the gospel of Luke and it is clear from this point forward that there is no turning back for Jesus.

This passage is a difficult one on first reading; the second half of it seems to paint a picture of an unsympathetic and uncompromising Jesus. However, in the light of its positioning as the beginning of the second half of the gospel – the beginning of the end – it takes on more significance. Firstly, the incident of rejection in Samaria allows Jesus to make very clear that he will never resort to violence as a solution to any problem. The reaction of the disciples seems a bit extreme as a response to an inhospitable action! Jesus' rebuke to them reminds us that what he has offered all along is an invitation that was open to all – if some don't accept the invitation you can't call fire down on them from above!

The three vignettes make plain the urgency and demanding nature of Jesus' mission. He and his followers are constantly on the move and have no room for comforts and cosy beds. The second and third pieces contrast directly with the story from today's first reading. The message of Jesus is that the work of the Kingdom is even more important than duty to family and duty to the dead. Once he has set his face towards Jerusalem and his own death, there is no turning back – he is absolutely committed to his mission.

Today's gospel can be seen as falling into a category of gospel passages that are often referred to as the 'hard sayings' of Jesus. These hard sayings are often confronting and even offensive to the audience – particularly a modern one. The harshness of the language and sentiment seems to jar with our image of the compassionate Jesus. Yet, these challenging teachings remind us of the hard edge that is contained within Christian beliefs and teachings. They call for strength in the face of overwhelming odds and commitment even in the face of custom and family loyalties.

(Greg Sunter)



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