

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours'.

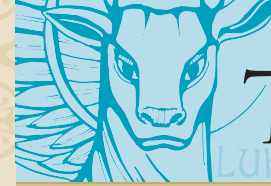
But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him', he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

10 JULY 2022

CREATION BORN ANEW

The unifying theme of today's readings is being at peace with God, oneself and others. For Deuteronomy, the call is to find peace through faithfulness to the Mosaic law. While the challenge seems daunting, it is possible. The Gospel expands this by calling us to find true peace by loving our neighbour. The parable of the Good Samaritan challenges us to see that it is not a question of determining who my neighbour is, as much as to whom I can be a neighbour.

The reading from the letter to Colossians is one of the Church's earliest hymns and it is a powerful and beautiful reflection on the place of Jesus in God's saving plan. In the light of the resurrection, the first Christians quickly came to see that what had happened in Jesus of Nazareth could not be limited to his earthly ministry. It had become impossible to speak of God's plan of salvation without seeing Jesus as its centre and lynchpin. Paul sees Jesus as the unifying and life-giving force behind all of creation. While the hymn stresses the pride of place that Jesus has in God's saving plan as well as his lordship of all creation, the place and role of the cross is not forgotten. Peace and reconciliation have been achieved through Jesus' blood. It is on the cross, as nowhere else, that Jesus is Lord of all creation, and it is here that creation is born anew.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Deut 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain / let your help, O God, lift me up. / I will praise God's name with a song; / I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**
4. For God will bring help to Zion / and rebuild the cities of Judah. / The sons of his servants shall inherit it; / those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**



SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Syd-



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased Janko Javisik, Maria Rodrigues, Carolyn McMahon, Anne Baker, Shirley Foster, Mary Spiteri, Marie Somboli, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the sick and dying, the poor and the homeless (that they continue to walk in the light of God's love, mercy & compassion), the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus



Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Fr Anthony Simari, Sue Melia, Merle Robertson, Esther & Philip Velu, P. Louis, Maria Pushpam, Rita Ciappara, Ellie & Renee Nemeh, Robert & Yolande Aquilina, Guiseppe Panetta, Daisy Joseph, Xavier & Louise Micallef.

The Sick: Eva Pethes, Kevin Roberts, Angelo Portelli, Anton Snashel, Ellie Carter, Mary Lau, Lilly Weekes, Brian and Colleen Maguire, Max Fenech, Marc Bakusic, Fran Evans, Ernie Ross Metilda and Jacintha Mary. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes and those suffering from Covid.

Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

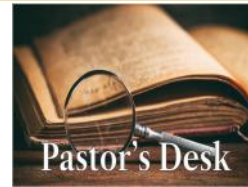
Saturday, - 16 July, 5.30pm St Agnes'
Sunday - 17 July, 9.00am Andrew's (Livestreamed)

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube.



SCAN ME

Funeral for the Late Marie Somboli, Tuesday, 12 July, 10am at St Andrew's.



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar—Matraville.

I hope that you all have fared well with the storms and the water with your homes? I know our hearts, thoughts and prayers go to those who have been affected by once again the floods, the third time this year.

We look forward to the results of the final session of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia, which concluded yesterday, Saturday, 9 July. This Council is a journey that we walk together as the Catholic Church in Australia. Let us be open to the deliberations and may it breathe new life of the Holy Spirit in our Church. Since my appointment as Parish Priest (28 January 2021) of our Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew and St Agnes Malabar—Matraville it has been my hope and desire to have a combined Parish Pastoral Council of St Andrew's and St Agnes' Parishes. I look forward to forming it, since it is an important consultative part of our parishes. So stayed tuned for further updates.

Last week you would have read about Lee Leo and Rosa Wells being proud recipients of the Dempsey Medal. What is this medal? Archbishop Fisher OP initiated this award some years ago. The Medal is awarded for outstanding service or witness to parish, diocese or community, it is primarily intended to recognise those who have contributed in the context of their local parish. I have just received word that Chris Keher, who has been very proficient in his spear heading the works in particularly St Agnes' restoration and still today at St Andrew's has been awarded a Dempsey Medal. Congratulations, Chris and many thanks for your wonderful assistance and expertise that you so generously give, well deserved!

We welcome Fr Simari's family at our 10am, St Agnes mass this weekend, as we are having a memorial anniversary mass on this first anniversary of his passing into eternal life. Enjoy the last week of school holidays!

God's choicest blessings to all.

Fr John

We welcome **Koa & Naia Cartwright, Leon Muthuma, and Luisa & Elora Rogan** into our Par-



ish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Sunday, 10 July, 2022 at St Agnes'.



Parish Outing 16th August 2022 Wyong Alpacas Irish Lodge: Cost \$50, includes lunch, morning tea, entry and coach. Final payment 17th July. Contact Marie 9661-7186 or Kathy 9311-1749

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The

Please see Parish Website for other notices

Funeral for the late Maria Rodrigues, Monday, 11 July, 11am St Agnes'.