

Gospel

Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A notice from the Social Justice Group:

Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) provide essential food to people seeking asylum and refugees living in Sydney. Government cuts have meant a huge increase in demand for JRS to further support those in need. Please help by bringing IN DATE food such as 1kg Basmati rice, 700ml cooking oil, tea, instant coffee, sugar, salt and pasta (spaghetti & penne) to Masses on the weekends of 24/25th and 31st August/1st September.

See posters at Church doors for a full list.

Sacramental Program

Confirmation

A reminder that **Lesson 2** is on this coming **Tuesday 27 August at 7pm** in the Church.

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives. The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

The Social Justice Group will gather in the Meeting Room (under the church) on Sunday 25 August from 10am-11am for discussion and morning tea. All welcome. Enquiries: Please contact Barry Ducrou on 95708644



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 25 August 2019

St Declan's parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live together on the land of the Bidjegal people of the Eora Nation.

First Reading

Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

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MASS TIMES

Mass Times at St Declan's Parish

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm

Weekday: Mon, Wed, Fri: 6.45am

Tues, Thurs: 9.15am

Saturday: 8.00am

Public Holiday: 9.15am

Communion Services

Tues, Thurs: 6.45am

Confession: Saturday: 5.00pm-5.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment

(Please contact the office or email declans@tpg.com.au)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 9.45am-10.45am and 7.00pm-8.00pm

Mass Times at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst

Saturday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9.15am & 6.00pm

Wed, Fri: 9.30am

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Welcome to St Declan's Parish

If you are new to our parish we invite you to leave your name, email address and number on the sheet provided in the front foyer (Near the Crying Room). Thank you.

We Remember in our Masses:

Recently Deceased

Luka Lelic, Nicolina Montesin, Ernestina Aservi, Marica Vukglic, Kata Majnarich, Branko & Bozica Rasic, Casna Setra Ankica Cujakj, Rudi Krmar, Carmela Agostino, Samir Ryad, Mile Vodera.

Anniversaries

John Ascoli, Ignac Krfin, Emmanueli & wife, Ferdinand Nicolas, Joseph Macinante, Dianne Mary McCarthy, Mate Jugovich, Ante Certik, Jack Crosby.

Also

Dane & Mande Malkoc, Cecily Ryan, Noel Sheather, Stjepan Kranjec, Maria Vukobrat, Stjepan Obrovac, Stanko Prorokovic, Ignac Krfin, Ivan Kucinic, Mijo Trupkovic, Nikola Dragisic, Kevin & Stephen & Jim McElroy, Denis & Ante Bacic, Betty & Danny Dusek, Michael O'Sullivan, Betty & Brian O'Sullivan, Frances Anne O'Sullivan, Teresa & Joseph Macinante, Spiro & Josephine Bajada, The Holy Souls in Purgatory and all the deceased members of our Parish.

Parish Sick List

Massimo Mascolo, Christopher March, Sr Alma Pollard, Alina Kizeweter, Tim March, Sonny Venal, Kathy Dennett, Mary Phillips, Mirna Mundigo, Peter Tabutoa, Una Canute, Brian Lloyd, Terence Lang, Ann Steele, Elias Francis, Geraldine Brenston.

Mass Intentions: please indicate on the Mass Intentions envelope if you would like the name of the person published in the bulletin.

Parish Sick List: If you are no longer sick or you know someone on the list who is no longer sick, please contact the office so the list can be updated.

New Email Address

Please note that the St Declan's Accounts email address has changed to:

declans.finance@gmail.com

Please forward St Declan's accounting enquiries to this new address.

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Something for the over 40s...

Come along to a "Games Morning" for some games, giggles and fun!

WHEN: Saturday, 14th September, 10am to 12.30pm.

WHERE: Meeting Room.

COST: \$2.00 (morning tea donation).

BOOKINGS: BY 9th September with your contact details to Paulineke on 0419 426 123 or email wpnolan@internode.on.net

Bring a friend or make new friends; join in for some old favourites and learn some new games. An opportunity for a bit of fun and a few laughs. Includes morning tea. **Bookings are essential!**

Thank you, Paulineke

Father's Day Mass

Is your child interested in participating in the Children's 9.00am Father's Day Mass? If interested, please email Sarah at sarah.ducrou@hotmail.com your child's name, age, grade, and a contact number, OR sign up on the sheet in the Church foyer. Please note there is no rehearsal for this Mass.

All Readers, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers who were commissioned the weekend of 10/11 August may collect their certificates after mass from the Sacristy. Thank you for your service.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Life's problems can be seen as challenges that help you to grow well and to learn important skills. As God's creatures are imperfect, so we need to help one another toward a final perfection that is a gift from God.

What difficulty or crisis in your life has taught you a lot? Do you think you have grown from dealing with it? How?

Discipline from parents and teachers and coaches is often not desired, yet it is usually given because of love.

What do you think motivates parents and teachers and coaches? Why do they do the things they do for you? What is their purpose as they attempt to give you discipline?

How have you benefited from the discipline and influence of parents, teachers or coaches? Have other adults in your life helped you become a more mature individual? Who are they and what influence have they had?

GOSPEL FOCUS

First and Last

"Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last." These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

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CCareline 131819

CatholicCare.org

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🕒 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday

Do you have a child with a disability who is leaving school?

We can guide them through the process, helping them to learn new skills, prepare for work and find a job.