

ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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6/7 August 2022 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C

READERS	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMENTATOR
Saturday 6 August	Lilly Damian	Lorena Moron	Alistair Pinto
Sunday 7 August	Jane von Perger	James Hayes	Jody Tait

FUNDRAISER REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Parish Council committee would like to host a fundraising event to raise money for the church air-conditioning upgrades. To do this successfully we will need volunteers that are willing to join a small sub-committee that will focus solely on the planning of the event that we hope to hold mid-September. The tasks won't be extensive and the more volunteers we have the less time it should take. So if you can spare some time to help us please speak to Fr Eddie or email Mel Hartmann mellyhart@hotmail.com

CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

The Air Conditioning System of our Church is worn out and the cost for replacing is \$49,071. We shall be organising some fundraising activities to help us to raise the funds. In the meantime, we are appealing to parishioners and well-wishers to kindly make individual contribution towards this project. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

Account name: Port Hedland Parish
BSB: 086 006

Reference: Air Conditioning
Account Number: 917 992 531

TOTAL raised by Friday 5th August: \$1,310

Envelopes for Special Collection towards the Air Conditioning System are available on request. Thank you all.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Celebration on Sunday 14th August 2022 at 8.00am by Bishop Michael Morrissey.

PROTECTING CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Safeguarding Officer is Lorena Moron.

COVID UPDATE

Please read COVID-19 update on the notice board at the church entrance. Thanks.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

The offerings last weekend:

1st Collection: Diocesan Clergy: \$177.10 | Direct Debit \$45.00

2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance: \$273.10 | Direct Debit \$212.50

If you would like to contribute to our collection via direct debit, banking details are:

Account name: Port Hedland Parish
BSB: 086 006

Reference: Collection
Account Number: 917 992 531



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Readings

FIRST READING: Wis 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: Lk 12:32-48 (or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the Parousia). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the Parousia at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the Parousia will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as if the Parousia were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the Parousia, then that 'investment' is its own reward.