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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102)

ANTIPHON: The Lord is kind and merciful.

RESPONSE: The Lord is kind and merciful.

LECTOR: My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

LECTOR: It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

LECTOR: As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Or

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

TODAY'S READINGS 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

NEXT WEEK (8th Sunday, Year C) Sir 27: 4-7; Psalm 91; 1 Cor 15: 54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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Do good to those who hate you



20 February 2022 7th Sunday Year C

In the Book of Samuel we find two mortal enemies, David and Saul, in conflict. Saul is the anointed King of Judah and David has been anointed to succeed him. What happens next is an all too familiar human story.

David is jealous of Saul's power; Saul is suspicious of David's motives. How often family feuds and human relations take on these negative forces of jealousy and suspicion resulting in the breakdown of relationships. We also see this operating at the international level between ethnic groups and nations resulting in open conflict.

To return to the story of King Saul and the yet-to-be appointed King David, there is a glimmer of light. Previously, in a rage, Saul attempted to kill David by throwing a javelin at him! In today's story, David has the opportunity to kill Saul, but relents. Even here we note David's motives are not entirely pure. He acts partly out of guilt, fearing divine anger if he was to kill one of God's anointed.

Let us now compare this approach to the words of Jesus in today's gospel: "Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you." At a logical level, Jesus' reasoning is difficult to dispute: "If you only love those who love you, what thanks can you expect?" No, says Jesus, you must overcome all those narrow views of love and forgiveness: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate." Moreover, "don't judge

others, don't condemn, always forgive."

We may complain that Jesus is asking too much of us! Surely all this love and forgiveness will be seen as weakness, leading us to be trodden underfoot by our enemies! Yet, something within us knows we must break the cycle of violence and vengeance if we are to achieve peace, harmony and goodwill among people and nations. This is the way of the Gospel as lived and proclaimed by Jesus.

This is also the centre-point of Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti (2020) where he uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to insist that love must go beyond tribe, family and nation to include stranger, migrant and refugee. We also note Francis' joint statement with Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayeb in Abu Dhabi (2019) which acknowledged that "God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters."

In today's world, 'loving your enemy' is best expressed in terms of commitment to dialogue and mutual respect among peoples of diverse religions and cultures. This enables us to open our hearts to become people of love, service and compassion. This way, we allow God's love to enter our lives and world keeping in mind Jesus' words: "The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back!"

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7 ORDINARY TIME



YEAR C

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Sat 6pm
Sun @ 6.30am, 8.30am

Reconciliation Sat 5.30pm or by appt.

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2022 Boxes of Envelopes available now in foyer. New users are asked to add name/no of box to list in foyer. Thank you.

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The first meeting for the Transition Steering Team is on **Sunday, February 20th at 9:30am in the hall.** From there we will discuss other meeting times and dates. We pray for our parish community as we begin this process. **Sr Kari Hatherell osu**

Children's Church will have resumed at 8.30am Mass Children participate in a child friendly version of Gospel and are involved in activities to help them understand the messages of the Gospel. We look forward to all joining us.

March 2
ASH WEDNESDAY

March 4
FIRST FRIDAY

2022 Sacrament of Penance - Reconciliation Round II preparation starts in March 2022
Session dates 1: Sat March 5/6; 12/13; 19/20;
Ceremony of Reconciliation Round II
Mon March 21, 2022 at 6.30pm.
 For enrolment contact parish or visit website: **<http://www.reginacaeliparish.org.au>**
 Please contact office for enrolment details.

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. All invited to join discussion, helping shape a major global 2023 meeting. You have until **Feb 27** to make a submission to your local consultation for international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together as Christians. Find out more at: **<https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>**

Now more than ever, we must be vigilant in maintaining clean parish buildings and surrounds. We remind all of need to **sanitise space** on exit of all areas always.



Coming 2022
Feb 20: 7 Ordinary Time
Feb 20: Core Transition group meet 9.30am
Feb 27: 8 Ordinary Time
March 2: Ash Wednesday
March 4: World Day of Prayer & First Friday

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Mulcahy, (parishioner) Michael Mulcahy, Margaret Owen (parishioner) May Mahony, (parishioner) Dr John Rutherford, Paddy Logan, Michael Whitelaw
MASS INTENTIONS: Tim Stirling, Laura Gleadhil, Trevor Smith, George Lee, Joyce Byrne, John & Elizabeth Shannon, Ennio & Antonietta, Sabatino Morlacci, Vellelmo Calvisi
SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Brian & Thera Harding, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, David Parker, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Marie Taylor, Nathaniel Williams, Pat Weir, Zelina

Many jobs still need help including:
 Sacristans, Readers, Altar servers,
 Hall tidy duties, Yard maintenance: mowing, pruning, etc, Garden bed: weeding /watering
 Washing of altar cloths, Flower persons
 Communion to the those isolated at home
 Musicians & Singers Children's Church help
 Church cleaning, Mass Helpers in any way
 People to take up the plate
 Any other ways you think you can help
Many hands make light work. All parishioners are qualified. We would appreciate your help.
Let us know at the office how, when you can assist.
Which Box have you ticked? ✓



World Day of Prayer, will be celebrated on **March 4, 10am** **St Stephen's Anglican Church,** 343 Cavendish Rd, Coorparoo. Please join our local faith communities recognising the needs and cultures of England, Wales & Northern Ireland.

V3 You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the Kingdom of God! **R/-**

PROCESSIONAL DH **WE ARE CALLED**
V1 Come! live in the light!
 Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
 We are called to be light for the kingdom,
 to live in the freedom of the city of God!
Refrain: We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.
V2 Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
 so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

OFFERTORY LF BARTLETT **A NEW COMMANDMENT**
 A new commandment I give unto you:
 that you love one another as I have loved you,
 that you love one another as I have loved you.
 By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
 if you have love one for another.
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 if you have love one for another.

COMMUNION J BERTHIER **UBI CARITAS**
 Ubi caritas et amor,
 Ubi caritas Deus ibi est
 Living charity and steadfast love,
 living charity shows the heart of God.

REFLECTION P KEARNEY **BEATITUDES**
V1 Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the land.
V2 Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice. Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.
V3 Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.
V4 Blessed are you when they revile and harm you, and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.
V5 Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find. Blessed are the peace-makers for they shall be called God's children.

RECESSIONAL M HAUGEN, D BROWNE **BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM**
V1 You are salt for the earth, O people:
 Salt for the Kingdom of God!
 Share the flavour of life, O people:
 Life in the Kingdom of God!
R/- Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace; Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!
V2 You are a light on the hill, O people:
 Light for the City of God!
 Shine so holy and bright, O people:
 Shine for the Kingdom of God! **R/-**