

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

14 JULY 2019

TO WHOM CAN I BE A NEIGHBOUR? The command to love our neighbour is as broad as our definition of the word 'neighbour'. Are the people living next door the only ones we consider to be our neighbours? Do we include people in neighbouring streets, towns, or countries, and people of other faiths? Jesus answers these questions by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. As we hear this story we realise that the key question is never, 'who is my neighbour?', rather, 'to whom can I be a neighbour?'

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 16:15

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

## COLLECT

P. O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace

to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### 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.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63,68

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

### GOSPEL

Lk 10:25-37

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you,

and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,**

**we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**All exchange a sign of peace.**

### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 83:4-5

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this


mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### REMOVING THE LABEL

Centuries of familiarity with the phrase 'Good Samaritan' have dulled us to the shock involved in putting together the two terms – 'good' and 'Samaritan' – in the time of Jesus. For Jews at that time Samaritans were not 'good' but 'bad' (see John 4:9). Equivalents today would be 'good terrorist' or 'good people smuggler'. So we can ask, as Jesus tells the parable, what would his Jewish audience have expected when they learn that the third traveller on the road is a Samaritan? Surely in contrast to the priest and Levite, he won't just pass by. He'll see if there are any more valuables to rob and perhaps finish the man off once and for all!

But, surprise! surprise! when this alien approaches the wounded man, it is not to injure or exploit him but to exercise practical compassion in a most extreme degree.

The Samaritan does not see a conventional ethnic label – 'Jew' – hanging round his neck but simply a fellow human being in need of help. His 'goodness' smashes through the label that we so readily put upon the stranger as a way of coping with difference.

Before urging any action, the parable challenges *attitude* and *vision*. How do I see another person? Do I see primarily an ethnic, cultural, social or occupational tag? Or do I penetrate through all these surface things and see a fellow human being who needs me to *be* neighbour?

The Samaritan is exemplary ('good') not only in what he does, but, before that, in the way he *sees* other people, sees through the label.

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# St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Highett



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019/C

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## MASS TIMES:

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am & 10am

### Weekday

Monday 9am Communion Service  
Tues-Fri 9am preceded by Rosary

## SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Friday after 9am Mass  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena,  
Benediction

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm or by apt

## BAPTISMS

Are held during the 10am Sunday Mass.  
Enquires are to be directed to the Parish Office.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD - 20th & 21st July, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42**

**FEAST DAYS - 13th July - St Henry; 15th July - St Bonaventure; 16th July - Our Lady of Mt Carmel**

## ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** Please Collect your Thanksgiving envelopes from the Church foyer. Have you considered paying your Thanksgiving and Presbytery donation to St Agnes via direct debit or credit card? This reduces the work of the counters, decreases the risk of theft and administration costs. If, we, all increase our thanksgiving by a small amount, collectively it adds up to a larger amount. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**PROPAGATION OF FAITH APPEAL:** This weekend there will be a collection for the annual Propagation of Faith appeal. Donations this year will go to Catholic Mission programs that support abandoned children, in particular children with disabilities, in the diocese of Yendi, Ghana. Envelopes available on your seats and the church foyer.

**ST MARY'S ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT:** The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project are holding a trivia night on Friday the 23rd of August, at St Mary's Hall Holyrood Street Hampton at 7:30pm, cost is \$25 per head. You can make a table of 10 or join a table. Raffles on the night. BYO drinks and Nibbles. For bookings call Colette on 9598 7329 or email on [colfox@gmail.com](mailto:colfox@gmail.com).

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** If you wish to have an anniversary of your deceased loved ones listed in the St Agnes Parish Bulletin or a Mass offering please see Fr O'Reilly after Mass or contact the Parish office.

**PARISH LIBRARY:** looking for volunteers to tidy and catalogue the parish library. If you can help please contact the Parish office.

**Sick List:** Monica Harris & Noel Konzag,  
Marge Arokiasamy, Nicholas Lourdes  
**Anniversaries: Deaths -** Barbara McCormick  
**Deaths:**



## ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

**THE ST AGNES SCHOOL FETE:** St Agnes Fete will be held on Sat 16th November between 10am - 3pm and the committee welcome the continued support of the Church community in any way you feel you can contribute. The Devonshire Tea has previously enjoyed the strong support of ladies to help with the baking and or serving and we call on that again. We have also appreciated those willing to count the funds on the day and ask for people to again assist in this important role. If you can volunteer in any way please contact Jacinta Whelan on 0418 605 165

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019-2020 *Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world*

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This Year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:** Please keep the Principal appointment Team in your prayers, as they go through the process of appointing a new Principal to St Agnes Primary School.

**FR ROB GALEA:** Coming Home Concert Tour. Inspirational Christian music for all ages. 14 July 2019 at 5pm at The Clock tower Centre, Moonee Ponds. [frgministry.com/tic](http://frgministry.com/tic)



## GOSPEL APPLICATION



Oskar Schindler was a German industrialist, born into a Catholic family. As a youngster he broke his mother's heart by his carelessness over Sunday Mass. As a young adult, he became known as a womanizer, a formidable drinker and a lover of fast cars. Yet Schindler, the lapsed Catholic and living on the fast lane, risked his life time and again in order to protect the Jews who worked in the enamelware factory he owned. His factory also produced goods for the military and was therefore classed as part of the German war effort. He was arrested at least three times and could easily have been put to death for protecting his Jewish workers; but somehow by bribery and sweet talk he managed to survive. Towards the end of the war, in a last desperate attempt to save his workers' lives, at least for a few more months, he moved his factory to a remote village. Many of the local people, and no doubt there were Catholics among them, were up in arms. Some plastered graffiti on the walls - "keep the Jews out". They were ready to deny the Jews a place to live, even if it meant denying them their last slender hold on life. What Gospel did these people follow? Were some of them considered devout? Did they attend Mass regularly in the village church? Did they spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? Why ask these questions? Well, because, the good Samaritan here is the non-practicing, fast-living Schindler. He had in effect responded to Jesus' invitation - "Go, and do the same yourself". Show yourself a neighbor to your sisters and brothers in need. We are so used to the story of the good Samaritan; perhaps we need to revisit it. As we do so, we may find that like other parables, the story of the good Samaritan stops us in our tracks, sets us wondering, even shocks us - and perhaps leaves us striking our breast.

### Summary:

1. Jesus' response does not answer the question: Who is my neighbor? But rather the more important one: How do I prove myself a good neighbour?
2. Sometimes, the behavior of the most unlikely person, such as Oskar Schindler, brings home to us in a powerful way the lesson of the parable of the good Samaritan.

*From - The Living Word*

**MEETING FOR MINISTRIES FOR ST AGNES:** There will be a Ministry meeting for ALL old and new volunteer parishioners who have signed up to the St Agnes Ministries in a few weeks time. The meeting will be after the 10am Sunday Mass. Following the meeting there will a morning tea which all parishioners are invited to attend. Apologies for the cancellation of the Meeting on the evening of Thursday the 11th of July, this was due to the 'bad' weather forecast.

Fr O'Reilly is looking forward to meeting you at the meeting.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND POLICE CHECKS** Thankyou to all the parishioners who have contacted the parish office and have either given a copy of their W.W.C / Police check details to us or have started the application process. If you are one of the volunteers who haven't, please attend to your application ASAP. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. As a Parish we are committed to the safety of the children within our care and will do whatever is within our power to protect them. Please go to [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) to apply for a W.W.C.C or to obtain a Police Check please drop into the parish office and pick up a form. If you don't have access to a computer or need

assistance to apply please drop into the parish office between 9am and 4pm on a Thursday or Friday. There are no out of pocket expenses for volunteers.

**All new Volunteers please ensure that you have a WWC or Police Check as rosters for August and September will be issued soon.**

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|-------------------|---|---|---------|---------------|
| DATE & TIME       | READERS                                     | COMMUNION MINISTERS   | COUNTER | OVERHEADS     |
| 13th July - Vigil | Volunteer X 2                               | Patricia Dwyer & Volunteer  |         |               |
| 14th July - 10am  | Margaret Taylor (1st Reading) & Mila Rivera | Helen Reece, Margaret Taylor & Priya Wickrema-singhe<br>© H Reece & P Wicremasinghe | Group 2 | James D'Abate |
| 20th July - Vigil | Rachel Pereira & Mila Rivera                | Patricia Dwyer & Volunteer  |         |               |
| 21st July - 10am  | Mary Moran & Catherine Gill                 | Rita Gori, Antoinette Cesario & Volunteer<br>Rita Gori & Volunteer                  | Group 3 | Helen Reece   |