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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 – The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Responsorial Psalm –
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 – Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

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

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 – Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES".

The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: "Love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive." In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

Next Week's Readings

Mon Sirach 1:1-10
Mark 9:14-29
Tues Sirach 2:1-11
Mark 9:30-37
Wed Sirach 4:11-19
Mark 9:38-40
Thu Sirach 5:1-8
Mark 9:41-50
Fri **Autumn Ember Day**
Sirach 6:5-17
Matthew 10:1-12
Sat Sirach 7:1-15
Mark 10:13-16

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

St Ann's Church (30 Midway Road, Elizabeth East)

Mass Times - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm - Sun 8.30am - Thurs 9.15am - Fri 9.15am.
Thursday and Friday Masses are followed by the Rosary.

First Friday of the month after Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

St Thomas More's Church (19 Laverstock Road, Elizabeth North)

Mass Times - Sun 10am - Mon 9.15am - Tue 9.15am - Wed 9.15am.

All week day Masses are followed by the Rosary.

Magdala Chapel (82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth South)

Mass Times 1st & 3rd Tues of month at 9.15am.

No Mass during school holidays.

Catherine McAuley School (210 Adams Road, Craigmore)

Mass Times 2nd & 4th Friday of month at 10.15am.

No Mass during school holidays.

Reconciliation: Sat 5.30pm or by appointment.

My Sisters and Brothers

We should all be extremely concerned about the proposed Abortion Law Reform Bill introduced late last year by Greens MP Tammy Franks which is due for debate in the Legislative Council in coming weeks.

This bill drastically reduces safeguards for the unborn. Abortions may be conducted even well into the ninth month of pregnancy. The unborn deserve love and protection, not destruction.

This bill treats abortion simply as a medical procedure without moral significance. There is no need for a medical opinion or a doctor's involvement and no reason need be given for an abortion. It will be the most radical abortion law in the country. There is no sense of the sacredness of life.

We believe life to be a gift of God, to be cherished and revered. Christ said that he came that we might have life and have it to the full. Abortion is the destruction of the human life, an act that defies the sacred.

We believe our main focus should be on supporting women who find themselves faced with an unplanned pregnancy and are grappling with this terrible choice, while also offering our unequivocal support and prayers to those women who are experiencing grief and loss.

I encourage you to talk to your local Member of Parliament and urge them not to pass such a law. If enacted the amendments could have far reaching consequences, and legitimise a significantly expanded practice of abortion. The next reading of the proposed Bill takes place at the end of this month.

There does seem to be a lack of awareness that these proposed amendments are now upon us. To heighten awareness I addressed the issue in my homily in St Francis Xavier Cathedral last Sunday, 3rd February.

You might recall that the First Reading on Sunday from Jeremiah commenced, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you came to birth I consecrated you." It appeared to me as an appropriate invitation to address this issue as the person acting as Bishop for the Church in both Dioceses.

Fr Philip Marshall has met with various specialists in this area, and a further Circular will be distributed at a later date.

My homily might provide matter of which you may wish to use in your own conversations and homilies with the faithful, to help make Christian people more aware of what is proposed with the new amendments.

With a prayer to Mary, Mother of Life.

+Gregory O'Kelly SJ
Apostolic Administrator
Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie

Extract from Homily Preached for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide
Sunday, 3 February 2019
Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ**

Also, this morning, I wish to speak, as Bishop, about a social development going on in our State. Abortion has become something of an accepted practice. There are now several abortions a day in South Australia. Some members of the anti-abortion campaign have sometimes done the wrong thing, have sometimes engaged in harassment and confrontation. That is not correct because it does not reflect the gentleness of Christ, the way he treated the woman taken in adultery for example, when He knelt next to her and asked, "has no one else condemned you?" It would be normal for women seeking abortion to be afflicted by the terrible decision they are making, one that defies their nature, and while the act is abhorrent and wrong, charity and sensitivity and awareness of suffering must shape the style of our response.

Pope Francis has asked us to look at the issue as a holistic thing, as a total perspective. It comes out of Our Lord's words: "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full". Pope Francis says that the Christian attitude to life must embrace everything from conception to natural death. And so it covers actions like abortion; it covers actions like capital punishment. It's odd to be opposed to abortion and then yet support capital punishment; there's a contradiction there. This Christian overall outlook on this issue also includes in its scope the poor and the vulnerable - those who haven't got enough in order to have a proper human life. The Christian attitude to life also covers the environment, the Pope says, because we must not destroy that which gives us life. It covers the end of life as in the need for palliative care rather than euthanasia. This is the Christian attitude to all of life - we just don't isolate abortion and speak about it by itself. It's part of a whole framework of how the Christian regards life as a gift of God. As Saint Pope John Paul II said: "Life is a gift that God gives forever."

We have now a Bill being proposed in our Parliament by Tammy Franks, the Greens Member. She proposed it last December and in some ways it slipped us by and people are only becoming aware of it now because the second reading is due. to come at the end of this month. This Bill aims to remove all laws around the ending of the life of pre-born babies. And to be quite clear, if passed, the amendment will mean that pre-born babies may be terminated up to birth for no medical reason. And under these proposed laws termination does not require a doctor's approval, or the involvement of a doctor in the abortion process.

Conscientious objection for doctors and nurses is restricted; they may dissent but are obliged to refer the woman concerned to a practitioner. In Catholic moral theology that is wrong. It amounts to material cooperation in a morally evil act. This provision in the Bill amounts to an attack on the religious freedom of dissenting doctors and nurses. And it has come upon us quickly. We were not alert enough to it. The heads of Churches have met to try to represent to Members of Parliament how extraordinary this is. You can get Tammy Franks' parliamentary speech by using Google and typing in Tammy Franks' abortion laws. In her speech in Parliament she made various statements such as the claim that abortion causes no psychological harm to the mother. In fact, she states, many mothers then have a sense of relief after an abortion. That just runs counter to the experience of people who have dealt with the women who have had to suffer this and have had to make terrible choices. And abortion is described simply as a medical procedure, of no moral consequence. It's just like another surgical act. And she quotes some groups advocating abortion who say that abortion should take place under any circumstance and at any time, even though we know that a baby is viable at 20 to 22 weeks. And this law would make it possible for abortions right up into the ninth month. That is how drastic it is.

A fully formed human being about to be born. It is something about which we must contact our local Member. They may not be alert themselves. But this is an extraordinary proposal coming from Tammy Franks as simply a health issue for women. It runs counter to

everything we hold sacred. "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full." The unborn deserve love, not destruction, and in Tammy Franks speech there is nothing of love expressed towards the unborn. And we have just had today's Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you came to birth I consecrated you." And how does the outlook and mind of that truth expressed by the Prophet Jeremiah conflict with the barbarism of what can happen in an abortion? "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you came to birth I consecrated you." That is our outlook. That is our outlook of reverence and sacredness of God-given life, of tenderness.

This outlook of reverence and tenderness must also influence how we act towards women grappling with this terrible choice, what we might do to support them in their efforts to protect the life they carry. Such women are in great need, emotionally and psychologically and spiritually and we as Christians must look to how we might help women in such a situation. It would be most appropriate for everybody to talk to their local Member of Parliament and beg them not to pass such a law. And we say this in the context of the meaning of love. Love is patient and kind as St Paul wrote; love is gentle; love is not boastful; and love never comes to an end.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

The World Day of Prayer 2019 host country will be Slovenia and the theme is "Come – Everything is Ready!" At the core of the theme for WDP 2019, an invitation – Come. And to enable the response – Everything is ready. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love. **Ecumenical Service Friday 1st March 7pm Elizabeth Grove Uniting Church.**



**PROJECT COMPASSION
2019 THEME "GIVE LENT 100%"**

This Lent, which begins on March 6, tens of thousands of Australians including students and community supporters will be fundraising for Caritas Australia's international programs as part of the agency's main annual appeal, Project Compassion. Caritas Australia is the international aid and development agency of the Catholic Church. **Envelopes or boxes are available in the foyer of the Church.**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 6th March

9.15am St Thomas More

7.00pm St Thomas More

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will commence Friday 8th March at 3.00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church and will continue throughout Lent.

Claudia Pessano

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

Sunday 3rd March at 11.30 a.m. in St. Thomas More.



COFFEE & CHAT CLUB RESUMES

All welcome, gentlemen and ladies are invited to join us Wednesday **6th March 1.30pm** at St Ann's Function Room. Come along and catch up with old friends and meet new friends. If you need a lift – ask. If you can provide transport please offer. All coffee/tea supplied. Just bring yourself. Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm Cost: Free of charge. If you have any queries please contact

Jean Mohan	8252 9967	Carol Mackle	8255 0275
Doris Turffrey	8255 2456	Ann Murray	7289 2291

FATHER JOHN

Fr. John (would like me to relay to you, that he) misses you all and is grateful for the experience of your openness and love. It is enabling him to build relationships with the parishioners in his new parish of Maitland/Yorketown.

Monica Toonen

CONGRATULATIONS

To Pat Dilger who celebrates her 94th birthday on 27th February and also Andrew Bradley who celebrates his 85th birthday on 27th February.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Parish Pastoral Council reminds us re making a donation of tinned food for St. Vincent de Paul. For the month of March please bring your donation on the weekend of 2nd/3rd March.

Donations of Toiletries (Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Sanitary Items) are always in high demand for those struggling, items for a single person or couples such as the smaller boxes of weebix, smaller tins of food are also necessary for those who don't have permanent accommodation. As always long life milk is a staple item for everyone which will never go astray. Whether you are able to assist with the abovementioned items or not, every donation you make (whatever it is) is received with extreme gratitude and will always help someone in their time of need.

ST THOMAS MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have a new Principal! Mr Chris Platten is an experienced Catholic leader with a deep personal faith and brings a demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm for ensuring excellence in teaching and learning to this leadership role. He grew up in the local area and many siblings still live locally. If you have a child or grandchild that is turning 4 or 5 years old soon, Chris would love to meet them and welcome them into our St Thomas More School community, to contact please call 8255 1699.

FREE FRINGE CONCERTS

St Francis Xavier Cathedral
1.00pm – 1.30pm

February 27 and March 13.

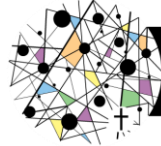
Dr Amir Robin-Karas, who was part of last year's program and is a regular organist in the Cathedral, will perform on 27 February. Well known local organist Peter Kelsall will perform on March 13. **All Welcome.**

METROPOLITAN MALE CHOIR OF SA

This event will be held at Wesley Uniting Church, Kent Town on Sunday April 7 at 2pm. **Purchase tickets for \$25 before end of February.** For further information please see church notice board.

40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign 2019 – Help Save Mothers & Babies

With the support of Bishop O'Kelly, the 40 days for Life Lenten Prayer Vigil & Public Witness runs from 8 am – 6 pm daily from Ash Wednesday March 6 to Palm Sunday April 14 2019, outside Mareeba Abortion Clinic, 21 Belmore Tce, Woodville. All are welcome to share in this loving, peaceful gathering. Join roster or simply turn up. For more information please contact Alan & Helen Tyson on 8364 4516, 0412 389 875.



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HARVEST JOURNEYS

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CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

Please see church notice board for other notices not published in bulletin.

HEALTHY LIVING



Come along on Wednesday mornings 10am to weigh in, discuss diet issues and support each other, please ring Anna on 8255 2591. If no answer please leave message and Anna will return your call. **All welcome, both male and female.**

KNITTING GROUP

Every Friday morning 9.30am at St Thomas More Church the knitting group come together for a laugh, storytelling and some knitting of course.

WELCOME

Welcome to any new parishioner. If you wish any information about our parish please fill in the form below and leave with Father Pat at Mass Centres.

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

PARISH CENSUS FORM

If you are new to the parish please fill out a census form which you will find at the back of the church,

BULLETIN NOTICES

Please be aware all notices for the bulletin can either be emailed direct to Ann Murray methil48@hotmail.com or left at Parish Office no later than Tuesday.

PARISHIONERS ON THE SICK LIST

Romeo Hajek, Barbara Fuda, Adele Kalil, Bob Sherman, Josie Hughes, Pat McCluskey, Raymond McGowan, Catherine Stevenson, Karen Canala, Don McDeed, Mark Brown, Mark Mumford (John Barnes' nephew), Gill Knight, William Craig, Henry McGoran.

For Privacy reasons, permission from the sick person is required prior to placing their name in the bulletin.

Prayer Registration Slip

Please fill out the registration slips situated on the table in the foyer and place in the box provided.

Please note that names on the Sick List will remain for six weeks unless Parish Office is otherwise notified.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: David Porter and Josephine Porter, Susannah Cygan.

Week Ending 17th February 2019

1st Collection	\$
Planned Giving (received)	\$
Loose	\$
Direct Debit	\$
Planned Giving (Pledged)	\$



A MAN CLIMBS TO THE TOP OF MT SINAI TO GET CLOSE TO GOD FOR A

TALK. LOOKING UP HE ASKS THE LORD, "GOD, WHAT DOES A MILLION YEARS MEAN TO YOU?" THE LORD REPLIES "A MINUTE". THE MAN ASKS, "WHAT DOES A MILLION DOLLARS MEAN TO YOU?" THE LORD REPLIES "A DOLLAR". THE MAN ASKS "CAN YOU LEND ME A DOLLAR?" THE LORD REPLIES, "CERTAINLY. IN A MINUTE".

Pastoral Team

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Calvary CD Chaplain Fiona Rice 8282 5395

Sacristans: Ann Anderson/Jean Luke/Donna Kirkbright (6pm Vigil)
Carol Mackle/Jean Mohan (St Ann's 8.30am)
Margaret Kennedy/Clara Porlaje (St Ann's 8.30am)
Trish Duke (St TM 10am)

Planned Giving: Theo Toonen 8252 0340

Centacare (Catholic Family Services) **8215 6700**

St Vincent de Paul Society Assistance Hotline 1300 729 202

Beyond Blue (Depression/Anxiety) **1300 224636**

Lifeline Australia (Crisis Support/Suicide Prevention) **13 11 14**

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) 13 14 78

Translating and Interpreting Service 13 14 50

Elder Abuse Hotline 1800 372 310

St Vincent de Paul Society "Family Centre, Elizabeth 8255 8547"

Catholic Schools in the Parish

St Mary Magdalene's 82 Fairfield Rd, Eliz Grove 5112 Ph 8255 6144
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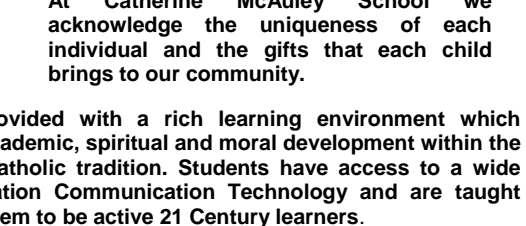

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Please contact the school on Ph 8284 1666 if you have any queries or would like us to send you an Enrolment Pack or visit our website
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