



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist,

Diocese of Broken Bay

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd March 2019

A Letter to the People of God of the Diocese of Broken Bay

Very Rev Dr David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator

28 February 2019

It is difficult indeed to fathom the ramifications of the dramatic and historic events that have marked these days, resulting in the remand into custody of Cardinal George Pell, subsequent to his recent conviction. The verdict of guilt will be tested now in the Court of Appeal and will either be validated or questioned, and this will take some months. When that time comes, we will be impelled to reflect again on events, one way or another. Now, our thoughts and our prayers go always to those who have been so greatly wounded by the crime of sexual abuse, particularly from within our own community of faith.

The verdict of guilt by a court of law is one thing, shocking enough as it is. Our reactions to this outcome will be diverse and complex. However, the social reaction and the widespread commentary to the verdict is another. We cannot ignore or underestimate the community's response to the verdict that has been given, and which further adds to our distress. In different ways, the energy of this social response highlights the remarkable collapse of the credibility of the institution with which we are identified - whether by our belonging to our local Catholic parish, or by our association with our Catholic schools or agencies. It places our affiliation under extraordinary stress. It is shameful for us to have to stand before the constant analysis, the critique, and the commentary about our Church, and the declarations of its failures and inadequacies. It forces us to address the question, "*Why would we wish to be identified with an institution condemned with such widespread disdain?*" We cannot avoid this question. This is the crossroad to which moments such as this bring us. We must answer the inevitable question put to us by the sad circumstances of this week with humility, integrity and courage, such that a new sense of purpose might motivate and guide us into the future, not with stoic resignation, but with genuine Christian hope. In this way, this dreadful moment in the life of our Church in Australia can act to purify and clarify our discipleship.

In this inevitable personal struggle, I am reminded of the words of the famous Scripture scholar, Walter Burghardt, who put it this way once in a homily he gave at a baptism. He said to the woman, being baptised,

"Sonia Maria, before we welcome you through symbol and ritual into this paradoxical people, this community of contradictions, let me make an uncommonly honest confession. In the course of more than half a century, I have seen more Catholic corruption than most Catholics read of. I have tasted it. I have been reasonably corrupt myself. And yet, I take joy in this Church, this living, sinning people of God; I love it with a crucifying passion. Why? In spite of all the Catholic hate, I experience here a community of love. For all the institutional idiocy, I find here a tradition of reason. For all the individual repression, I breathe here an air of

freedom. In an age so inhuman, I touch here tears of compassion. In a world so grim and humourless, I share here rich joy and earthly laughter. In the midst of death, I hear an incomparable stress on life here. For all this apparent absence of God, I sense here the presence of Christ. I pray, Sonia Maria, that your life within this community, your experience of a strange God and a still stranger people, will rival mine".

For many, the paradox presents as a contradiction too difficult to reconcile. But there will be those of us who can enter the paradox and discover a new possibility there.

In all that is transpiring, we are challenged not to lose sight of what is actually happening around us locally. Can we see that love into which we are invited by Christ exercised in our local communities? Does my parish family demonstrate this for me? Do I see this love exercised in my school community, in my agency? I can find the resource to continue to belong to this parish, or to this school, or to this agency if I see there the mystery of Christ's sacrificial love being lived out in a way that calls me forth to the sense of what is really true, what is really beautiful, what is really good. I know that this truth, beauty and goodness is evidenced in abundance by the remarkable witness, generosity and faith of those who are present with us in our parishes and in our schools and in our agencies.

Through all this, we hold in our hearts all who are so deeply affected, in so many ways, by the crime of abuse in all its different manifestations and dimensions. The ripples of this wound at the heart of our life together stretch out in incalculable ways. Each time we are confronted with its reality is an opportunity for us to reaffirm our diocesan commitment to ensure the safety of our children and vulnerable adults. It is a commitment underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ in whom we hold the fundamental sanctity of every human person. It is our moral, legal, and spiritual obligation to safeguard all within our community. Only in this way can we genuinely foster communities of safety and care for our people and be the Church that we so desperately want and need to be. May the Lord of the future lead us there.

In these days let us care for one another, and especially all those who have been hurt by the crime of abuse. Be mindful of those resources available for our personal support, including those of CatholicCare. Please do not hesitate to call Melinda Rixon, Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) on 8379 1605 or by email safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au. Other supports include 1800 Respect – Call 1800 737 732 or visit www.1800respect.org.au or Lifeline on 131114 or www.lifeline.org.au

With my sincere good wishes during this difficult time.

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

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Principal: Chris Browne

Stella Maris College 9977 5144
Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **RCIA** Tue 5th March @ 7pm
- **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** 6th March @ 9:15am, 12noon & 7pm at Manly & Freshwater
- **Parish Office Closed** Fri 8th Mar

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass each weekend

MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



There is **NO** parking in the fenced in area next to the Church from 10:30am – 3:30pm weekdays. The Churchyard parking along Raglan St is only for visitors to the Parish Centre or the Church. Please be aware that the Churchyard is also used by the School and the safety of the students is our priority. **PLEASE NOTE PARKING IS ONLY PERMITTED IN THE MARKED BAYS – NO STACK PARKING!!!!**



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.

February/March

Yr C 2019

Mon 4/3 – 8th week in Ordinary Time	Sirach 17:24-29; Mk 10:17-27
Tue 5/3 – 8th week in Ordinary Time	Sirach 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
Wed 6/3 – Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thurs 7/3 – After Ash Wednesday	Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Fri 8/3 – After Ash Wednesday	Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15
Sat 9/3 – After Ash Wednesday	Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sun 10/3 – 1st Sunday of Lent	Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

LET US PRAY FOR

24th February 2019

Recently Deceased: Rolff Johann Titgemeyer

Anniversary: Sr Loyola Frazer CSB;
Sr Winifred Maher CSB

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Anita Lo Casio; Stephen Taylor; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Norman Cummins; Lauren Hannahan

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Fri 8th March 2019



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



The St Vincent de Paul Clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

6th March at 9:15am, 12noon & 7pm at both Churches

During Lent...

Tuesday evenings at Manly commencing 12th March at 7.15 for 7.30pm – “Rejoice and Be Glad” – small group discussion program looking at Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate.

Discerning the Way of Jesus – Lectio Divina Program prepared by the Diocese of Broken Bay will be held on...

- **Wednesday mornings** at Manly at 10am commencing 13th March.
- **Thursday evenings** at Manly at 7pm commencing 14th March led by Fr David
- **Thursday Mornings** at Freshwater at 10am commencing 14th March

Booklets will be available for those who wish to run a group or for personal use at home.

Please register at the Parish Office on 9977 5822 manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 7pm at Manly commencing Friday 8th March

The Light is On for You – Reconciliation will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Manly commencing Friday 8th March



Invitation – Sunday 10th March 6pm Mass, Manly

Come along and join in the Celebration of the Mass together with the young people from our Diocese who attended WYD in Panama.



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2019

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or
Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



Pope Francis

God's love is the only power capable of making all things new.

WELCOME!

Please say hello and introduce yourself to the person sitting next to you.

You never know, you might have something in common!



PROJECT COMPASSION Sunday 3rd Mar 2019

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope."

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Give Lent 100%"**.



Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Thandolwayo, Zimbabwe

Thandolwayo's life has been transformed since the installation of a solar powered water pump in her village. Life wasn't easy for 12 year-old Thandolwayo.

Every morning she would walk seven kilometres and risked being attacked by crocodiles as she collected contaminated water for her family. Thandolwayo would then go to school feeling exhausted.

Her hope to be a nurse seemed almost impossible to realise, until Caritas Hwange helped the village to install two solar powered pumps and two 10,000 litre water storage tanks. The pumps draw the water up from the river to the storage tanks.

Thandolwayo can also concentrate on her education. Water is also being used to mould bricks, with plans for a community garden and fish pond to generate better income. "Hope is important because it makes me work harder," Thandolwayo says.

"We now drink clean, safe water and diseases are no longer affecting us."

- Thandolwayo

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Wed 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater
1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences
2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following ...

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account# 13958001 **BSB #** 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark.

We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish
Outside the Parish



Outside the Parish

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS...

- **St Paul's Catholic College** 7th Mar 4pm – 7pm.
Enquiries – enrolments@dbb.catholic.edu.au
www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au
- **Mater Maria Catholic College** 7th Mar 4pm – 7pm
Info <http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment>
- **St Augustin's College** 1st Mar 3:45pm to 7pm.
<https://www.saintaug.nsw.edu.au/2019-open-day>
- **Stella Maris College** 13th Mar 4pm – 7.30pm
www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au



Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am.

All Welcome

Fitness Sessions Manly Saturday Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am Strength, Tone and Balance Training for over 50's both female and male. The trainer is Paul Pervan who is a fully qualified Cert 4 Fitness Professional. Specialist in training Older Adults, fully insured with First Aid Certificate. Come along and Try!



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



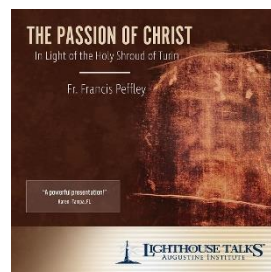
The Parish Playgroup is held on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.

Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass

PIETY STORE



Movie of the Month Mel Gibson's "The Passion of Jesus Christ" This movie is considered to be a masterpiece. Mel Gibson shot this film with lighting similar to Caravaggio paintings for added intensity, at night time. The film has 3 languages throughout; Latin, Hebrew and Aramaic. St John Paul 2nd comments after viewing were "it is as it was". Pope Francis has described meditating on the 5 Holy wounds of Jesus as a way of getting closer to His heart. "There in the encounter of our wounds with the wounds of the Lord, which was the price of our salvation, there is the tenderness of God". A must see "Good Friday" film which does not date, warning to viewers "graphic violence". Limited stock!! for only \$10.



CD of the Month "In the light of the Holy Shroud of Turin" – Fr Francis Peffley. In the 1980's some scientists took inaccurate samples of the shroud and so spread the misinformation "the shroud is a fake from the 12th century". Today the science is compelling, it is the most studied scientific object in the world. Over 2000 scientists have studied the shroud and 95% of non-believers became Christian. The shroud is recorded in the tomb in all 4 Gospels. Under Jewish Law 38 lashes is the maximum allowed for a scourging, the shroud indicates there were up to 120 lashes. With today's technology, they still cannot recreate the image, similar images have been seen in Japan on walls after a nuclear flash. Learn more about the greatest relic in Christendom for only \$5 – piety store.



LENTEN PENANCE

Lent is a preparation for Easter, the focal point of the Church's liturgical year. As we prepare for the most important of the Christian feasts, we are reminded of that call given to us in our discipleship of Jesus: that something must die in order that something might rise. We are to die to our selfishness and rise with a new openness to others. In this way, the life of the Risen Christ, present in our midst, becomes more transparent, more invitational.

This way of conversion by which we turn from our self-centredness and live more fully for others, is something that requires our constant mindfulness. We repent from what encloses us in our ourselves; we rejoice in what binds us more closely to others. "*Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*" Lent is our annual invitation to recognize that we are not self-sufficient and to identify our radical dependence on something other than ourselves: the mercy of God given its human presence in Jesus. The traditional practices that reflect this are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each of them help to develop a greater openness to God, the source of our life. Let us ensure that we engage each of them this Lent with awareness so that they become transformative for us, deepening our sense of Christian life and responsibility. Then, our Lent can become a time of significant growth in our relationship with God, and Easter become a wonderful celebration of the new life that we have in the Resurrected Lord.

DAYS OF PENANCE

Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any of the following:

- a) **Prayer** – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to the church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
- b) **Self-denial** – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor.
- c) **Helping others** – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

In 2019, Lent lasts from **Ash Wednesday** (6 March) to **The Mass of the Lord's Supper** (18 April) inclusive. On **Good Friday** and, if possible also on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil, **the Easter Fast is observed**.

THE LIGHT IS ON

Another part of our Lenten exercise could be to participate in **The Light is On** event which will be conducted in our parish churches on the Fridays through Lent. This especially is an opportunity to come together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, to enact the Way of the Cross, or to celebrate the life-restoring Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In particular, **Friday 29 March** is the celebration of **24 Hours for the Lord**. I ask parishes to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance as we join in solidarity with Pope Francis and the Universal Church.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday, 6 March** and **Trinity Sunday, 16 June**, unless for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All of the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

May this Lent be a time of renewal and grace for us all. Let us keep each other in our heart and in our prayer as we make our annual journey to the great celebration of Easter.

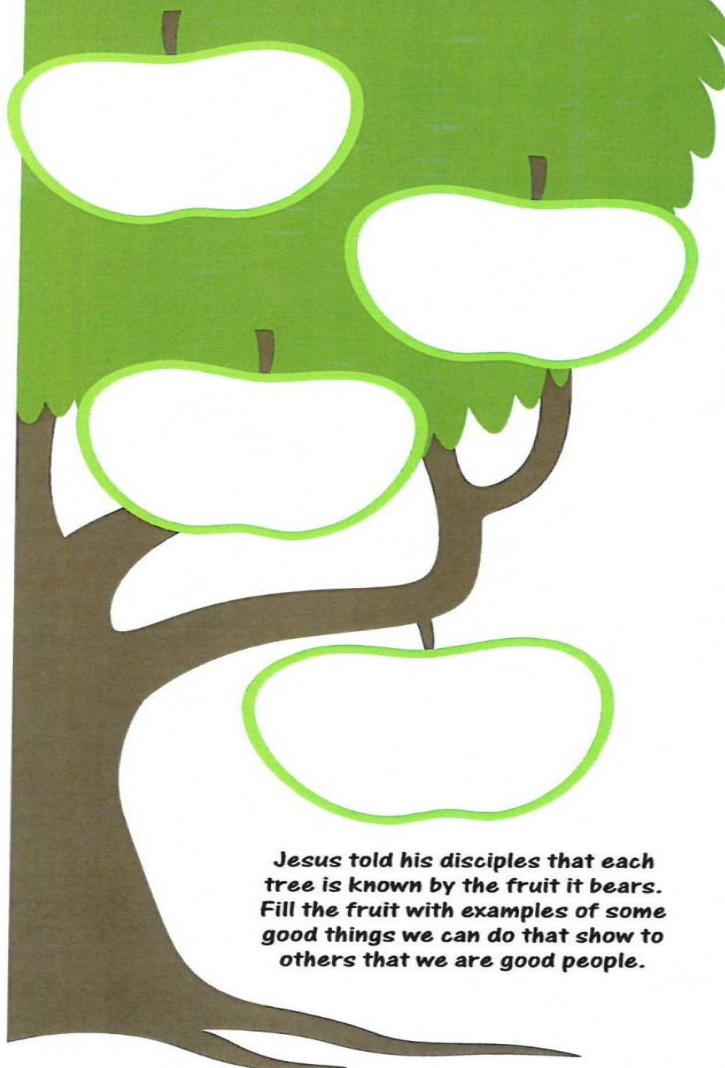
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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay
31 January 2019

Manly and Freshwater Roster 9th – 10th March 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravalin	Ivica Covic	Lou Maruca	Joanne Druery
Servers	Bernie Lawler		Iona & Teresa Hearn	Michael, Kieran, Gabriele Wan		
Readers	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Paul Walsh Rita Bruzzese	Marleen Bowring Janie Fonua	WYD Young People	Family Mass	Richard Feledy
Ministers of Communion	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Kim McGrath Assistance Req	WYD Young People	Amanda Whitfield	Toni Walsh Pam Brown
Music	CD's	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Josh Willard Simon Hyland	Family Mass	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Robert Marshall	Bill Tango	Family Mass	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Marika Jones	Stephen Crowley		
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Maria Condomitti	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell					Marg Norrie Meg Storey
Morning Tea		Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Filipino Group			Storey Family Marg Dent
Children's Lit		Claire Shefford				Rena Curll

Each tree is known by its own fruit

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Jesus told his disciples that each tree is known by the fruit it bears. Fill the fruit with examples of some good things we can do that show to others that we are good people.



Fill in the missing words from the list below to see what Jesus said about judging other people.

___ do you see the
_____ in your
_____ eye,
but do not _____ the
___ in your own ___?

**FRIEND'S SPECK LOG
EYE NOTICE WHY**



HYPOCRITE

How many words can you make from the letters in the word HYPOCRITE?

_____	_____
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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR C

First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. R.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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