

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.

*Love your enemies.*

Jesus said to his disciples; 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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19 FEBRUARY 2023

## INCLUSIVE LOVE

How should we deal with the hurts that we receive? Should we respond by retaliating? Is there any future in the way of peace and forgiveness? These questions are as pressing today as they were in the ancient world. The people of Israel based their behaviour on the nature of the living God. As God is holy, so Israel was to express its holiness by forbearance and forgiveness among its members. Members of the people of Israel were called to love one another and forego the duty of vengeance when it came to other covenant members.

Jesus took this even further and extended it beyond Israel into our relationship with all people. Now even enemies are to be treated as brothers and sisters. Jesus knew that it is by forgiving that we can share in the nature of the living God and so become complete. It is by our preparedness to forgive that we share in the even-handed perfection of God whose love is poured out for all, deserving or not.

Perhaps Paul was mindful of Jesus' words that a house divided against itself cannot stand (cf. Mark 3:25) when he reminded the Corinthians that they were the Temple of God. Since each member shared in the gift of the Spirit there was no place for division or competition. Paul, Apollos and Cephas were united in their ministry as servants of the Gospel. If they were united, why was the community divided? It was now time to turn the other cheek and live in unity and peace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

*You must love your neighbour as yourself.*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. 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.**
2. It is the Lord 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.**
3. 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.**
4. 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.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 3:16-23

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

*All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and  
Christ belongs to God.*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

■ The word of the Lord.

*Welcome to*  
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**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reflection:**

We can see that Jesus is not interested in halfhearted, or part-time disciples. We can't be good Christians only at home and when we gather at church. There are no boundary lines for Christian love, because God has not drawn boundaries around God's love. God, not the world, is the standard for our love. To love in God's way we will need to pray earnestly for help from God.

**So we ask ourselves:**

- Whom do you find the most difficult to love?
- Have you thought about asking God to help you love that person?

**Baptism**

We welcome Layla Ann Benedetti, daughter of Luis and Haylee Benedetti into our parish community. Layla Ann will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the Benedetti family.

**Ash Wednesday Masses 22 February**

St Dominic's Innaloo at 9am, 11.30am & 7pm.

OLGC Karrinyup at 2pm.

**MASS THIS WEEKEND**

*The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes  
before weekend Masses*

Sat 18 Feb 6pm St Dom

Sun 19 Feb 8am **Frank and Anna De Souza** OLGC

Sun 19 Feb 9.30am St Dom

**MASS DURING THE WEEK**

Tues 21 Feb 7pm St Dom

Wed 22 Feb 9am **Ash Wednesday** St Dom

Thurs 23 Feb 9am OLGC

Fri 24 Feb 9am St Dom

Fri 24 Feb 10.30am Birrale

Sat 25 Feb 9am St Dom

**MASS NEXT WEEKEND**

Sat 25 Feb 6pm St Dom

Sun 26 Feb 8am OLGC

Sun 26 Feb 9.30am **Morning Tea after Mass** St Dom

*Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning Mass and before every weekend Mass.  
Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

**Morning Tea at St Dominic's**

Our fortnightly morning tea after the Sunday 9.30am mass has been very well received and attended by some of our parishioners. We hope to increase it to weekly if we can have more participation. Come along to see for yourself and get to know your fellow parishioners. It will be a marvellous opportunity to build our church community. If you can help in any way, e.g. setting up or bringing a plate to share, that would be greatly appreciated by the current team who work so hard to make this a reality. Please contact Cecilia Sequerah 0415162800 or Fr Bernard if you can assist to make this a vibrant community gathering.

**Safeguarding Officers**

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045  
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**Upcoming Events**

19 February:

- Parish AGM after 9.30am Mass in St Dom parish hall.
- Liturgy meeting 11am in St Dom parish hall.
- Parish golf afternoon, 4.45pm at Hamersley Golf course with BBQ to follow.

| <b>Rosters this weekend</b> | <b>18 Feb 6pm St Dom</b> | <b>19 Feb 8am OLGC</b>  | <b>19 Feb 9.30am St Dom</b> |
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| Readers                     | M Phillip                | D D'Souza               | Ramona                      |
| Acolyte                     | P Wall                   |                         | D Ee                        |
| Offertory Procession        |                          | C & R Zampagna          |                             |
| Altar Society               |                          | M Farmer                |                             |
| Morning Tea                 |                          | B Gascoigne<br>M Tester |                             |

| <b>Rosters next weekend</b> | <b>25 Feb 6pm St Dom</b> | <b>26 Feb 8am OLGC</b> | <b>26 Feb 9.30am St Dom</b> |
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| Readers                     | R Maugeri                | K Creasey              | M Rodriguez                 |
| Acolyte                     | W Italiano               |                        | I Baviah                    |
| Offertory Procession        |                          | B Croxford<br>M Tester |                             |
| Altar Society               | Group 1                  | I Rodriguez            |                             |
| Morning Tea                 |                          | M Smith<br>J Gates     |                             |

**Children's Liturgy**

All children are welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy at St Dominic's 9.30am Mass every Sunday beginning this Sunday 19 February.