



# St Joseph's Church Bassendean

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## Mass Timings:

Saturday Evening: Mass 6pm  
Sunday: Mass 7am, 9am  
Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer, Rosary 6:45am  
Tues - Sat: Mass 7:30am  
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass  
Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

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23RD FEB 2025

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Kindness Toward All

<https://mycatholic.life/books/>



"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be

great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:35-36

It is certainly difficult to be "kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." But doing so is exactly what our Lord commanded us to do. And His command is not a command in the sense of being a burden. On the contrary, it's a command that frees us from the ingratitude and wickedness we encounter.

Oftentimes, when we encounter ingratitude from another, or any other form of wickedness, we tend to react in kind.

Our fallen human nature lures us into cruelty when faced with cruelty. We criticize, condemn, attack and get angry. But Jesus is very clear that this is not how the "Most High" acts toward the wicked. And it is not how He acts toward us. In the end, the wicked who fail to repent will endure the consequences of their rejection of God's mercy. But until that final judgment, hope of conversion must always be present. And for that reason, we must never give up on another, no matter how difficult. Kindness shown to everyone, in every circumstance, goes to the heart of the mission we have received as children of God.

Think about the person in your life who seems unworthy of your kindness and generosity. Why are they undeserving? Are they truly undeserving? The truth, according to our Lord's teaching, is that these are not questions we should even ask ourselves. Instead, we must fully commit ourselves to loving everyone who appears to be our enemy, and do good to them and to every

one whom we encounter. Though this is difficult, it won't be if we understand the goodness that God has shown to us.

God has shone us perfect goodness, not because He expected anything back, but simply because He has willed to love us. If we want to be children of God the Most High, then we must reciprocate the love given to us. That's the nature of God's love. It cannot be contained. It cannot be selfishly received without also

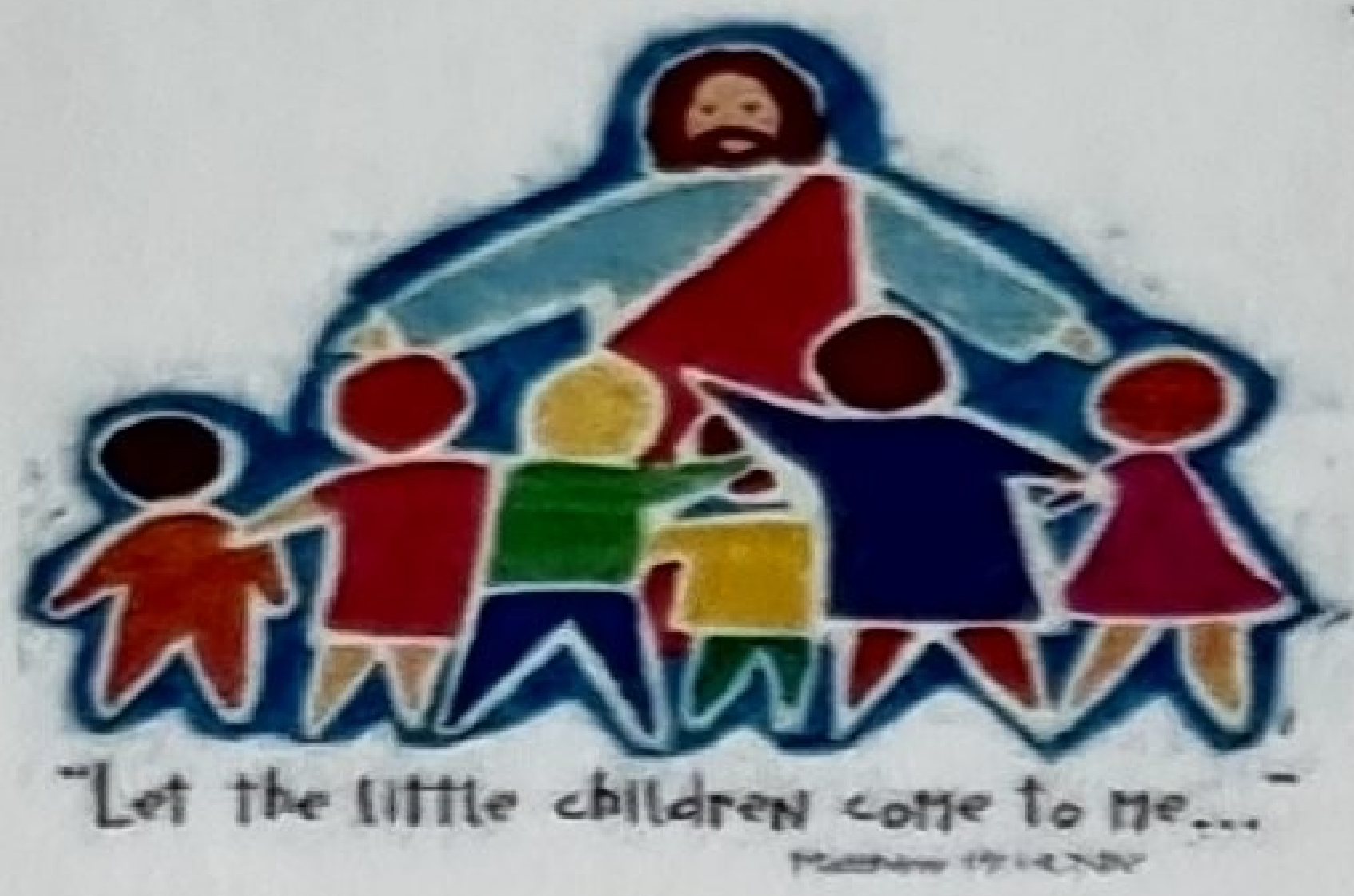
allowing it to pour forth from our lives. When we understand this, we will understand the reason Jesus instructed us to be "kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." It is simply because this is how God has treated us.

Reflect, today, upon the unlimited love God has for you. It is beyond what you could ever comprehend. Reflect, also, upon the great benefit there is in opening yourself to God's perfect love, kindness, generosity and mercy. The benefit is that you are able

to be filled with that which you receive. And as you receive this love of God, it necessarily overflows into the lives of everyone you encounter, the good and the wicked. Everyone must always be offered this love. Do not hesitate, for God does not hesitate with you.

Most merciful Lord, You bestow Your abundant goodness upon all people, the good and bad alike. You never cease offering Your love and mercy. May I always be counted among those who fully open themselves to Your grace, and may I always offer this same depth of love to all. Jesus, I trust in You.





Feb/March

Sun 23rd Feb Baptism of Sophia Manalac @ 11:00am  
 Tue 25th Feb Legion of Mary mtg @9:00am  
 DVD group @ 11:00am  
 Fri 28th Feb Nursing Home Mass @ 10:00am  
 Sat 1st Mar Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 1st to 2nd Mar 2025			
Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	J Ryall		G Jaune; C D'Monte
READERS:	E Ryall	L Pepi	S De Luca
COMMS:	V Ambrose	I Kendall	F Oddi
SERVICES:	Z Lagura; S Salamone		J Jaune; H Louise
Counters	Team 3 - G Brown; J Calleja		
Cleaners	P Batchelor		

# Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of souls /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

SAT 22-Feb 6:00 PMTG-D'Cunha fam

RS-Richard Pielle

SUN 23-Feb 7:00 AM RS-Bob & Marie Allatt

9:00 AM TG- Mara

TUE 25-Feb 7:30 AM RS-Rita D'Cunha, Charlie Cachia

WED 26-Feb 7:30 AM RS- Simon Foo, Charlie Cachia

THU 27-Feb 7:30 AM RS-Charlie Cachia, Renel L'Aimable

FRI 28-Feb 7:30 AM RS-Charlie Cachia, Dennis Baxter

SAT 1-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Charlie Cachia

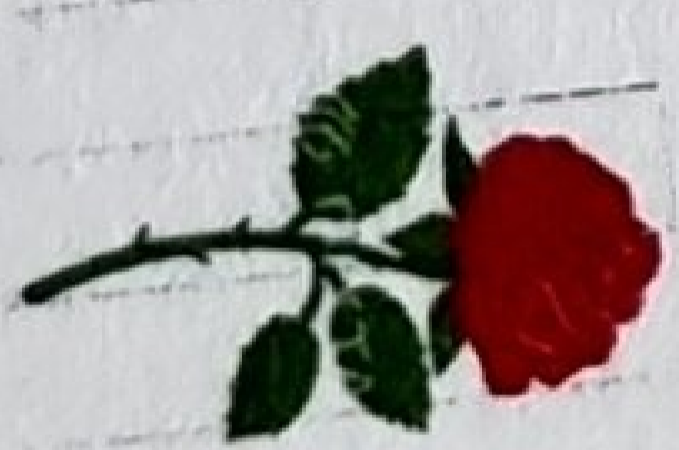
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SUN 2-Mar 7:00 AM RS-Charlie Cachia

9:00 AM RS-Earl Daniels,

RS- Vanessa, Cesilio & Annina Delle Donne

TG-Margaret Daniels, Pavy fam



## RIP - Doug Mathews (18/8/34 - 16/2/25 )



Our prayers and condolences to the Mathews family, especially wife Deanna, on the passing of Mr Doug Mathews. Doug was an acolyte, adorer and faithful parishioner of St Joseph's for many years. May he rest in Eternal Peace.

Requiem Mass: Good Shepherd, Lockridge

Date: Fri March 7 @ 10.30am

Burial: Pinnaroo Cemetery

The family extends an invitation to all who wish to bid him farewell to a private viewing at 23 Smith St, Beechboro on Thursday 6th March from 2pm onwards (Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm, and Rosary at 6pm)

## **We Are Called to Confession**

By Fr. Jozo Zovko, OFM

The following is an excerpt from a reflection by Fr. Jozo Zovko written in February of 2009.

We are called to Confession, to give up our sin forever. Once I visited one of the largest Buddhist temples. There are 12,000 Buddha statues in it. At the temple entrance there is a dragon. Its paw is so bright that the question poses itself: "Why?" A teacher of Buddhism explained to me that Buddhists leave their sins under the paws of the dragon for it to keep them while they are in the temple. And when they leave the temple, their sins again follow them like a shadow. That dragon is some kind of a "cloakroom for sins." But only for a short while the dragon keeps the sins, lest they disturb one while he is in the temple.

I wonder whether you are aware of how exalted is our faith and our God – how our God gives us grace and response to our needs, how He redeems our sins. No man can take sins upon himself. Nobody can destroy them, to burn them like paper. Neither a psychologist nor a psychiatrist can say to you: "Have No Fear! You have confessed your sin and it is no more in your conscience, in your life." A thing like that surpasses human power.

Only God forgives sins. In Jesus and through Jesus, He forgives our sins. Jesus left this gift and this grace to the Church through His priests. Our sin has not been deposited in some darkness, in

a space of oblivion. No! Our sin has been forgiven in a sacramental Confession. In the Confession, it disappeared in the ocean of God's mercy and love. Have No Fear. After Confession, your sin will no longer weigh down upon you. Therefore, the man whose sins have been forgiven knows to whom he should go and to thank for the immense and divine peace in his heart, conscience and soul. Confession is medicine. Confession is a gift that only God gives to His children. This grace, this sacramental grace opens my heart and changes it, and I wish only one thing – never more to offend my God and spurn His love.

***"Therefore  
whoever confesses  
Me before men,  
him I will also  
confess before My  
Father who is in  
heaven. But  
whoever denies Me  
before men, him I  
will also deny  
before My Father  
who is in heaven.  
Matthew 10:32-33***



# OUR PARISH FAMILY

## ASH Wednesday Masses and laying of ashes Wed March 5 :

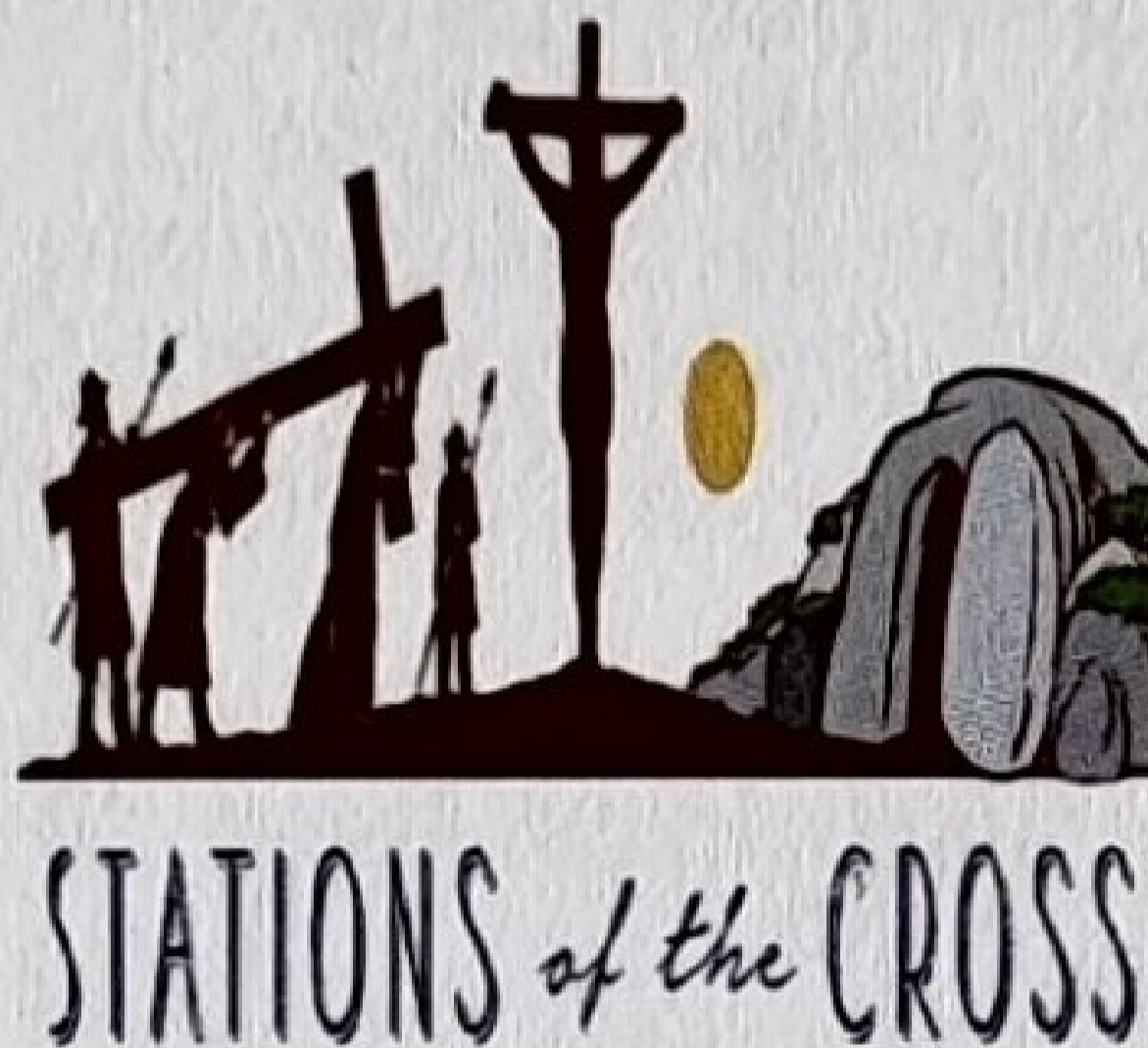


There will be two Masses at **9:00am ( school Mass )** and **6:30pm**. Please observe Fasting and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal

**\*\* Stations of the Cross with Benediction** during Lent every Friday @ 7:00pm, starting **Friday March 7.**

Acolytes who are serving at the weekend Masses are reminded to serve at the Stations.



## **\*\* Enrolments for after school First Holy Communion & Confirmation Catechism classes 2025-**

to prepare students attending State Schools for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this June/ Aug 2025. If you have children or grandchildren who want to receive their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, please register with the Parish Office ASAP as classes will start soon.

Sacramental Preparation



**\*\* Legion of Mary** are earnestly seeking new members -there are many housebound & bedridden parishioners who are missing the companionship of St. Joseph's. You could be doing Our Lady's work. If you feel Her call to join the Legion, call Norma 9279 8075.



## **\*\*LENT PARISH MISSION RETREAT 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March**



Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Lent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes. \* Inspiring and transforming talks

\* Opportunities to pray and reflect \* Practical strategies for impactful living \* Life-changing encounter with Christ To find out more and register <https://BruceDownes.org/Perth>

## **\*\*14 Mar NANO NAGLE CENTRE - DAY OF REFLECTION**

The Charism of the Nano Nagle Centre, day of Quiet Reflection, enabling and discovering personal insights into the Spirituality we carry within. Psalm 137: *Lord, on the day I called for your help you answered.* Psalm 26: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.* Friday 14 March, 10am to 12pm. Cost 15.00. Sr Shelly Barlow. [catherinewarner29@gmail.com](mailto:catherinewarner29@gmail.com).

## **Thinking of others Majellan Media <[office@majellan.org.au](mailto:office@majellan.org.au)>**

Social justice, as most Catholics would be aware, is at the core of our social teachings. The foundational element of Catholic social teachings emphasises the inherent dignity of each individual, the common good, and the promotion of equality and fairness.

Grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church's long-standing commitment to addressing the needs of the marginalised, Catholic social justice principles call for a just and compassionate society where each individual is given the opportunity to flourish, free from oppression and inequality.

With this in mind, The World Day of Social Justice will be celebrated tomorrow. The concept of social justice within Catholic teachings is first and foremost centred on human dignity. According to the Church, every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and therefore, has an intrinsic worth that cannot be diminished by economic status, race, or other social factors. As such, the Church continually advocates on behalf of all, no matter their circumstance, for access to basic needs like food, shelter, education, and healthcare.

Another core principle of Catholic social teaching is the common good. This refers to the idea that society should be structured in a way that promotes the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Solidarity is also a key value in Catholic social justice, highlighting the importance of recognising and responding to the suffering of others. It calls on individuals to act for positive change together with those experiencing injustice, poverty, or discrimination. The World Day of Social Justice is celebrated annually on February 20. It may go largely unnoticed by the media but for Christians it should be firmly in mind. Many millions around the world are not as fortunate as the average Australian.



# The Living Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

23 February 2025

## First Reading 1 Sm 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.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## Responsorial 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 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.)*
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 15:45-49

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 6:27-38

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus is the Word of God in human history. Jesus is the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not *incomunicado*, but *comunicado*, holy *comunicado*, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day.

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## Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name,  
O Most High.