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We welcome all parishioners and visitors to our Mater Christi family!

Fr Peter's Message

Last Thursday evening there was a gathering of over 400 parents who came to receive the information about the way we will prepare for the sacraments in the parish. Parents and children have been asked to commit themselves to eleven weeks of preparation – five sessions for the parents and another six sessions for the candidates for the sacraments. Attendance at Mass each week is an important part of this program. Attending Sunday Mass is simply living the **first precept of the Church** which is “You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation”.

As a parish we encourage you to pray for those families. Please make them welcome at Mass. Perhaps ask the children which sacrament they are hoping to receive.

I would like to say a special “thank you” to Fr Nicholas for his support in helping this program to go ahead. He has been working tirelessly to set up the enrolment program and attendance program on our parish website. He has been a great “sounding board” in helping me to address what we believe is now very much a part of the “New Evangelisation” the Church is asking for.

Caritas Australia

The Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are now available to take home. Caritas is the Australian Church's way of helping those in need, both in Australia and other parts of the world. The theme for this year is “Unite Against Poverty this Lent.”

A Call to Attention

The gong in the sacristy will be sounded ~3min before the start of every Sunday Mass. This is to serve as a reminder that Mass is about to begin and for us all to prayerfully recollect ourselves. I urge everyone to keep your conversations to a minimum inside the church out of respect for the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to direct your own attention to prayer, and out of concern for others who are praying.

Funeral Notice



Funeral Mass for the late Laurie Evans will be held on **Thursday 27th February here at Mater Christi Church at 2pm.**

Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	Mass
Tuesday	5pm	Adoration
	6pm	Mass
Wednesday	9am	Mass
Thursday	9am	Mass
Friday	9am	Mass
Saturday	5pm	Confession
	6pm	Saturday Vigil
Sunday	8am	Mass
	9am	Mass (HPCPS)
	10am	Mass
	5pm	Mass

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule 5th March

7am	Mater Christi Church
9am	Mater Christi Church
9am	Hammond Park Catholic Primary School
6pm	Mater Christi Church

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten Season, come and walk with Jesus. **Every Friday at 6pm beginning on 7th March.**



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Parish Lenten Recollection Day - 15th March

- 9am Mass
- 9.30am to 10am Morning Tea
- 10am to 10.30am Talk
- 10.30am to 11am Rosary
- 11am to 12 noon Adoration & Benediction
- 12 noon to 12.30pm Finish with a light lunch



A **Day of Recollection** in the Catholic context is a dedicated time for Christians to deepen their relationship with God. It typically involves: **Prayer and Meditation:** Participants spend a few hours in prayer, guided by meditation and spiritual reading. **Withdrawal from Daily Life:** It is an opportunity to step away from the noise and cares of everyday life to focus on spiritual growth. **Setting Up a Conducive Environment:** This will be in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. A Day of Recollection is a valuable opportunity for spiritual renewal and reflection. All parishioners are invited to participate in this recollection morning to help them practice the spirit of prayer this Lent.

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The parish has a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This statue is taken into the home for one week, so that the family might pray together while the statue is in the house. We encourage you to take a turn of welcoming the statue into your home. Please speak to one of the Legion of Mary ladies at the Piety Stall for further details.

Catholic Youth Assembly - A Voice for Youth in our Archdiocese!

Join us for the launch of the Catholic Youth Assembly in the Archdiocese of Perth. This exciting new initiative is designed to lay the foundation for the formation of a Catholic Youth Council (CYC). This synodal process is an opportunity for young people to have a voice in shaping the future of our Church! **Friday 7th March at 7pm** at St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre, 41 Victoria Square, Perth. Parking available on-site. *Light refreshments and food will be provided.* Register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/cya-launch>

This Week's Meeting Dates & Times

Date	Time	Group	Venue
Tuesday 25th February	18:30	RCIA	Office Meeting Room
	19:00	Proclaimers of the Word Meeting	Church
Wednesday 26th February	15:45	RCIYP	Office Meeting Room
	19:00	Catholic Charismatic Renewal	Church
Thursday 27th February	18:30	Parents Sacrament Program 1	Church
Friday 28th February	15:30	Catechists Meeting	Office Meeting Room



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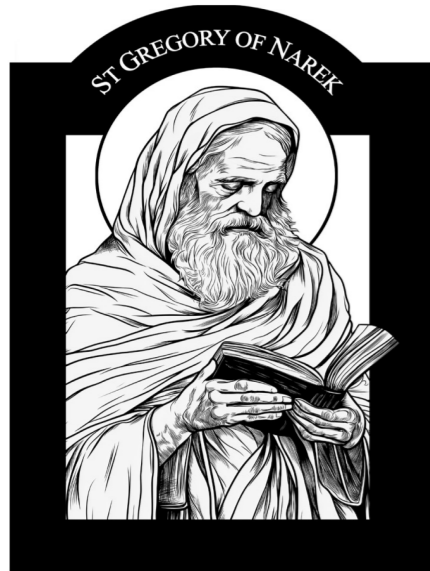
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St Gregory of Narek was born between 945 and 950 in a village on the southern shores of Lake Van, in modern-day Armenia. After his parents' death he was raised by his scholarly uncle at the Narek monastery. He joined the monastery and was ordained in 977. A professor of theology, Gregory wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and the Book of Prayer (or Book of Lamentations), which he called an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations – it has been translated into thirty languages. Gregory died in the early 11th century and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015. His feast day is celebrated on February 27.

Complete the Text Maze:
"Forgive others and God will forgive you."

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*CAN YOU FIND THE SIX HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS WEEKS GOSPEL READING?

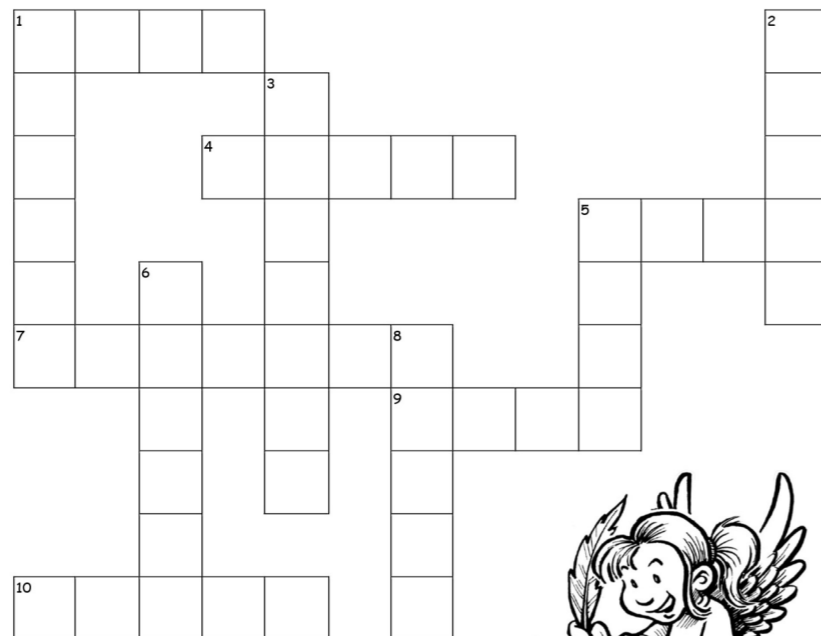
Crossword

Across

- 1: feeling sorry for someone
- 4: currency, cash
- 5: _____ your enemies
- 7: those who are against you
- 9: not soft
- 10: to assess someone's actions

Down

- 1: speaking highly of another
- 2: the side of your face
- 3: God will _____ our sins
- 5: to let someone borrow
- 6: a gift for good deeds
- 8: clothing worn over the upper body



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.'



'Why do we do that?'
by Fr Nicholas

Two prayers follow the Our Father, separated by a short response from the people. The first of these prayers is almost an extension of the Lord's Prayer, taking up the last petition and extending it into a prayer for peace. In this prayer we seek God's mercy to protect us from evil, because we are conscious that evil is the great disturber of peace. Evil can manifest itself to us in many different ways. The evil of bad circumstance is perhaps the least threatening, but nonetheless can disrupt our peace of heart and lead to frustration and anxiety. There is the evil that others can do to us out of hatred, envy, or sheer malice. Evil is present also in ourselves; from our own hearts evil intentions emerge, as Jesus says in the Gospel. Then of course there is the evil scheming of the devil who is constantly at work trying to lead us to sin. In this prayer the priest prays on our behalf that we be delivered from all these evils and kept safe as we persevere in our efforts to be faithful. To this, the people respond acclaiming the sovereignty of God. Why do we persist in our struggle against sin and evil? Because with God we will be victorious. *The kingdom and the power and the glory are His*; the powers of evil, while intimidating to us, are nothing against the truth and goodness of God. Thus, we acclaim His greatness so that the moment of temptation may not overpower us. The priest then implores the Lord not to look upon our sins, by which we ourselves have so often disturbed peace, but on the faith of the Church. This faith which we all profess, is the key to any lasting peace – peace in our hearts, in the Church, and in the world.