

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: YANCHEP: 6 p.m. Saturday Vigil, Yanchep Community Centre, 7 Lagoon Drive. GUILDERTON: 8 a.m. Sunday, Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street. LANCELIN: 9.45 a.m. Sunday, CWC Community Hall, 63 Gingin Road.

Confessions: before Mass on request

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. at the presbytery, Wednesdays 3 p.m. at Bethanie Beachside Aged Care.

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We pray for the sick of our community, especially:

Pat Murphy, Ken and Toni Meek, Michael Ford, Jim Walsh, Paula Cope, Pat Barone, Josephine del Bene, Margaret Johnson, Ann Mazzella, Jeanette Heaton and Stou Peggy.

We pray for the soul of Michael Tomas of Lancelin, who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. **Our condolences to Vilmae Tomas and family.**

Communion Antiphon † Psalm 103 (102): 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Dr John Bergsma at The Sacred Page

<http://www.thesacredpage.com/2016/07/hagglng-with-god-17th-sunday-in.html#more>

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was a tremendously traumatic event in ancient Near Eastern society. This Biblical account of the destruction insists that it was the work of God's providence, and justified by the immorality and injustice rampant in the cities.

Abraham assumes that it is unjust of God to "treat the innocent and guilty alike." Yet we all know of cases where God appears to do so. Jesus himself tells us that God "sends rain on the just and unjust," and furthermore, that people who die in natural disasters are not necessarily more wicked than those who survive (see Luke 13:4). The fact is that often in this life we do not see obvious differences in the fate of the wicked and righteous (see Psalm 73). The "moral logic" of God and the universe only holds if there is an afterlife. Without faith in the life to come, it is not possible to justify the ways of God on earth. Critics will say belief in the afterlife is a psychological crutch. I beg to differ. Belief in a final judgment and an afterlife is a courageous affirmation the moral justice of God and therefore of all reality. It is part of a hope-filled worldview that refuses to capitulate to the apparent dominance of evil in this world. Moreover, it is based on the testimony and example of Jesus Christ, who alone among human beings has died and returned in the flesh to speak to us and testify about the reality of the hereafter to those who knew him and would perpetuate his teaching.

**17th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

Sunday Bulletin

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*Abraham and the Three
Angels, Gustav Doré
(1832-1883), woodcut.*

**Entrance Antiphon †
Psalm 68 (67): 6-7, 36.**

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those
who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might
and strength to his
people.



ABRAHAM AND THE THREE ANGELS

And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? . . . Sarah thy wife shall have a son . . . (Genesis 18: 9,10) (15: 1)

First Reading † Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of

it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm † Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading † Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation † Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel † Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!