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## February 13 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



Luke takes care to alert us to who is present at this gathering. There are the newly formed twelve special friends of Jesus, as well as many other disciples, and both Jews and foreigners who come out of curiosity. The words of Jesus are meant for all but are especially addressed to his disciples.

Luke does not speak of 'the poor in spirit' or 'those who hunger and thirst for justice' as Matthew does. Luke is much more interested in the lived experience of those who are literally poor, hungry and suffering. They were the ones who were persecuted under the status quo of their day, and it was they who had an openness to the new order announced by Jesus' preaching of the kingdom. The powerful, who directed the established order of the day, could not bear such a challenge to their own position and thus they will 'drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal' for preaching the new order of God's kingdom. Such is the challenge to those who are disciples. *(the summit)*

## VI Domenica di Avvento (Anno C)

*Nel Vangelo di Luca, le beatitudini si rivolgono a coloro che hanno già scelto il Signore, ai discepoli. Seguirlo significa abbandonare tutto (Lc 9,23), rinunciare agli agi (Lc 9,58), essere detestati (cf. Gv 17,14), allontanati dalle cerchie del potere, dai soldi e dall'onore (cf. Gv 16,2). Il credente che riesce dappertutto, che riceve dal mondo ossequi e considerazione, si metta a tremare, si inquieti perché sarà inghiottito e digerito dal mondo che ama possedere (cf. Gv 15,19). Non si tratta di demagogia né di paura della vita. Gesù non è un dotto professore di etica, né un sistematico autore di trattati di morale. La sua predicazione è una denuncia profetica: frasi corte e forti contrasti. Le sue parole rimandano a situazioni correnti: l'abbondanza dei beni, la ricerca insaziabile del piacere, il desiderio del successo e dell'applauso,... tutte queste pretese producono la vanità (danno una falsa sicurezza), rendono orgogliosi (ci fanno credere che siamo più importanti degli altri), divinizzano (molte persone adorano coloro che posseggono e si prostrano davanti a loro), induriscono (rendono incomprensivi e privi di solidarietà), corrompono (finiscono per opprimere, credendo di farlo anche con la benedizione di Dio). Le beatitudini ci avvertono seriamente: stabiliamoci nella verità di Gesù e cerchiamo di non sbagliarci nel momento decisivo. (lachiesa.it)*

### Parish bus

Parishioners unable to get to masses (Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm / Sunday mass at 10.30 pm) - who would like to be picked up by the parish bus please contact Frank Falvo on 0411 707 047.

### Joke of the week

An atheist complained to a friend, "Christians have their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter; and Jews celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur; Muslims have their holidays. EVERY religion has its holidays. But we atheists," he said, "have no recognized national holidays. It's an unfair discrimination." His friend replied, "Well, why don't you celebrate April first?"

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Gino, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence

**Upcoming funerals:** Concetta La Terra, Tuesday, February 15, at 11.00 am (Rosary followed by mass)

**Recently deceased:** Maria Catalano, Gilda and Pasquale Vellucci, John Delia, Eustachio Mariani, Iolanda Capulli, Concetta La Terra, Alex Attard, Armando Davoli, Natividad Uyao Padilla, Ezio Catelli, Felissa Febrera, Joseph Frank Guarnaccia

**Anniversaries:** Giovanni Di Biase, Rosa Lattanzio, Youssef and Nagibie Lebnan, Fred Peake, David Morrison, Giuseppe and Maria Impeduglia, Lavima Di Sebastiano Barresi, Christopher Robinson, Rita Schiavello, Rita Vaina, Luigi and Caterina Lucente, Giuseppe and Filippo Orifici, Shanie Liyanage, Father Phillip De Silva, Blossom and Aaron Weerasinghe, Pietro Capparelli

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.*

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory.

### Rosters for weekend masses (Feb 20/21)

#### Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: A. Proud

Sunday 9.00 am: L. Iaria

Sunday 10.30 am : R. Odoardi

**(Rosters for lectors are available in the church foyer)**

**Bus driver:** J. Butera

### Mass times

#### Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm

#### Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am (Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass))

### Parish Bus

The parish is looking for parishioners willing to drive the parish bus on weekends for the Saturday Vigil mass (5.30 pm) and Sunday mass (10.30 am).

Drivers would be rostered once per month—subject to driver availability.

This bus ministry is an important link for parishioners who would normally not be able to attend mass - to access worship on a weekly basis.

\* Drivers need Victorian drivers car license, a Working With Children, and, a Police check.

**Please contact Frank Falvo if interested: 0411 707 047**

**St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**

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