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7TH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

It is in the Mass that we learn the wisdom of God which is so much wiser than man's foolishness. It is a wisdom which loves all men: including our enemies and those who persecute us.

As we listen to God's commandment to be perfect as he is perfect we are conscious of our imperfection. We have rejected God's wisdom as too difficult, too irrational. Let us ask his forgiveness.

Levit. 19:1-2, 17-18 The first reading takes us to the heart of God's law: our actions are to be like God's actions.

1 Cor. 3:16-23 St Paul confronts his readers with true wisdom. It is God's gift which enables us to grasp all things.

Matthew 5:38-48 Jesus gives us a perfect commandment and turns upside down our old ideas of justice.

Special Days

Mon., 22 Feb. - Chair of St Peter. A special day of prayer for that great guy, Pope John Paul II.

Wed., 24 Feb. - Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent: Masses at 9.00 am & 7.00 pm.

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days both of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are days of penance, as is every Friday of the year.

Lenten Snacklist

Copies available on the table at the back of the Church. Hopefully, might be of some assistance.

Wednesdays in Lent

Mass at 7.00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross and opportunity for Confession.

Other Opportunities during Lent

Marian Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Tuesdays, 7.30 pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.00 am Mass until 12 noon every Friday.

Confession available.

Peregrinatio pro Christo (literally: a strollabout for Christ)

4 Legionaries of Mary will do this in our parish, 14-27 March. They will knock on every door and provide us with a much needed census, as well as offer their love and friendship to those visited. They come from Melbourne - they pay their own fares - they give these two weeks from their annual holidays as a gift to Our Lady. Quilts for three ladies urgently needed. Bed and breakfast only, as they will be out of the heat all day. Zarita Mattay may contact you as regards drop-off meals, etc.

Swap

The only way priests can have a break these days is to swap parishes. I had only 2 weeks off in October 1992 - my first break for 2 years. My friend, Fr Pickering in Melbourne, has offered a swap March 1-16. Hopefully, this will happen. He will serve this Parish and I will serve Gardenvale. He, too, wears a soutane and Roman Collars. He is a former Anglican Clergyman who "crossed the Tiber".

Project Compassion

Boxes and envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Ladies: please - no flowers during Lent!

Traditional Latin Mass - next Sunday at 11.00 a.m.