**Mercy Mass Term 3 2019**

**Tuesday September 3rd, 2019, St Patrick’s Church 9.30 am  
Theme: By God’s Mercy we have this work to do.**

**Welcome/Introduction:**

Introduce students for the Acknowledgement of country: Students X3

Reading -

Clapping sticks –

Carrying message stick to the stand –

As we gather here in this sacred place, Mercy Regional College acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this beautiful country we walk upon, live upon, learn upon (pause) the Djargurd Wurrung peoples.

We pay our deepest respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the tradition, the culture and identity of the Indigenous people of Australia.

Jo: Welcome our special guests and make apologies. I would like to invite Frayne House Captains Zac Sinnott and Maddie Hickey to share a short history of Ursula Frayne and the significance of her life and legacy. Our Mercy Mass is held in September in honour of the time that the House of Mercy was opened by Catherine McAuley in Dublin in 1827. (image of house of welcome on screen)

(Image of Ursula Frayne on screen)

**Frayne Captains to speak about our Frayne House Mass**.

Zac: Today Frayne House have the privilege of participating in the ministries of the Mass. Thanks to everyone who volunteered or was asked to participate. Ursula Frayne was the eleventh woman to be professed by Catherine McAuley and received all of her religious training from Catherine whom she saw as friend and role model. It was Ursula Frayne who cared for Catherine McAuley in the final months of her life. Ursula Frayne arrived in Western Australia in 1846 and after a difficult yet productive time in Western Australia, came to Melbourne in 1857.

Maddie: In 1860 she established a House of Mercy to provide a home for young unemployed and unprotected females and in 1861, took charge of the new St Vincent de Paul Orphanage. By 1863 there was a day school for young ladies, a middle school for children of poorer means, and an infant school. The philosophy behind this system was that fees paid by the ‘young ladies’ allowed the school to cater for the poor. The legacy of Ursula Frayne continues today, as thousands of Australian youth are offered educational programmes in the Mercy tradition. Young, vital and committed to the development of a better Australia, Ursula Frayne is an ideal example for all of us as we are encouraged to be resourceful and merciful followers of Christ in the world.

(Image of Ursula Frayne on screen)

Jo: Again, today we gather as the community of a Catholic School. Celebrating through the readings and the Eucharist. We will also, officially welcome our new Principal, Ms Sharon Gillett and enjoy her commissioning ceremony. Please follow the responses on the screen – they are in bold print. Participate by standing and sitting when directed and make the most of the opportunity to focus, during Mass, on our relationship with God. Whether we consider ourselves close friends to God or casual acquaintances, we are all welcome in God’s house this morning and all wrapped in God’s embrace each day – especially when we gather together to both listen and respond to God’s word.

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Please stand as we welcome Father Neville with our gathering hymn:

**Gathering Hymn: Let your mercy rain on us by Chris Tomlin**

Procession of School Banner: Captains

**Greeting: Fr Neville**

Presider: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All: Amen**

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.   
**All: And with your Spirit**

**Penitential Rite: Fr Neville**

Lord, reveal your saving grace and give us a grateful heart. Lord have mercy.  
**All: Lord have mercy.**

Heal us of our weaknesses and fill us with compassion for others. Christ have mercy.  
**All: Christ have mercy.**

Gift us with the wisdom of the Spirit and encourage us to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel. Lord have mercy.  
**All: Lord have mercy.**

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.   
**All:Amen**

**Opening Prayer:** Let us pray. We gather hear as a school community in the Christian tradition of celebrating together the love of our God and ways in which we are called to act with mercy and celebrate this love. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.  **All: Amen**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**FIRST READING: From Paul’s letter to the Colossians**

**Read by**

Colossians 3:12-14 New International Version (NIV)

**12**Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13**Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**14**And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Read by**

**Response: Good indeed is the LORD, His mercy endures forever.**

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

**Response: Good indeed is the LORD, His mercy endures forever.**

Know that the LORD is God, he made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the flock he shepherds.

**Response: Good indeed is the LORD, His mercy endures forever**

Good indeed is the LORD, His mercy endures forever,

his faithfulness lasts through every generation.

**Response: God indeed is the LORD, His mercy endures forever**

**Alleluia Please ask everyone to stand. Read by:**

Alleluia,

Alleluia,

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia,

Alleluia,

**Students to carry Gospel Book from the back of the church to the altar.**

**Josh Mc Glade to carry the Gospel to the front of the Church from the lecturn at the back of the church.**

**Chloe Davis to light the school candle beside the lecturn.**

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

**Presider:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

# Luke 6:27-36 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### Love for Enemies

**27**“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28**bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. **29**If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. **30**Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. **31**Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**32**“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33**If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34**If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. **35**But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+6%3A27-36&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-25174a)] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. **36**Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily: Fr Neville**

**Commissioning of new Principal**

**Welcoming applause and a request to be seated.**

**Prayers of the faithful: Sidney Bradshaw, Theresa Matthews and Jeremy Baker**

Loving God,

In September, we honour the month that the House of Mercy was opened in Dublin in 1827 by Catherine McAuley, on the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. May this house of Mercy continue to inspire all who are connected with the Mercy Tradition to reach out to the poor and needy. Lord Hear us. Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

Lord today we remember that you call upon us to visit the imprisoned, care for the sick and educate the poor. May we always be mindful that wherever there is a need - you are there and when we serve others – we serve you. Lord Hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

Loving God,

Remind us to care for the wonderful world we live in. May we take better care of our oceans and rivers, our bushland and rainforests. May we never forget how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful country and to walk softly upon it, so that generations to come may share in the joy of our common home. Lord hear us… Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

We pray for our new principal Ms Sharon Gillett; may she feel guided by the Spirit to work for the future of our College and supported in her work by Nicole Darcy and all the staff and students and families of Mercy Regional College. Lord hear us…. Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

Help us to be grateful. Grateful for the many gifts we receive such as friendship, support and our life experiences. May we learn to count our blessings and be appreciative of what we have and the opportunities that come our way in life. The opportunities to work, to learn and to set goals for the future with the confidence of knowing we have family, teachers, friends and your unending love to support us. Lord hear us…Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

We pray for the Sisters of Mercy, past and present. May we who have been entrusted with the role of continuing to grow ‘mercy’ in the world always look to their example of selflessness, hard work and kindness to carry on the tradition of being people of mercy in the world. Lord hear us…Lord hear our prayer

Loving God,

We ask that you watch over the sick and the worried in our school community. May they feel our empathy toward them and remind us in our busy days, to be mindful of the difficult road that they travel. Give them strength and hope through our actions, prayers and support. Lord hear us…Lord hear our prayer

**Presider:** We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Procession of Gifts: Quiet Guitar music.**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And with your Spirit**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right and just**

**Preface:**

**Holy, Holy**

**Eucharistic Prayer:**

**Mystery of Faith Save us Saviour of the world for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.**

Presider: Through him, with him and in him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, forever and ever.

**Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,** **hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom** **come; thy will be done on earth as it** **is in heaven. Give us this day our daily** **bread; and forgive us our trespasses as** **we forgive those who trespass against** **us; and lead us not into temptation,** **but deliver us from evil.**

Presider: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power, and** **the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Prayer of Peace:**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: ‘Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.’ Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **All: Amen**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All: And with your Spirit**

**Sign of Peace:**

Presider: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Saunders, Daniel Lee, Sharyn Grinter, Claire Walsh**

**Lamb of God**

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Hymn:**

**“Receive” by Audrey Assad**

**Communion Reflection “Catherine’s Call” by** Chris and Coralie Kan 2011

**A Mercy Blessing: x 2 students**

May you meet Mercy each day:

In the light of your own heart,   
in the hands of your loved ones,   
in the eyes of the stranger and the needy.

And if by chance you do not at first meet it,  
then search your heart for it,   
listen patiently for word of it   
and it will tap you on the shoulder,   
a quiet surprise,   
a small gesture,   
the tender look,   
given and received in the encounters of your day. Amen

**Final Blessing:**

Presider: God of hope, we give you thanks and praise, as we continue to journey together as the community of Mercy Regional College. May all who are part of this community continue to work with pride and joy, knowledge and peace safely in the arms of our loving God.  
**All: Amen.**

**Concluding Rite:**

Presider:The Lord be with you.  
**All: And with your Spirit.**

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.   
**All: Amen**

**Recessional Hymn: Please be seated for the final song**

**‘Brave’ by Sarah Bareilles**