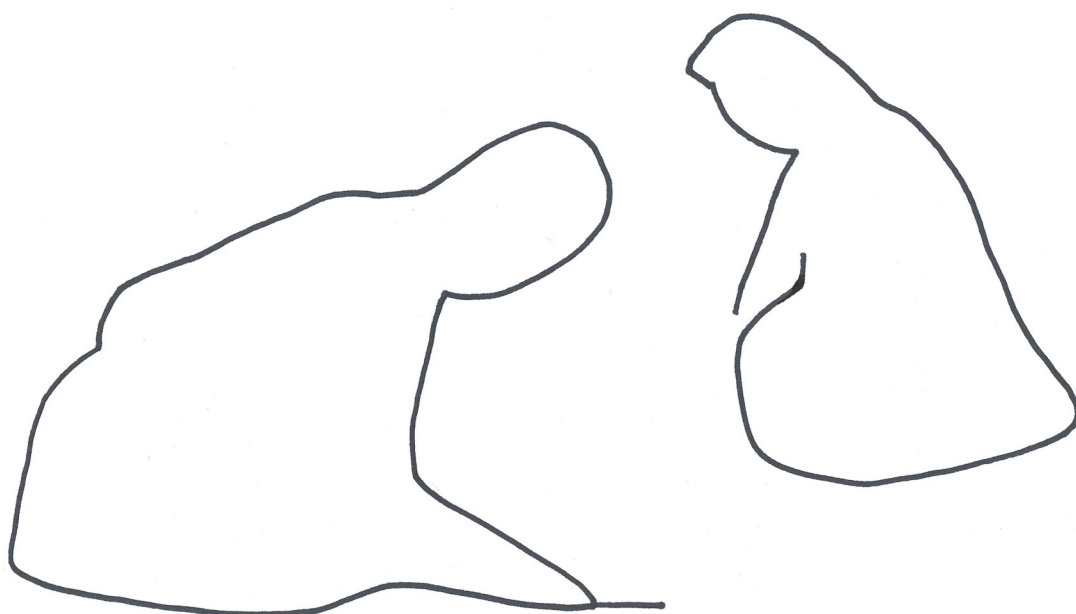


Care for Life

Fifth Sunday of Lent 2019



... neither do I condemn you ...

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1. Copy and distribute reflections

Each Sunday there is a reflection on the Gospel, and a 'call to action' on the threat posed by assisted dying laws in Western Australia. Please photocopy these front-and-back and distribute them to your parishioners each Sunday. They can be folded into the weekly bulletin, handed out independently, or left at each door of the Church – but please remind your parishioners to take a copy home with them.

2. Project the artwork during Mass

A local young artist, Sam Allum, was commissioned to produce a simple image based on the Gospel of each Sunday. You might project this onto the screen each week as people arrive for Mass, and again during your homily. You may use the images in the context of this Lenten Program, but not otherwise - the artwork is copyright.

3. Use the Gospel Reflection to shape your homily

We do not expect you to preach on assisted dying laws. We hope you will find these Gospel reflections helpful in preparing your homily and have tried to tie them together – a bit difficult, since Sunday 5 is taken from John instead of Luke, and you have a wide range of Gospels to choose from on Easter Sunday.

4. Add the Intercessory Prayer/s to your Prayers of the Faithful

Each Sunday there are two intercessory prayers you may wish to use. Holding these concerns in prayer is a simple and effective way for your parishioners to support the *Care for Life*.

5. Use the Children's Liturgy

These reflections are designed to encourage a care for others in the young.

6. Use the Second Rite of Reconciliation

Through the readings and examination of conscience this outline challenges us to review how we are called to *Care for Life*.

7. Encourage your parishioners to answer the 'Call to Act'

Care for Life is not a parish project, and parishes should never get involved in politics. This is however an opportunity for your parishioners to understand the issues and engage *individually* in the public policy debate around assisted dying and euthanasia.

Universal Prayers

For those searching:

May we open our minds and hearts in generosity to all people who are searching for God's will in their lives by informing ourselves of the teaching of Jesus.

[Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who care for others:

In the words of Pope Francis "We can never understand Christ's work or Christ himself unless we enter His heart full of compassion". May this challenge be always in our hearts. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Music Selections

Forgive Our Sins. R. Herklots. CWB #680; CWBII #120

Grant to Us, O Lord. L Deiss. CWB #698; CWBII #291; GA #303

Great Is Thy Faithfulness. W M Runyon. AOV2 #127

Hear us, Almighty Lord. R Wright OSB/ Chant Melody. CWBII #292

Now We Remain. D Haas. AOV1 #45; CWBII #636; GA #499

O Father, I Know I Can Count on Your Mercy. K Boschetti MSC. CWB #762; CWBII #122

Sing praise to the Lord all our days. J Moloney/ French Melody. CWB #810; CWBII #602

Take and Eat. J Quinn SJ/ M Joncas. CWB #608; GA #198

The Name of God. D Haas. 68

Tree of Life. M Haugen. CWBII # 300; GA #307

Unless a Grain of Wheat. B Farrell. AOV1 #35; CWBII #635; GA #500

Yes, I Shall Arise. L. Deiss. CWB #867; CWBII #648; GA #214

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