

## Works of Mercy Council – St Luke Parish

The Works of Mercy Council was begun along with the other differentiated councils at St Luke Parish when the Parish Pastoral Council was expanded and given seven branches or constitutive councils in 2002-3 by the Parish Pastoral Team of the day under the leadership of the Pastor, Fr. Roger Martineau.

Works of Mercy consisted mostly of the Helping Others Committee and Pastoral Home Care, but its mandate is as wide as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as always understood in the Roman Catholic Church as an overview of the ways in which Jesus calls us to imitate Him in the practice of pastoral and mutual charity.

All Catholic Christians and Clergy are called to practice all of these works of mercy, and the role of the Works of Mercy Council is to function as a rallying point, discerning body, planning and executive body, supporting our priests in offering pastoral leadership to the people of St Luke Parish. Certain Parish groups highlight the various works of mercy.

### Corporal Works of Mercy

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Works\\_of\\_Mercy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Works_of_Mercy)

Corporal Works of Mercy are those that tend to bodily needs. The [Parable of the Sheep and the Goats](#) ([Matthew](#) 25:31-46) enumerates such acts -- though not this precise list -- as the reason for the salvation of the saved, and the omission of them as the reason for damnation. The last work of mercy, burying the dead, comes from the [Book of Tobit](#).

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| 1. Feed the hungry           | Christmas Baskets, Helping Others    |
| 2. Give drink to the thirsty | Christmas Baskets, Helping Others    |
| 3. Clothe the naked          | Helping Others, Advent/Lent projects |
| 4. Shelter the Homeless      | Works of Mercy projects              |
| 5. Visit the sick            | Pastoral Home Care, all parishioners |
| 6. Visit the imprisoned      |                                      |
| 7. Bury the dead             | Funeral Mass Team, all parishioners  |

### Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy provide for the needs of the spirit.

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| 1. Instruct the ignorant            | Parents, Clergy, Faith Education Office,<br>Faith Transmission Council |
| 2. Counsel the doubtful             | Parents, Clergy, Prayer Ministry Teams                                 |
| 3. Admonish the sinners             | Priests, Homilists, Preachers, Teachers                                |
| 4. Bear wrongs patiently            | All Catholic Christians & Clergy                                       |
| 5. Forgive offenses willingly       | All Catholic Christians & Clergy                                       |
| 6. Comfort the sorrowful            | All Catholic Christians & Clergy                                       |
| 7. Pray for the living and the dead | All Catholic Christians & Clergy                                       |