

NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Lent

An Invitation

On 7th February last we celebrated Word of God Sunday. This Feast Day, instituted only two years ago by Pope Francis, has the purpose of reminding all the faithful of the precious gift that are the Scriptures and the importance for all of us to ponder the Bible as God speaking to us and for us to learn from actively listening.

For most Catholics our regular encounter with God's Word occurs at Mass so this opportunity should not be taken for granted but instead must be taken seriously, reverently and the readings proclaimed and listened to with faith.

The following are extracts from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal or GIRM. This very important document is the guide and explanation of the Roman Missal which is the large red book which holds the prayers that we, the Church, pray at Mass.

In the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ and from it the faithful are to be nourished and refreshed. (GIRM 28)

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they are the element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. (GIRM 29)

The function of proclaiming the readings is by tradition, not presidential but ministerial. Therefore, the readings are to be read by a reader, but the Gospel by the Deacon or a Priest. After each reading the acclamation is pronounced and by means of the reply the assembled people give honour to the Word of God that they have received in faith and with gratitude. (GIRM 59)

These few extracts give us an indication of the true significance of God's Word as fundamental to our worship as well as providing a guide as to how they are proclaimed.

Stating that the function of proclaiming is ministerial not presidential is simply expressing that a minister, not the presider (the priest) proclaims the readings. Our praise and worship of God as God's own people is less an expression of who we truly are if ministers do not carry out the ministry assigned to them of proclaiming the Word of God at Mass.

This *Monday* and *Wednesday* there will be a Readers workshop for those continuing and those new to this important ministry. I would particularly ask you to seriously consider the invitation to become a Reader if you have not done so before. This ministry now rests with only a few people who generously minister to us. I hope that by more people making themselves available the ministry can be rostered on a monthly basis.

The workshop will be held in the church on *Monday 8 March* at 7pm and repeated on *Wednesday 10 March* at 10am. I look forward to seeing current Readers and new Readers there.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ;
King of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ;
King of endless glory!

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Anthony Lawrence Abeng, Teresa Mary McKenna, Teresata Rhodes and Catherine Mullins recently deceased and also for Morgan Keena, John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Stan Grzegorzolka, Patrick O'Connell, Mary O'Connell, Patricia O'Connell, Keith White, Darwin Robles, Benjamin Robles, John Lugowski, Rev Bryan Lee, Attilio and Ida Michieletto, Ferruccio Semenzato.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Patricia Desbrow, Harold O'Connell, Therasa Evans, Brian and Catherine Kearney, Noel Thatcher.

DATE CLAIMERS 2021

Sunday 7 March Social Justice Group meet at 9am
Monday 8 March 5.30pm Musicians meet
Wednesday 10 March 7pm Readers in-service, church
Tuesday 23 March 10am Readers in-service, church
Carer's Group meet at 10am

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2021

Please mark these important dates in your diary for next year.

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent workshop sessions

22 April 7:30pm **OR** 23 April 9:30am

Celebration of First Holy Communion 29 May - 6 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent workshop sessions

29 July 7:30pm **OR** 30 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 7 or 9 September



The Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic.

We're looking for your help to:

Pray for the opening of hearts

Accompany those who are seeking

Welcome new faces

There are fliers at the church door that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested.

www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic.

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PLEASE BOOK FOR WEEKEND MASS online by using the link or QR code. Select your preferred Mass, choose number of people attending and fill in each person's details. Marshals at the church door will mark off your name on arrival.



Bookings for Weekend Masses will open each Monday morning at 9am and close Friday morning at 9am. Please book for **Masses** via -

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THE CATHOLIC LEADER has returned as a monthly newspaper. March edition is now available at the Church door for \$4. Please place money in the poor box. Subscriptions available by visiting catholicleader.com.au/subscribe

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation. Pray for vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact 1300 133 544.



A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

Paddy and his wife are lying in bed and the neighbour's dog is barking like mad in the garden. Paddy says: 'I'm over this!' and storms out. He comes back upstairs five minutes later and his wife asks, 'What did you do?' Paddy replies, 'I've put the dog in our garden, let's see how they like it!'

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE
www.bulimbacatholic.com

READERS IN-SERVICE – a reminder, Father Kevin is holding a workshop this week for parishioners involved in the reading ministry. For new and continuing readers, there are some practical issues to be clarified. An evening session will be held in the church on Monday 8 March at 7pm or Wednesday morning 10 March at 10.30am. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible. Your RSVP to the parish office would be appreciated.

We have had several members step aside recently due to personal or other commitments and are looking for volunteers to commit to a roster on a once a month basis. If you are interested in taking up a role in this parish ministry, please come along to the meeting or contact the parish office for further information.

LOOKING WITHIN – GOING FORTH - the working document, *Continuing the Journey*, prepared for the upcoming Plenary Council of Australia provides a catalyst for the Church to renew the journey of prayer and discernment toward the first assembly in October. The document, known by its Latin term *instrumentum laboris*, draws heavily on the voices heard during the Listening/Dialogue and Listening/Discernment phases of the Plenary Council over the past two years, but also from other key sources. All Catholics are urged to read and reflect on the document. Pages 37-64, in particular, contain two important sections – 'Looking Within: Renewal for a Christ-Centred Church' and 'Going Forth: The Church at the Service of the World'. These pages outline the key areas for renewal and growth for the Council to consider. The whole document can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/3r73r9x> or from the Plenary Council website.

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP will meet this Sunday, 7 March at 9:00am in the Parish Boardroom. If you are interested in issues of justice, please join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS continue to be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Please join us in the church as part of your Lenten discipline. All parishioners are very welcome. Contact tracing details will be collected at the door for those in attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Nola Fletcher celebrating her 90th birthday this week. May your special day bring you many blessings and happiness as you enjoy the celebrations!

GOOD SAMARITAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE - ABAOKORO, Republic of Kiribati

An Update from Sr Meg Kahler SJS, Member of Council, Good Samaritan Congregation Centre, Sydney. February 2021

After a brief break over the Christmas season, a new building company has resumed work on the Good Samaritan Early Childhood Centre. They are moving very quickly to complete the toilet block and the finishing details of the classroom area for the centre. After the delay to the start of the school year throughout Kiribati, resuming on February 15th, the Early Childhood Centre commenced with 24 eager students – Sr Tibwau has said that others are coming! With the work being well underway, the new builders are hopeful of finishing the building works by the end of March, 2021. COVID has not reached Kiribati. The country has had its borders closed since late February 2020 with only government-coordinated flights from Fiji being permitted. The focus has been on the repatriation of Kiribati citizens who have been stranded in Fiji. A building formerly used for teachers' accommodation was converted to serve as a quarantine 'hotel'. Our two Kiribati sisters who were professed in 2020 are still with us in Australia – I know they are very much looking forward to returning home – it could be quite some time yet!





Liturgy this Week 8 March – 14 March 2021

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| MONDAY | - | | - |
| TUESDAY | - | | - |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00pm | | Mass |
| THURSDAY | 9:00am | | Mass |
| FRIDAY | 8:00am | Autumn Ember Day | Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction |
| SATURDAY | 9:00am | | Mass |
| SUNDAY | 6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm | | Mass: Fourth Sunday of Lent Children's Liturgy of the Word during 8am Mass |
| | <i>Readings – 2 Chronicles 36:14-16 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21</i> | | |
| OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER | | | |
| RECONCILIATION | Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm | | |
| ROSARY and ANGELUS | Saturday before the 9:00am Mass | | |
| MEDITATION | Tuesday at 4:00pm – Good Samaritan Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne. | | |

ENTRANCE HYMN

HOSEA

*Come back to me, with all your heart,
Don't let fear keep us apart,
Trees do bend, though straight and tall,
So must we to others call.*

CHORUS:

Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.

*The wilderness will lead you,
To your heart, where I shall speak:
Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.*

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PENITENTIAL ACT

*I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I
have done and in what I failed to do, through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary every-
Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to
pray for me to the Lord our God.*

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the
Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from
God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For
us and for our salvation he came down from heaven and by the Holy
Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scripture. He
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom
will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I
believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one
baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your
Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

WE COME TO YOUR FEAST

We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white,
The weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
The dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
The promise of our future, our needing and our nurture
Lie here before eyes.

We come to your feast, we come to your feast,
The young and the old, the frightened, the bold,
The greatest and the least.
We come to your feast, we come to your feast,
With the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands
We come to your feast.

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread,
The gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
We come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
To love in word and deed.

We place upon your table a simple cup of wine,
The fruit of human labour, the gift of sun and vine;
We come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord.
His dying and his living, his leading and his giving,
His love in cup outpoured.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
Come to him and bless his name. Mercy he has shown us,
His love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

CHORUS

*Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship
him and bless his name.*

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary,
Pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

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