



**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR A**

22 January 2023

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*All powerful and ever-living God,
direct your love that is within us,
that our efforts in the name of your Son may bring all to unity and peace.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear friends, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.



Reflection on the Gospel of Matthew 4:12-23 by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in

the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus. There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Pope Francis. May he be blessed with the strength and health he needs to maintain his apostolic mission. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the whole human family. May the light of salvation dawn on all people and bring them joy and freedom. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for everyone celebrating Chinese New Year. May they travel safely and enjoy reuniting with their families. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the many millions facing famine in the Horn of Africa. May they receive the aid they need to save them from starvation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the First Peoples of Australia and for all who have made their way to this land. May Australia Day this year strengthen our desire for solidarity and justice. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the staff and volunteers of emergency agencies around the country. May they keep us safe throughout the summer. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Petti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers, the residents of the Aged Care Unit and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Walter Stutchbury, Laurie Moran . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. (pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*God, all powerful Father,
may the new life you give us increase our love
and keep us in the joy of your kingdom.
Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Weekday Mass: in recess until further notice

Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 1 February 2023 at 9.30am, at the Presbytery

Call to Connect Women's Prayer Group in recess

Krawarree January Mass cancelled

Dear Parishioners,

Market Helpers needed: Cathy Ffrench needs ticket sellers for the market raffles. Can you spare an hour once a month on the Friday before the markets to sell tickets? Please call her on 0418 262 011 if you can help. Our markets are our biggest income stream, so it is really important that we do all we can to help to make them successful. Our next market day is 28 January and raffle tickets will be sold on Friday 27th.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday 28 January.

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table.

Enquiries to Cathy Ffrench on 0418 262 011

Readings for Mass: 1st: 8:23-9:3. 2nd: ! Cor. 1:10-13,17. Gospel: Matt. 4:12-23.

Readings for next week: 1st: Zeph. 2:3:12-13. 2nd: 1 Cor. 1:26-31. Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

| Date | Acolyte | Welcomer | Readers |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 21 Jan | | Geraldine | Michael/Wendy H |
| 28 Jan | Felix | Cathy F | Bobbie/Tommy |
| 4 Feb | | Helen P | Wendy H/Germaine |
| 11 Jan | Felix | Geraldine | Wendy M-B/Ann T |

| Ministries of service: | 20 Jan | 27 Jan | 3 Feb | 10 Feb |
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| Altar Decorating: | Joy | Margaret | Cathy F | Helen P |
| Cleaning: | Bani & Ella | | Pauline & Wendy M-B | |

Counters: 1st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 2nd: Sunday: Wendy H
3rd Sunday: volunteer please 4th: Phil Owen

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other
Helen Hart