

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to  
the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## GOD'S SPIRIT-FILLED AGENT

This Sunday we read the opening four verses of Luke's Gospel (1:1-4), skip over Jesus' birth narrative (chapters 1 and 2), Luke's introduction of John the Baptist (3:1-20), Jesus' baptism (3:21-22), a genealogy (3:23-38) and Jesus' temptation (4:1-13)—stories which will emerge at various times during this year—and move to a defining moment set in Jesus' hometown synagogue in Nazareth (4:14-21).

This event lays out the full meaning of Jesus' future ministry in the Gospel. Luke presents Jesus, the faithful Jew, at his local synagogue for the Sabbath Scripture, choosing to read from the prophet Isaiah. Luke brings together two parts of Isaiah, edits them and rearranges them to have Jesus pronounce the two key messages the evangelist wants the Gospel audience to hear: that Jesus is God's Spirit-filled agent (confirming his status from earlier scenes) whose sole intent is to lead God's people, especially the poor, oppressed and spiritually blind, to freedom; and that the God of Jesus is not a God just for the Jews, but for all people irrespective of social or ethnic status.

It is this last point that attracts ire from his co-religionists and introduces a theme of opposition that will emerge as the Gospel unfolds. Evident in the Nazareth-event is Luke's freedom, clear from the opening verses of today's passage, to reshape the biblical tradition (Isaiah) and the story of Jesus to speak freshly to the Gospel's Greco-Roman audience. Luke thus provides a pattern for contemporary theological reflection and church teaching.

Fr Michael Trainor

# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

26 JANUARY 2025

## FIRST READING

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

*They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn 6:63

**R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**



2. The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, / the thoughts of my heart, / win favour in your sight, O Lord, / my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

*Longer form, 1 Cor 12:12-30.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!



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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

CatholicMarriagePrep.com  
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St Patrick's Cooma Mass  
 Mass Sunday's at 10am  
 Cooma Reconciliation available as requested following Mass  
 Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday  
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am  
 Except Third Friday of Month for Nursing Home Masses -postponed  
 Yallabee Lodge  
 Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday month  
 Next date =TBA (priest A/Leave)

Nimmitabel  
 Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla  
 Liturgy of Word  
 LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale- Lof W: Annual Leave  
 Sunday's until 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2025  
 Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

\* CHANGES During A/ Leave

Roster	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
Acolyte	Darren Steinke	Kaitlyn Bosco
Usher	Mary Bennett	Ron Jaajaa
Reader/Commentator	Kevin Dunne Suja Tessa	Jo-Anne Brown Belinda Wilkins
Special Minister	J-A Brown	Leah Baker
Childrens Liturgy	School Holidays	Carol Byrne
Linen	Michele Atkins	Gaie Mooney
Church Care	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb J-A Brown, J Kelly G Mooney	9 <sup>th</sup> Blyton & Barrett family
Hospital	Fr Xavier	Leah Baker

\*No Week day Mass  
 this coming week

We thank Fr Xavier Francis from Tumut Parish for joining us this weekend for our Parish Mass celebration  
 Thank you for being with us and best wishes for safe holiday travel.

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer

Next weekend Readings

The Presentation of the Lord / C

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Malachi  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Hebrews:2 14-18  
 Gospel Luke 2: 22-40



We have **Devices TAP n Go** available in Church entrance for your cashless

donations (Archdiocese split 70/30: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> JUST TAP! The **New Smart Device** at door has

the option to Choose donation \$ amount  
 Thank you for supporting our Parish

Please

Pray for our Recently Deceased,

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":

Lola Povey, Colin Love, Shirley Blyton, Don Tozer, Maree McIntosh

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends. Sally & Lloyd Reed, Nancy Norton, Peter Swain, Tom Barron

Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence" Colin McMillan, Joel Stone, Walter Neumeyer in Germany

Fr. Mark is away taking leave to recuperate until mid February.

Fr Kose is on annual leave for holiday to his homeland, India until 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 .

Parish relief for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb still TBA- **No Weekday Mass**

We welcome Fr Richard to assist us with Parish duties on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Further relief will be advised when to hand.

### POPES INTENTION JANUARY

Pope Francis' January 2025 prayer intention highlights the vital role of education in fostering human values, particularly for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war. He emphasises that education should not only equip children with skills for work but also nurture their growth into compassionate and wise individuals who can contribute to a better world. This vision underscores education as an act of respect, welcoming, protection, and integration, offering hope and stability to those facing insecurity and displacement.

### POPES INTENTION JANUARY

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war; that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



**VOLUNTEERS: many vacancies exist in our Church.**

If you would like to assist the running of the Parish please let us know your availability and talents for Cleaning/ Reading/ Children's Liturgy/ Eucharistic Ministry/ Usher/ Acolyte and Catechist.

**Special request for a Catechist Assistant for public schools,** you will be assisting Catechist Leader with children's coloring in and completion of worksheets as a 2<sup>nd</sup> person in the scripture room. If you would have 1/2 hour available time on a Tuesday or Thursday we would love to hear from you. Many children have missed out on the recent 2 years of sacramental program and we would like to ensure the Catholic scripture is offered to all children in our local School's. Please consider helping the children shine!



What is being a catechist?

A catechist is...

**A person who faithfully believes in Jesus and is a witness to His message....** A person who enjoys the company of children and youth.... A practicing Catholic willing to commit to spending a couple of hours a week sharing the Faith they have received...

**Jokes:**

A pastor got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have some good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is it's out there in your pockets."