

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time B

First Reading *Is 50:5-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me!

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me

4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading *Jas 2:14-18*

A reading from the letter of St James
Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has

not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Gal 6:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 8:27-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Peter: earthquaked and then upside down

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/ she is the cross I have to bear.' No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver. Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill. We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK
SUNDAY 12TH- Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin

MONDAY 13TH-St John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor

TUESDAY 14TH -Triumph of the Holy Cross

WEDNESDAY 15TH-Our Lady of Sorrows

THURSDAY 16TH- St Cornelius, pope, St Cyprian, bishop and martyr

FRIDAY 17TH-St Robert Bellamine, bishop and doctor



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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist



Singalong
postponed due to Covid restrictions

Cenacle Prayer
Tues at 4.45pm Online

Enjoy The Good News
postponed due to Covid restrictions

Opal Mass - Every 1st Wed 10.30am
Glen Mass - Every 2nd Wed 10.30am .
Goodwin Manor Mass Every 3rd Wed 2pm
Maranatha Mass - Every 4th Wed 2pm

Craft Group-Thurs Not on due to Covid Rules

Adoration-
Fri (17/9) 5:30pm
Online

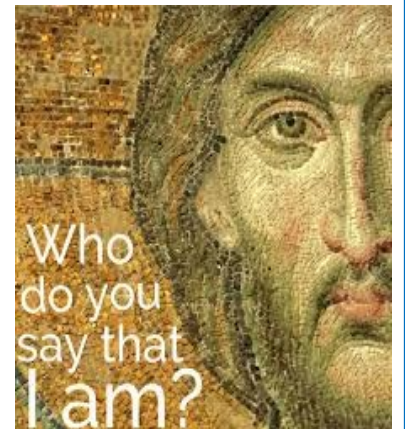
Charismatic Prayer Group - Friday (17/9) after morning mass.

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop -
Postponed due to Covid19 restrictions advised.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Who Do You Say I Am?

Jesus in today's Gospel [Mark 8:27-35] asks the disciples 'but who do you say I am?' During childhood, early adolescence and as adults **we search out our Identity** with questions such as 'Who am I?' 'What is my purpose?' What gives me meaning? **Such questions are important and lead us to explore our identity in relationship to God, self, others and the world.**



But Jesus' question has a different twist: **'but who do people say I am?'** **If we were to ask people who know us this same question** we would be saying to them: 'Who do you say I am? How do you see/perceive me? By what name, traits and/or deeds am I known for? **I wonder what our family, friends, colleagues & fellow parishioners would say about us.** Something worth thinking about!

The people in Jesus' time couldn't say for sure who he was – some thought he was John the Baptist come back from the dead; others Elijah who had returned from on high; some regarded him as a great teacher, miracle worker or faith healer. Some saw him as a rebel and trouble maker. **For Peter the matter is clear: Jesus is the Christ, he will be the Liberator, the Saviour of Israel.** But Peter and the disciples were not ready for the path Jesus described he would face to bring about this liberation and salvation. **Jesus' journey to Resurrection is by acceptance of the way of the Cross** as described in Isaiah: 'I offered my back to those who struck me ...I did not cover my face against insult and spittle' [Isaiah50:6] Peter is indignant with this reality and draws a severe reprimand from Jesus. [Mark 8:33]

At the end of the day what is my own relationship and profession of faith in Jesus? We take to heart the personal question which he poses to us: **Who do you say that I am?** Our answer is found in our relationship with Jesus, sharing in his life, being Christlike to others through our good works and loving actions, while encountering the cross with him in our everyday lives. During this week let us pray Communion antiphon:
'How precious is your mercy, O God. We seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.'

Marie Weatherall

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

PARISH DAILY MASS

Online -

9AM Tuesday to Sunday

BB Parish link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89462634718?pwd=UGhwWFhlWkZUQWZ0bmhRMUZYUUpXZz09>

ROSTERS

Due to the extension of the lockdown to 24th September, 2021 the rosters will not be issued this week.

Once we know what is happening the roster will be emailed out to you.

Ministry Connect

We encourage all Ministries/Team & Group Leaders to keep in touch through the 'Phone Tree' at this time of isolation. All private prayer intentions should be directed to Fr Martins who is also available for home visits to the sick.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name:
St Bernard's
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LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



FAITH & BELIEF

During these continuing challenging days we rely on our faith, our belief – it sustains us when we are unable to gather as a community of faith. An insight:

Belief is not contrary to fact. It simply transcends it. To believe something is to know its truth not so much in our minds but in the centre of our souls, We believe in goodness, for instance, because, however effective evil seems to be, it contradicts the highest aspirations of humanity. We believe in love rather than hate, because love draws out the best in us, while hate feeds on our smallness. We believe in people whose hearts we hold in our hands, whatever the situations that challenge that certainty, because we ourselves are nourished by that relationship. We believe in the spiritual because the material is simply not enough to justify the sense of unfinishedness of life that lurks in every human heart. Belief is the ability to know what we cannot see. (Chittister, 30/08/21)

CHRIST RISES IN YOUR HEART WHEN:

*You wake in the morning with new hope
You go to bed with a loving heart.
You truly grieve at another's loss
Your heart rejoices at another's joy.
You keep your temper with a trying friend
You refuse to nurse a nagging hurt
You try again to transform your fears
You face the routine of another day.
You try again to say 'I'm sorry'
Your broken heart begins to mend.
You notice beauty you missed before
You weep at the greed that causes war.
You delight when love comes round again
You put together the broken pieces
And make, with God, a work of art.
You dare to love despite the grief
You discover within your winter, a summer-time that never ends.
You hold the earth and all people, as you hold the hearts of those you love.
You trust in dawn at the darkest hour
You accept your weakness and it makes you strong
When you try to lie in the present moment
Christ rises in your heart.*

(Fr Daniel O'Leary, 1999)

BULLETIN - The Parish Bulletin will be uploaded to our website: www.cg.org.au/batemansbay and emailed out each week. Printed copies will be available at the front of the church, if you would like to pick up a copy when you are in town doing your shopping.

FEAST DAY OF BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM: 9 SEPTEMBER



The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20 year old student named Frederic Ozanam in 1833 in France. It was established by like-minded individuals who wished to put their faith into action. The Society is found in many countries throughout the world.

St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering 'a hand up' to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, giving practical emergency assistance and encouraging our companions to take control of their own lives.

Our Values: are based on Gospel and Pastoral Care values.

Compassionate service
Respect
Integrity
Empathy
Advocacy for people in need
Commitment.

We remember and give thanks for the vision, compassion and courage of Blessed Frederic who responded to the needs of the poor almost 200 years ago and for the countless volunteers across the globe and here in Australia.

Covid-19 Update

Please see Parish Website for the latest protocols with church closure until 11.59pm Friday 24th September 2021 depending on new cases in the area

Mass online from St Christopher's Cathedral in Canberra is available daily <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

St Joseph was an ordinary sort of man on whom God relied to do great things. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do, in each and every event that went to make up his life
- St Jose Escriva



Death Anniversaries: Gill Post, Kata Katic, Emilia Marszalek, Ivy Rootsey, Glenda Gallagher, Pio Liberale, Ian McAdam

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: George Fitzgerald, Gloria Gamble, Jeanette Urbanik, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Shirley Barber, Patricia Sweeney, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Maree Gregory. Bill Guist, Gwen Lavin, Kevin Allen

Remembering the Sick:

Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working
from home

Remember those who must choose
Between preserving their health or making
their rent.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to
go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at
all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at
home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country.
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving
embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

Ursuline Sisters of Louisville
Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church

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