

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B
First Reading Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.
 The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.
 2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.
 3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man’s disdain.
- (R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, for his mercy.**

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
 In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s

sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
A prophet is despised only in his own country.
 Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Home town crowds and ‘mighty works’ by Michael Tate

I recommend viewing the film ‘Billy Elliott’ in which a youngster found that his body ‘went electric’ when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: ‘the carpenter’s son’. But he

was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in ‘mighty works’. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God’s plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don’t fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one’s unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his ‘mighty works’.

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A CUPPA WITH MARY MACKILLOP



*Will be held on
 Tuesday 13th July,
 10am at Phil
 Billington's house.
 Ph: 0428 593 191*

All are welcome

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Saturday 3rd - St Thomas, the Apostle

Sunday 4th - St Elizabeth of Portugal

Monday 5th - St Anthony Zaccaria, priest

Tuesday 6th - St Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr

Friday 9th - St Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, martyrs, Our Lady of Itati



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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 Church
Enjoy The Good News - Wed after Mass

Opal Mass - Every 1st Wed 10.30am (7/7)

Glen Mass - Every 2nd Wed 10.30am (14/7)

Goodwin Manor Mass Every 3rd Wed 2pm

Maranatha Mass - Every 4th Wed 2pm

Craft Group-Thurs 10am -12pm

Adoration- Fri (2/7) 5pm (9/7) 5.30pm

Wrap With Love- Tues 13th July 10am

Charismatic Prayer Group - First Friday every month after morning mass (2/7)

St Joseph's Night & Soup Dinner - Friday 2nd July 6pm

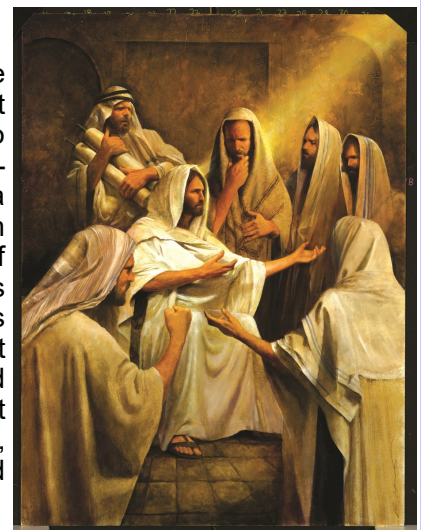
Croatian Mass - Sat 3rd July 11am

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop - 10am Tuesday 13th July at Phil Billington's house

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time -YEAR B

Dear friends,

As we have listened to St Mark's story and have walked with the Apostles through the Gospels in recent weeks, we have witnessed Jesus as the Almighty One, who can command the wind and sea and heal every sickness - even order a little girl to arise from the dead. He was seen as a great prophet of God, and everyone wanted to welcome Him into their villages. However, today we see a different picture of Jesus in His hometown of Nazareth. Contrary to His previous experience with the people in other villages, the people in His hometown “*would not accept Him.*” They were scandalised that a man who came from a background like Jesus should say and do things such as he. In fact, Jesus's teaching was greeted not with wonder but with a kind of **contempt**. For the Nazarenes, the **familiarity** with the identity of the humanity of Jesus caused a mistaken contempt.



This **familiarity** might be expressed from verse 3 of the Gospel reading. Firstly, they said: “*is not this the carpenter, surely?*” The people of Nazareth despised Jesus, because his identity was a working man. They knew him as a lowly working-class man who can earn very little and lived a simple life. So, they were not ready to listen to the words of God and receive the healing miracles from Jesus, because their **presumption** of Jesus was blinding their minds and hearts and kept them away from God's presence. Secondly, they said: “*is not this the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?*” The people of Nazareth despised him because they knew his family, the family which was not too different from them. Therefore, they were confused about the original source of this extraordinary power given to Him, who was no different from them. Their questions did not spring from **awe** but from **resentment**. They might have asked in jealousy: “**who did he think he was?**” For the Nazarenes, Jesus was just an ordinary man, and he should not be qualified to teach them about God or to show them God's marvellous deeds.

Jesus applies to himself an aphorism when he replied to the lack of faith of the people in his hometown including his relatives: “*a prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.*” It is the same to say: “*no man is a hero to his valet*” as is said in an old French or English proverb. However, Jesus wants to express that the rejection happens to anyone even to Him who is God. Therefore, those who feel called to follow Jesus as a prophetic mission should not be surprised or shocked at **rejection**, but rather fix our eyes on the Lord and tune our ear to listen to His will. Therefore, we do not feel weary of following Jesus when bringing the Good News to our neighbours.

St Paul said in the second letter to the Corinthians: “I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake.” So, I pray for each one of us, as the followers of Jesus, that we might see the goodness of being weak in Christ. Because **when we are weak, Christ is strong within us.**

Stay safe and many blessings,
Mark Ha

The Updated Archdiocese Covid Protocol is available on our website to read. Please bring your mask when you come to Mass and observe the practise of hand sanitising and social distancing.

Thank you for your co-operation. We hope to create a safe environment for everybody.

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

JULY

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 6th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 7th: 9am Mass
Thurs 8th: 9.00 am Mass
Fri 9th: 9.15 am Mass
Saturday 10th: 9am Mass /Rosary
9.30am Recon
6pm Mass
Sunday 11th: 9am Mass 5pm
Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

3/4 JULY 2021

Church Cleaning

R & K Ison (5-9)

Welcomers

6pm Sr Marie

9am J McClelland

5pm D Ebejer

Commentator

6pm J Quigley

9am L Page

5pm S Ebejer

Readers:

6pm J Mackay

9am A Skinner

5pm M Devine

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm K Lovering

9am K Corbin

5pm M O'Neill

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

5pm J O'Sullivan.

REGISTRARS

6pm M Vidovic/Zdenka

9am P Jobes

5pm D Gorzalka

MORNING TEA

N Beatty & M deSmet

10/11 JULY 2021

Church Cleaning

B Favetta/J O'Neill (11-14)

Welcomers

6pm D Robinson

9am C Connell

5pm L Miller

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall

9am A Brown

5pm A Horsfall

Readers

6pm Sr Marie

9am B Basevi

5pm J O'Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm C Brownlie

9am L Stevens

5pm B Maynard

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

5pm . M O'Neill

REGISTRARS

6pm J McCarthy/Sr Marie

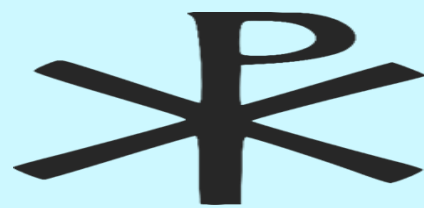
9am G Norris/ B Basevi

5pm M de Smet

MORNING TEA

L & N Page

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



Wisdom and Hope from Pope Francis

The “scourge” of the pandemic, the pope said in his remarks, *“has tested everyone and everything. Only one thing is more serious than this crisis, and that is the risk that we will squander it, and not learn the lesson it teaches. It is a lesson in humility, showing us that it is not possible to live healthy lives in an unhealthy world, or to go on as we were, without recognizing what went wrong.”*

Pope Francis also warned against the “senseless notion” that the world can go back to what it was, relying on *“false securities, habits and projects that aim exclusively at pursuing wealth and personal interests, while failing to respond to global injustice, the cry of the poor and the precarious health of our planet.”*

Christians too, he said, are called to reflect on whether *“we want to go back to doing what we did before,”* as the pandemic had not happened.

According to the Pope, the present crisis is an invitation to *“distinguish, discern and sift”* between what is enduring and what is passing.

Quoting the Apostle Paul, Francis said that what endures *“is love, because while everything else passes away, ‘love never ends.’”*

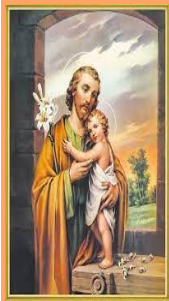
“Far from a romantic love, closed in on our personal feelings, desires and emotions, this love is concrete, modelled on that of Jesus,” the Pope said, adding that the Gospel promises abundant fruit not to those who acquire riches for themselves, or to those who seek their own advantage, but to those who generously share with others... *“We can withdraw into ourselves, seeking our own security and expediency, or we can be open to others, which entails risks but also God’s promised fruits of grace.”*

(Excerpts from Ines San Martin Rome June 28 2021)



Congratulations to Callum Evana and Violet on their Baptisms. Also congratulations to Kevin on his First Eucharist.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



Joseph man of dignity stretching out your arms embracing us in holiness reverencing your God.

Mary Jo Wells RSJ



NAIDOC Week July 4 - 11
provides an opportunity for all Australians to join in celebrating the culture and aspirations and hopes of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders.

This year the theme is short, sharp and challenging.
It is ‘Heal Country!’

It calls on all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. Heal Country has many meanings.

It can mean healing a country sacred to its people which has been vandalised by exploitation. It might also mean healing a divided nation which treats its original people so disrespectfully. At a deeper level, it might mean healing a blindness and lack of respect for what should be sacred. This blindness sees human beings as no more than individuals in a competitive economy, ignoring their personal value and the complex and subtle relationships through time and space that shape them. It shows a lack of respect, in particular for the relationship to environment, which puts at risk the future of all Australians through global warming.

The naming of the week and its emphasis belongs to the Aboriginal and Islander communities. But attending to the theme is the business all Australians, not simply the Indigenous. It is about forming the respectful and decent relationships that engender pride within communities. The Week is a time for engaging with one another, for recognising and celebrating the many ways in which pride has been built in Indigenous communities, and for pressing that in their relationships to people and to the environment governments and other institutions show the respect which opens out to healing.

(excerpts from Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ – *Parish Life E-Newsletter June 28*)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING DOT POINTS

- ⇒ Parish Feast Day is to be celebrated on Sunday 22nd August with the theme being *“The Multicultural Face of the Parish” with cultural dress, music and food.*
- ⇒ Parish Assembly to discuss the Plenary Council . Document text is available on our website to be read and discussed for community discernment.
- ⇒ The PPC acknowledges the contributions of the many volunteers who have assisted in the Parish with the installation of the benches, Youth Mass, Confirmation and the Archbishop’s visit and BBQ. Your valuable contribution is greatly appreciated.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, at the start of the new financial year, the details are as follows:

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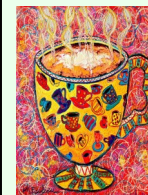
Remembering the Sick:

Eileen Hogg, Lois White, Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Rita Condon, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O’Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, 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

Death Anniversaries: Michael Guymer, Lynette Nunan, Dawn Latta, Doreen Walker, Mary Sellick, Kevin Smith, Filomena Favetta, Harry Golbach, Denis Johnson, Joyce Kalish,, Hazel Elliot, Evert Ordelman

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: Fr Brian Maher, Tony Walsh, Frank Rosin, Guiseppe Nibali, Erin Killmier, Harold Fox, Patricia O’Mahony, Jade Hammond, Gregory Murphy, George Rummery, John Victory, Greg McAleer, Marie London, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effeneey, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Anna Ordelman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O’Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara,



COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays after Mass.
All are welcome.

VENUE: Corrigans Cove

COFFEE N CHAT

URGENT NEED

Visitation and Holy Communion to Residents at the Glen; We need volunteers to visit and take Holy Communion to 12 Catholic Residents at the Glen on a fortnightly and/or monthly basis. **Requirements:** Love of elderly residents, current flu vaccination and WWCC - *free for all volunteers.* Training on 1:1 and resources available with Marie Weatherall at Parish Office. Ph: 0405 028 057



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