

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
First Reading Dt 4:1-2. 6-8
A reading from the book of
Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.
Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1
(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Second Reading
Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
A reading from the letter of St James
Be doers of the word.
It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.
Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.
The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’ He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
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The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is ‘words spoken in truth’. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite. Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a ‘church’ wedding because it is a religious event, or because ‘that’s the way we have always done it’? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.
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SAINTS OF THE WEEK
August 29: The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr—Memorial
September 3: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor—Memorial
September 5: St Mother Teresa of Calcutta - Memorial





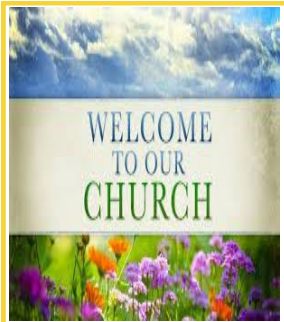
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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist



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 (3/9) 5:30pm Online

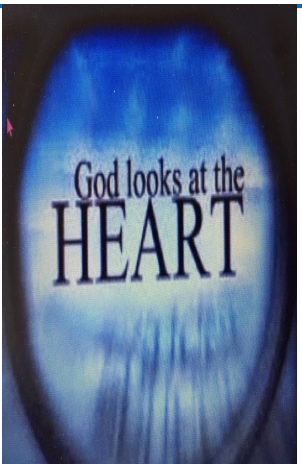
Charismatic Prayer Group - Friday (3/9) after morning mass.

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

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

How authentic are we? really?

Moses was very definite about ‘laying down the law on his deathbed!’ If we are honest I think many of us don’t particularly like being told what to do! Sometimes that means obeying the law!



The Law that Moses was speaking about was the same Law that had been around from the beginning of Genesis. It spoke about God’s loving protection and care for those whom God chose. I think it is difficult for us living in the 21st Century to relate to the **essence** of God’s law!

We may forget sometimes that Jesus was a Jew. He loved the Torah, (some translate it as Law but its meaning really meant, *a light that shows the way*) and like many of the Jews He could quote it word for word! But the difference between Him and the Pharisees was that His understanding of it was very different from theirs. *‘Their hearts are far from me’ (Isaiah)* Observance of the law is connected with **Wisdom** which is the ability to recognize the **TRUE** values of life. I guess God’s intention was for the Chosen People to be an example for all nations and so by the time Jesus’s words *‘By this shall the world know you are my disciples, that you love one another’* we would have it all sorted!!!!!!

The history of God’s people continues today! We often don’t get it! We can observe the laws of God outwardly but must remember it is with the intentions of the heart that is required! Jesus speaks very eloquently about what comes out of our heart in response to the outward display of cleanliness so practised by the Pharisees. James says it a bit differently, speaking to the people of his time. *‘Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.’* We may translate it with other examples of our time but the core of Jesus’ mission is to bring God’s Word **alive** in our hearts so that we are the true disciples pondering how we are a **light** to our families, our neighbours and the world?

Reflect on the beautiful words of the Psalm’s response: **‘The just will live in the presence of the Lord!’**

Then we can answer the question, Am I authentic or not?

God bless,

Sr Marie

**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. .

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Church and Parish
Office are closed this
week due to Covid
Protocols.**

**Please see Parish
Website for updated
Archdiocesan Covid
Protocol to
11.59pm Friday 10th
September 2021**

ROSTERS

Due to the extension
of the lockdown to
10th September, 2021
the rosters will not be
issued this week.

**PARISH
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

**If you would like
to join the Parish
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LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT 2021

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations.

The Social Justice Statement 2021-22 provides theological foundations to ground and inspire efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. The Statement reflects on creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life.

In the Statement, the Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by **seven Laudato Si' Goals**. These Goals are:

response to the cry of the earth;

response to the cry of the poor;

ecological economics;

sustainable lifestyles;

ecological spirituality;

ecological education;

and community engagement and participatory action.

The Statement especially encourages Catholic families, communities and organisations to: listen to the First Nations; reflect on the theological foundations offered in *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*; and plan their next steps towards the Laudato Si' Goals.

The full Social Justice Statement can be accessed:

[Social Justice Statement 2021-22 - Office for Social Justice \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/social-justice-statement-2021-22)



**To all who celebrated a birthday
in the month of August we wish
you a very Happy Birthday and
every blessing for the year ahead**

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,
Lexington, KY

BULLETIN The Parish bulletin is uploaded to
the Parish Website each week. It can be viewed at.
www.cg.org.au/batemansbay
The latest Protocols are also on the Website.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

*Parent Joseph:
Teach us to be for our
children a living
lesson of
goodness and
truth, a blessing
of hope for all
generations
to come. Amen*



**CHILDREN OF THE BLACK
SKIRT**

**In aid of Maranatha Lodge.
Saturday 18th September 2 pm
Ticket purchased by:Email: purplepowell@gmail.com
Phone: 0421 420 605**

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: Patricia Sweeney, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Maree Gregory, Bill Guist,

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, 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, 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

**PPC ONLINE MEETING
IN BRIEF**

**--With Extended Lockdown,
now until September 10th,
we encourage all Ministries/Team &
Group Leaders to please, keep in
touch with Ministries/Team &
Group members through 'Phone
Tree' at this time of isolation.**

**-All private prayer intentions should
be directed to Fr. Martins who
continues to offer Mass each day for
us all in the Presbytery Chapel.
He is also available for home visit to
the sick**

**-The Bulletin will continue to be
posted by email, the Websites and
through the Facebook page.
You may wish to pick up copies for
yourselves and others when you are
in town to pick up groceries.**

**-The Parish Zoom Account is
available for all groups for any
Online Activities.**

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