

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

First Reading *Is 6:1-8*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading *1 Cor 15:1-11*

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel

that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 5:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in

the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Fish in the Sea of Divine Life

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch. Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them? Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water. We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday 3rd: St Jerome
Emilliani, St Josephine Bakhita, virgin

Thursday 10th: St Scholastica

Friday 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes



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**FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF
THE WORD AND
THE EUCHARIST**

**This weekend we
welcome Fr Rex Curry
who will be providing
supply to our Parish
while Fr Martins is
away.
We warmly welcome
Fr Rex and hope his
time with us will be
enjoyable.**



**Church
Cenacle Prayer Tues @
4.45**

**Wrap With Love Tues
8th 10am-12 Meeting
Room**

**Cuppa with Mary
MacKillop Tuesday 8th
10am St Joseph's house**

**Good News Bible Study
Wednesday 9th
After 9am mass**

**Liturgy Team Meeting
Thurs 11th Feb 4pm
Meeting Room**

**Adoration Friday @
5.30pm**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

For many decades, the Catholic Church in Australia has taken part in National Bible Sunday organised on the third Sunday in July by Bible Society Australia. It is good that this is an ecumenical event since all Christian Churches hold the Scriptures in common. It is always listed among the special commemorations in the official *Ordo*, but I suspect in recent times it has been largely ignored in many Catholic parishes.



Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. This is why, many years ago, we moved the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to the time between Ascension and Pentecost, which is generally in May.

This raised the question of our date for the Sunday of the Word of God. It cannot easily be near to the Christian unity week because all the Sundays are taken up with Easter, Pentecost and the solemnities which follow. Should it coincide with National Bible Sunday in July? In any case, the Australian bishops have decided to keep it close to Pope Francis' day, so it will be the first Sunday in February. This means we can avail ourselves of any resources which the Holy See may produce.

The Importance of the Word of God

In fact, there were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his "living and tender love" of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time.

Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (*Dei Verbum* 21)." In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."

Extract from an article by Fr Tom Elich published in *Liturgy News*

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

FEBRUARY

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 8th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 9th: 9am Mass
Thurs 10th: 9.00 am Mass
Fri 11th: 9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 12th: 9am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation
6pm Mass
Sunday 13th: 9am Mass
5pm Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

5/6 FEBRUARY
Cleaning
7-11 Feb B Coffey & M Paine
6.00PM MASS
Commentator: J Quigley
Reader: P Billington
Eucharistic Ministers:
Sr Marie; Volunteer
Computer Screen
K Conway
REGISTRAR: P Jobs
9.00 AM MASS:
Commentator: A Brown
Reader: B Basevi..
Eucharistic Ministers
A Skinner, L Stevens
Computer Screen D May.
REGISTRAR M & S Beashel
5.00PM MASS:
Commentator A Horsfall
Reader: M O'Neill
Eucharistic Minister M Devine
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan
REGISTRAR: N Beatty
12/13 FEBRUARY
Cleaning
14-18 Feb R & K Ison
6.00PM MASS
Commentator: D Robinson
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
SrMarie, A Rogers
Computer Screen
K Conway
REGISTRAR G&MWeatherall
9.00 AM MASS:
Commentator L Page
Reader: A Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers
N Page C Schor
Computer Screen T Priest
REGISTRAR P Jobs
5.00PM MASS:
Commentator J O'Sullivan
Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers Volunteer
Computer Screen M O'Neill
REGISTRAR: M Devine
MORNING TEA
T van den Broek & P Jobs

PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CARE NEEDED

Can anyone assist? We still need two more people to be on a roster to visit and take Holy Communion to a couple in Lilli Pilli.
1:1 practical support and resources provided.
If you can help, please ring Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS

Wednesday 9th after 9.00 am Mass.
The Group's primary purpose is to enrich our participation in the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass by reading, reflecting on and discussing the Scriptures of the coming Sunday Mass.

ALL are welcome.
Convenor Joe Quigley
0404357744

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Cursillo is Spanish for a "little course" and provides an experience of Christian living over 3 days. Many have found a Cursillo weekend provides a new direction for being a Christian in today's world. Cursillo weekend in 2022:

WESTERN WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND
12th to 15th May, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong for further information contact Dianne Franks at dmfranks@bigpond.com or Mob: 0418619740

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Death Anniversaries: Brian O'Grady, Mirko Baresic, Jack McNamara, Louise Keeley, Pero Burum, Anna Ordelman, Marty Ward,

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:
Pat Delucey, John Hann, Lorina Lirio, Dermott, Joan Herne, Dr Bryan Chester, Lorraine Grace, Waine Williamson, Pat Cooper, Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Mula, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young, Isobel Evans, Michaeline Hutton, Ingeborg Fissler

Remembering the Sick:

Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, 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, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Kathryn King and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

BAPTISMS

Mia May
Oliver Norman
Maxwell Norman
Robert Hanson



GATHERING

‘Nourishing our Spirit!’

Conversation and Sharing with Loretta Parsley, local Aboriginal Elder at St Bernard's Church on **Tuesday February 15, 9-am -12-45pm.**
ALL WELCOME- bring a friend!
A cushion helps re seating & shared morning tea.
Cost= Free. Funded by 'Mary MacKillop today'.

Health Protocols will be in place, wear a mask, social distance, and QR/ sign in.
Bookings essential by Monday February 7th: Ph: Marie Weatherall
0405 028 057 or email:
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COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays after Mass.
Venue: Corrigan's Cove
All are welcome



COFFEE N CHAT

2022 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

You can read Pope Francis message below:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20211210_30-giornata-malato.html

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



Living in Hope

The Letter of St Paul to the people of Corinth last weekend spoke of the ‘three things that last – faith, hope and love.’ This week let us focus on Hope – a Christian virtue which we all need during these continuing challenging times, not necessarily just the pandemic but perhaps more broadly in each of our lives.

So much of life at present can seem ‘topsy turvy’ and uncertain. Looking for good news stories which bring smiles to our faces and warmth to our hearts can be challenging. Ash Barty winning the Women's Championship of the Australian Open by an Australian for the first time in 44 years has been a ray of hope along with the daily stories of the many everyday heroes here in our own community and more broadly, who simply make a difference in people's lives – bringing Hope.

An inspiration this week was a reflection of Joyce Rupp (a retreat leader and writer in spirituality) entitled Hope – Who are Your Life-Shapers? It reminded me of the many people, here in our Parish community, in our town and more broadly who influence our lives and of our potential to influence others through small gestures of Hope and daily encounters. Joyce says, ‘we create one another – we are intertwined with humanity and specifically with those persons whose presence shapes our lives and influences our destiny.’

Pope Francis is his most recent book ‘Let Us Dream’ has cited this poem related to the pandemic, from Cuban actor and comedian, Alexis Valdes

When the storm has passed and the roads are tamed and we are the survivors of a collective shipwreck,

With tearful heart and our dignity blessed we will feel joy simply for being alive.

And we'll give a hug to the first stranger and praise our good luck that we kept a friend.

And then we'll remember all that was lost and finally learn everything we never learned.

And we'll envy no one for all of us have suffered and we'll not be idle but more compassionate.

We'll value more what belongs to all than what was earned.

We'll be more generous and much more committed. We'll understand how fragile it is to be alive.

We'll sweat empathy for those still with us and those who are gone.

We'll miss the old man who asked for a buck in the market whose name we never knew who was always

at your side. And maybe the poor old man was your God in disguise. But you never asked his name

because you never had the time.

And all will become a miracle. And all will become a legacy. And we'll respect life, the life we have gained

When the storm passes we ask you Lord, in shame that you return us better, as you once dreamed

Us. AMEN

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 Operating Account**
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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 neighbours.
Amen.

Ursuline Sisters of Louisville
Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church

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