

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 14 Aug 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year C

First Reading *Jer 38:4-6. 8-10*

A reading from the prophet
Jeremiah

*You bore me to be a man of strife
for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to
the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to
death: he is unquestionably
disheartening the remaining
soldiers in the city, and all the
people too, by talking like this. The
fellow does not have the welfare of
this people at heart so much as its
ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you
know,' King Zedekiah answered
'for the king is powerless against
you.' So they took Jeremiah and
threw him into the well of Prince
Malchiah in the Court of the Guard,
letting him down with ropes. There
was no water in the well, only mud,
and into the mud Jeremiah sank.
Ebed-melech came out from the
palace and spoke to the king. 'My
lord king,' he said, 'these men have
done a wicked thing by treating the
prophet Jeremiah like this: they
have thrown him into the well
where he will die.' At this the king
gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the
following order: 'Take three men
with you from here and pull the
prophet Jeremiah out of the well
before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

2. He drew me from the deadly
pit, from the miry clay. He set my
feet upon a rock and made my
footsteps firm.

3. He put a new song into my
mouth, praise of our God. Many
shall see and fear and shall trust in
the Lord

4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me. You are my
rescuer, my help, O God, do not
delay!

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading *Heb 12:1-4*

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews

*Let us bear patiently the struggle
placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great
cloud on every side of us, we too,
then, should throw off everything
that hinders us, especially the sin
that clings so easily, and keep
running steadily in the race we have
started. Let us not lose sight of
Jesus, who leads us in our faith and
brings it to perfection: for the sake
of the joy which was still in the
future, he endured the cross,
disregarding the shameful of it,
and from now on has taken his
place at the right of God's throne.
Think of the way he stood such
opposition from sinners and then
you will not give up for want of
courage. In the fight against sin,
you have not yet had to keep
fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says
the Lord; I know them, and they
follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 12:49-53*

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

*I have come not to give peace, but
discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have
come to bring fire to the earth, and
how I wish it were blazing already!
There is a baptism I must still
receive, and how great is my
distress till it is over! 'Do you
suppose that I am here to bring
peace on earth? No, I tell you, but
rather division. For from now on a
household of five will be divided:
three against two and two against
three; the father divided against the
son, son against father, mother
against daughter, daughter against
mother, mother-in-law against
daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law
against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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I have come to bring fire

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest
bursts open the seed pods, cleanses
the soil of smothering undergrowth,
and returns nutrients to the soil to
germinate the seeds. It is that sort
of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.
So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy
Spirit '... like tongues of fire',
bursting the early disciples out of the
protective shell of the 'Upper Room',
allowing them to be germinated as
seeds of the early Church. It is the
same in every generation which has
to ask: What personal, family or
social situations provide a hard
casing which must be cracked open?
What is the smothering undergrowth
which prevents our germination as
fearless disciples? Jesus himself felt
smothered by the small-minded
people of Nazareth to which He
never returned. He warns that
families and good friends can try to
smother the spark He wishes to
ignite. We might pause for a moment
to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit
might enable us to become a stand
of tall trees reaching for the Risen
Son in all His glory.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 15th - The
Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Tuesday 16th- St
Stephen of Hungary

Friday 19th- St
John Eudes

Saturday 20th-St
Bernard

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For the celebration
of the Word and the
Eucharist

UPCOMING EVENTS

Choir Practice
Monday @ 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after Mass,
and 1st Saturday of the
month @ 9.30am

Parish Finance Meet-
ing Wednesday 17th
@5.30pm
Parish Office

PPC Meeting Thursday
18th @ 5pm Meeting
Room

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 31st August, @
1pm Meeting Room

Craft Group - 10am
Thursdays

"Enjoy the Good News"
Wednesday
after 9 am Mass

Adoration Tuesday @
4.30pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigan's Cove
All Welcome
COFFEE N CHAT

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK 15th August - Sunday 21st

Monday: *Feast of the Assumption -
Holy Day of Obligation*
Masses at 9.00am and 6.00pm

Tuesday: Adoration 4.30pm
Mass 5.30pm

Wednesday: Mass 9.00am

Thursday: Mass 9.00am

Friday: Mass 9.00am - *Feast of St Bernard*

Saturday: Reconciliation 9.30am
Vigil Mass 5.00 pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am



CELEBRATION OF JOSEPHITE SISTERS IN BATEMANS BAY

The weekend of the 14th, 15th and 16th of October, 2022 has been set
aside to celebrate 85 years of ministry by the Josephite Sisters in
Batemans Bay.

Whilst a full program will be advertised at a later date, we need to make
some bookings for a formal dinner on the Saturday night. To that end, there
is a sheet in the foyer of the Church on which you are asked to PRINT your
name and contact details and the number of people in your group.

The dinner will be held at Club Catalina on Saturday 15th October 2022
after Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass and will commence at 6.30pm at the Club.
The list will be available until the second Sunday in September after which
we are not able to take further bookings.

It will be a two-course meal and the costs will be determined by the
numbers attending and advised to you at a later date.

Fr Tom

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:

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

August 15th
Is a Holy Day of Obligation - Masses will be celebrated at 9am and 6pm



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children of the Parish are preparing for this celebration on the weekend of 17th & 18th September.

Parishioners please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for reception of this most sacred gift.

Parents please remember to sign off your attendance in the folder in the church foyer and bring your children forward for a blessing when you come to communion.



LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



August 8 heralds the celebration of the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop!

Mary is our Saint - a down to earth woman who 'saw a need and did something about it'!

Listening to the Readings and Prayers at Mass all leads to understanding that Mary is a Saint for our times.

Her grounded spiritual approach to life enabled her to travel to establish new foundations and to meet the needs of the sisters and the needs of the times. Her journeys took her to many places by many means of transport. As a woman of her time, she imbibed a remarkable knowledge of the land and the conditions that ordinary Australians endured. She responded with compassion and the 'down to earthness' which is the hallmark of the Josephite Sisters today. Mary responded to God by using her gifts.

Mary, like all of us, was given gifts to use for the Kingdom. It is up to us to discover them, to use them in our lives, not to hide them and refuse to acknowledge their worth.

Let us look at the gifts Mary had in her life:

1. Her faith enabled her to **accept** whatever happened as gifts from a loving Father.
2. Her faith encouraged her to **share** it, so that it would enrich the lives of others as well.
3. There was a **tenacity** about her that probably came from her Scottish genes, and a practical outlook on life. Her feet were firmly fixed on the ground.
4. Her **personality** drew others to her - not only young women, but those she met during her travels and her work, men, women and children. Mary obviously had a sense of humour.

The Solemn Blessing at the end of Mass is worthy of our reflection:
Through the example of St Mary of the Cross may we learn to recognise God's will for us and trust in God's providence.

May Mary's life of service awaken in us a deep respect for the poor and a strong will for justice.

May we share in her courage, see with the eyes of Christian love, and learn from her witness.



PRIEST HOME VISITS

If you would like me to come and visit you, please notify the office during working hours and leave your name and phone number.

Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions
AUGUST

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

13/14 AUGUST

Church Cleaning
Faveta O'Neill
Nugent
(15-19)

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer:
J Anderson
Commentator
D Robinson
Reader J Mackay
Eucharistic Minister
M Weatherall
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer
M deSmet
Commentator
B Basevi
Reader: A Brown.
Eucharistic Ministers
L Stevens ,
A Scicluna
Computer Screen
T Priest

MORNING TEA:

M Vidovic &
Zdenka

20/21 AUGUST

Church Cleaning
D & L May
(22-26)

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer:
K Conway
Commentator
D Robinson
Reader
M Weatherall
Eucharistic Ministers
M Devine
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Page
Commentator
N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
N Page, A Skinner
Computer Screen
D May

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

Post-Plenary Forum: What happened at the Plenary Council and where to from here...

Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will host a public forum, 7.30pm Wed 17 August in the Parish Centre, Transfiguration Parish, Curtin. Local Plenary Council participants (Sr Clare Condon, Msgr John Woods, Deacon Gavin Keating, Sally FitzGerald, Francis Sullivan) will reflect on what happened and where this leaves us as a Church.
All warmly invited.

Remembering the Sick:

Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, 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 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

HOLIDAYS

Fr Tom will be away for the weekends of the 3rd & 4th September and 10th & 11th of September. Fr John Walter will provide weekend masses over both weekends.

No weekday masses during this time

Liturgy of the Word and Communion will be advertised when available.



Aid to the Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA
A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home.

Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/construction

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill

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