

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time Year A**

**First Reading** *Is 49:3. 5-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.**

**Second Reading** *1 Cor 1:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is

their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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**Gospel Acclamation** *Jn 1:14. 12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Jn 1:29-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

**The Perfume of Holiness**

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off. We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off. Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God. So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.' But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis. We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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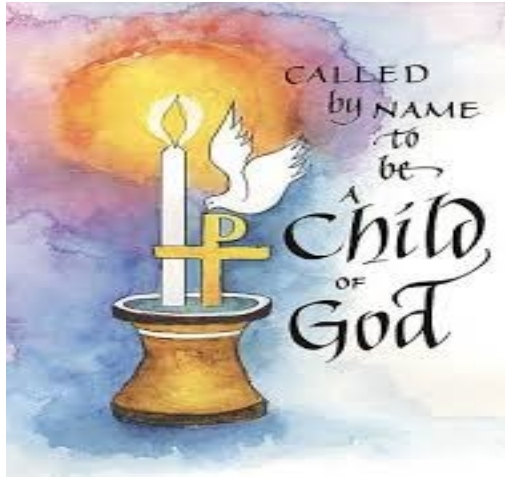
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**SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A**

**HERE I AM LORD – CALLED TO SERVE**



**Finding God in the Ordinary of Life**

This weekend marks the beginning of what the Church calls Ordinary Time! Every day as a follower of Christ – a person baptised into the life of Christ – is anything but ordinary.

The Responsorial Psalm reminds us of our Baptismal commitment –  
**'Here I am Lord: I come to do your will'.**

Where do we find God in order to do God's will?  
In the everyday of life – the ordinary matters of life. God is in each moment of our day waiting for us to recognise God – perhaps in the face of another person, especially one in need or in an event that interrupts our plans!

Ron Rolheiser OMI offers some valuable insights for us. Rolheiser tells us that interruptions are our real work! He invites us to 'look for the hand of God in our interruptions...these often appear as a conspiracy of accidents through which God guides and tutors us'. We are not in control. He goes on to say that 'Baptism means derailment. Christ baptises Peter on the rock when he tells him 'your life now is no longer your own...you have made a profession of love...to submit to love is to be baptised, to let our lives forever be interrupted.' (Rolheiser 2021)  
We are called forth by Baptism to serve – not only in our own Parish community but in the whole world as we were reminded in last week-end's Reading from Paul to the Ephesians 'it means that pagans now share the same inheritance' - the Magi symbolised the universality of God's kingdom.

Baptism and being members of the Church consecrate us for service.

**As we begin 2023 we pray for the grace and generosity of heart to continue to grow into our Baptismal Call in the ordinariness of life and to embrace the interruptions!**



**For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist**

**Upcoming Events**

**Choir Practice**  
**Monday @ 1pm**  
**Resumes 2023**

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

**Craft Group**  
**Thursdays 10am**  
**Resumes 2023**

**Adoration**  
**Tuesday @ 8am**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Resumes**  
**Thursday 2nd February**





## MASSES THIS WEEK Monday 16th— Sunday 22nd January

Monday 16th: NO MASS  
Tuesday 17th: Mass 9am  
Wednesday 18th: Mass 9am  
Thursday 19th: Mass 9am  
Friday 20th: Mass 9am  
Saturday 21st: Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 22nd: Mass 9am

### Offertory Procession

will be starting again this weekend.  
We welcome families to take up the gifts.

### ROSTERS

#### 14/15 JANUARY Cleaning

16-20 M DeSmet J  
Maher

#### 6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: P Jobs  
Commentator:  
P O'Kelly  
Reader: P Nolan  
Eucharistic  
Ministers  
K Lovering  
L Rodwell  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran  
Commentator .  
A Brown  
Reader:  
D Herring  
Eucharistic  
Ministers  
C Schor A Scicluna  
Computer Screen  
T Priest

#### MORNING TEA:

N Beatty

#### 21/22 JANUARY

##### Cleaning

23-27 Feb Coffey &  
Paine

#### 6.00PM MASS

Welcomer:  
D Robinson  
Commentator:  
M Bridges  
Reader: J Mackay  
Eucharistic  
Ministers  
A Rogers M Devine  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet  
Commentator  
L Page  
Reader: B Basevi.  
Eucharistic  
Ministers  
M & C Lowe  
Computer Screen  
D May.

#### MORNING

##### TEA:

N Beatty



### OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST, FATHER LOI

Fr Loi says thank you for the warm welcome he has received here at St Bernards and he looks forward to 'Walking Together' with us on our faith journey.

**NAME TAGS** As we welcome Fr Loi to our Parish please wear nametags which are next to the Piety Stall in the foyer. If your name is not there could you please write it on the sheet which will be on the bench below. Please return them to the rack at the conclusion of Mass.



**Welcome Back** to the Parish Staff as they return to the office. Marie Weatherall (Pastoral Care) will be in Tuesday. Roslynne Trompp (Parish Secretary) will be in Wednesday and Thursday. We trust they will be refreshed after their time away.

**THANK YOU St. Bernard's St. Vincent De Paul Conference** would like to thank the following for their generous support of our Christmas Appeal: Parishioners gifted us with \$2,215 and KMart Gift cards for presents; St. Bernard's School and Mini Vinnie's: \$830, Carroll College: \$795-54, Soldiers Club: \$2000 & Ray White toys which were distributed to families and Pivot Point Uniting Care families. This allowed us to support 60 families and 120 gifts for children. A tremendous effort by all.

### PIETY SHOP

Columbian Calendars, Children's books are now available from the Piety Shop  
We also have 2023 Daily Mass Books for sale-\*

#### Join the Pastoral Care Team going to the residents at the Glen.

We have 7 Catholic Residents at the Glen and 4 at The Manor who look forward to a visit and HC.

We need one person to join our team and to go once a month to the Glen And The Manor Orientation to the Glen and The Manor 1:1 training provided and all resources.

Phone Carolyn 0400 021 119 or Marie W 0405 028 057



We extend a very warm welcome to those who may be visiting our Parish over the summer.

We hope you enjoy our church and our town.

As you return to your homes please travel safely



#### From Sr Marie

My treatment is progressing and Professor Ho is very happy with it. Thank you very much for your continued prayers, care, concern and love. I feel it every day. You are all in my prayers daily. God bless

#### His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Pell, for comfort and consolation for his family and for all of those who loved him and are grieving him at this time

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#### Remembering the Sick:

Sr Marie McAlister, 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, 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, those in hospital and nursing homes.

**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:** Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Michael Thornton, Barbara Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White



#### The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. *Amen*

### Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

#### January

#### For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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