

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

First Reading *Is 58:7-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your light will shine like the dawn.
Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, ‘I am here.’ If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour.
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading *1 Cor 2:1-5*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great ‘fear and

trembling’ and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 5:13-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Salty and Radiant

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. ‘You’ is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving. Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord’s scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot. How are we light for the cosmos? By ‘good works’? No, a truer translation is by ‘beautiful works’. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works. We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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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**

**ENJOY THE
GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays
after 9am Mass
Parish Meeting
Room**

**Craft Group
Thursdays 10am**

**NO ADORATION
TUESDAY 7TH
FEBRUARY**

**COFFEE CLUB
Venue: Corrigan's
Cove All are
welcome**

WORD of GOD SUNDAY —YEAR A

KEEP YOUR SALT FRESH

This weekend we are encouraged to examine our attitude towards the Word of God. In other words the Bible. In this regard I'd like to draw your attention to a particular metaphor Jesus uses in today's gospel, Matthew 15: 13.

Metaphors can be tricky at times. If I were to say: “Bob Kennedy is the salt of the earth,” you'd probably take me to mean: “Bob is a great bloke.” An English Language Dictionary on the other hand might define the phrase as meaning: “Perfect, one of the Elect, the worthiest and most honest of all human beings”. The Dictionary might even quote Matthew 5:13 where Jesus told his disciples: “**You are the salt of the earth.**”

Matthew inserts Jesus's metaphor straight after the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus had just described those who would be the Blessed/Happy in his Kingdom of the Spirit. They were the poor in spirit, the gentle, those who mourned, those who hungered for what is right, who thirsted for God's merciful love and those who were peacemakers. Each one of these Beatitudes could be the subject of a sermon in itself!

Jesus knew as he enunciated these virtues he would face the opposition of those whose vested interests he threatened. What he proposed flew in the face of what the Jewish elite sought - power, possessions, prestige. Jesus's way of life would lead to the cross (but also to his resurrection). He asks his followers not to be deterred by prosecution. They have a mission. After He has gone they will be like salt affecting the whole of mankind.

You see this is where metaphors can be tricky. Anyone of us who has tried to be a gardener knows that salt is the last chemical compound we want in the soil.

The Greek word ‘ge’ used by Matthew occurs 250 times in the New Testament. Depending on the context it can mean; earth, soil, ground, land, region and humankind (i.e. All those who live on Earth). Because of the incompatibility between salt and soil, Jesus is not referring to agriculture. He wants us to concentrate on two uses of common domestic salt, which we practice every day. It can be a preservative and a taste enhancer.

The disciples will be like salt when they preserve the teachings of Jesus, the Word made Flesh. Before refrigeration housewives would protect fish and meat against decay by smothering them with salt, hence we still have kippers and bacon today. We try on a daily basis to keep the teachings of Jesus fresh in our consciousness.

The way we adhere to those teachings in our daily lives will act as a condiment that will make them tasty/attractive as a way of life to all those with whom we mix on any given day.

We can make Jesus's life attractive to the whole world.

How does my saltiness measure up?

Joe Quigley





MASSES THIS WEEK Monday 6th - Sunday 12th February

Monday 6th: No Mass
Tuesday 7th: Mass 9am
Wednesday 8th: Mass 9am
Thursday 9th: Mass 9am
Friday 10th: Mass 9am
Saturday 11th: Vigil 6pm
Sunday 12th: Mass 9am

Fr John Walter will be celebrating
Mass on Tuesday 7th, Thursday
9th and Friday 10th February.

ROSTERS

4/5 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

6-10 Favetta, O'Neill,
Nugent

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer M Devine
Commentator M
Bridges
Reader P O'Kelly
Eucharistic
Ministers
J Wain C Brownlie
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer J
McClelland
Commentator . B
Basevi
Reader: A
Skinner
Eucharistic
Ministers
V & C Burns
Computer Screen T
Jackson

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel, L
Foran

11/12 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

13-17 D & L May

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: J
Anderson
Commentator: M
Weatherall
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic
Ministers
K Lovering M
Devine
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

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

MORNING TEA:

Volunteer/J
Barroman

Sunday, February 5th 2023 marks
50 years since Saint Christopher's
consecration as the Cathedral
Church of the Archdiocese.

Sunday, February 5th 2023 –
11:00am

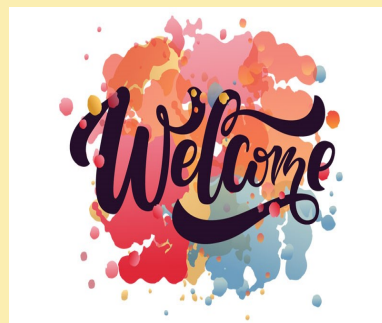
St Christopher's
Anniversary Mass &
A Reception Celebration
Following Mass – Haydon Hall

*A year of celebrations and events is
organised for the following 12 months,
with a 'More Formal' Archdiocesan
gathering with Archbishop
Christopher on the 17th of March
2023, the Solemnity of Saint
Patrick.*

Details to be published soon.

The Parish would like to
extend a very warm
welcome Fr Renoir Oliver

Fr Renoir will be arriving
next weekend and staying
with us for a few weeks.



Welcome to St Bernard's

RECONCILIATION

Beginning on Saturday 4th
February, Reconciliation will be held at 4.30 pm.

Please make a note of this in your diaries

Pastoral Care Gathering Invitation: on Tuesday Feb 14
Patrick [Paddy] McGrath, St Vincent de Paul Director of
Community Engagement and Spirituality will facilitate
sessions on: **The Wounded Healer – in our Woundedness
we become a Source of Life.**

Registration: 9-15am for 9-30am start – 12noon in the
Church Meeting Room. Cost Free. BYO shared morning tea.
Booking Essential by Tuesday Feb 7 Marie Weatherall 0405
028 057 or Carolyn Evenden 0400 021 119. **ALL WELCOME**

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.

Aged Parishioners who belong to St. Bernard's need Visit and Holy Communion
Are you able to help once a month? We provide Pastoral Service to 5 Aged Care
Facilities a total of 46 residents.

They belong to our Faith Community and they need our outreach. I need the following
once a month on a roster :
2 for Maranatha; 1 for the Manor and 1 for the Glen. All resources and guidance given
on 1:1.

Please consider this request. Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057.

Lenten Program

God is on the Journey too:

All are welcome

to attend the **Lenten Programme**
beginning on each

Wednesday February 22 – March 29
after the 9am Mass in the Church
Meeting Room.

A good way to prepare with other like
minded people for the Lenten Journey to
Easter.

We ask a \$5 donation for the booklet if
you are able. *Any enquires contact:*
Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057.

WRAP WITH LOVE

begins 10am-12noon on Tuesday 14th February in
the Batemans Bay Library. The following meeting
will be on Wednesday 22nd February, 1pm-3pm in
the Church meeting room.
Newcomers are welcome.

Enquires: Jenny 0414 664 077

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop Tuesday
February 21, 10 AM at Marie & Greg
Weatherall's home.

All welcome
[0405 028 057.](tel:0405028057)

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS

Prayer and Scripture Study Group

meets every Wednesday after the 9am Mass in
the Parish Meeting Room. We study the
Gospel Reading of the upcoming
Sunday Mass.

Facilitator Joe Quigley
0404357744

Remembering the Sick:

Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, 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 Evenden, 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: Christopher Horsfall, Dawn
Millman, Mara Pranjic, 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 to-
gether with the disciples on
the road to Emmaus, draw-
ing 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

February

For Parishes

We pray that parishes,
placing communion at
the centre, may
increasingly become
communities of faith,
fraternity and welcome
towards those most in
need.

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