

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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**First Reading** *Jer 20:10-13*  
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*  
Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, “Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!” But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.’  
The Word of the Lord  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v.14*  
**(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.  
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.  
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures.  
**(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

**Second Reading** *Rom 5:12-15*  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*  
Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long

before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.  
The Word of the Lord  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Jn 15:26, 27*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Mt 10:26-33*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*  
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. ‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’  
The Gospel of the Lord  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate  
**House-tops and Sparrows**  
Our Gospel reads: ‘... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.’ But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says ‘not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.’ Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator’s love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death. Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century. One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today’s Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does ‘Do not be afraid’ really sound to them? So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today’s Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.  
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**12th SUNDAY**

**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR A**

**Upcoming Events**

**Choir Practice**  
**1PM Mondays**

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

**ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS**  
**Wednesdays after 9am Mass**

**Wrap With Love**  
**Wednesday 28th June @ 1pm CMR**  
**All Welcome**

**Craft Group**  
**Thursdays 10am**

**ADORATION**  
**TUESDAY @ 8AM**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans Cove**  
**All are welcome**

**“Do not be afraid...”**

The readings from the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sundays remind us that we are never alone, “*I am with you always...*” and have an emphasis on the love God demonstrates and indeed, has for each of us.

This week however, the readings suggest that whilst we should feel secure in what we have heard previously, we need to be aware that we may be faced with what could be regarded as our own human roadblocks or limitations. We can also be confronted by challenges thrown up by issues surrounding us- media attention, societal pressures, social media to name a few. It would seem that some people in Old Testament times faced challenging issues too.

This is evident in the reading from Jeremiah whose frustration/ anguish is strongly reflected as he states he is aware of and feels “*disparaged*” in his quest of spreading the “*faithfulness*” of God.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul establishes a link between Adam and Jesus. He talks about one man (Adam) being the conduit between sin and one man (Jesus) saving/rescuing us even though we are sinners. Another reminder that we are loved and also a reminder of the faithfulness of God.

“Do not be afraid,” the opening statement of the Gospel should be a reminder to us that Jesus looks at our humanity through His eyes and sees our worries, fears and uncertainties. That same phrase is repeated. It is as though we are reminded again to “**fear no one**”, as we are loved and cared for by God. We are to trust in God’s faithfulness as we endeavour to be disciples.

In being Gospel messengers we may encounter opposition, and experience fear. We are encouraged to persevere, be steadfast and trust. Knowing that fear can be / is a powerful motivator we need to be strong and understand that the words and actions of others should not control our choices. God is with us in difficult times. We sometimes forget to look for and/or seek God.

**Do I sometimes do nothing for fear of criticism or rejection?**  
**Am I afraid to stand up and be counted?**

Rather than seeing the readings as only being relevant to “back then and there” can we recognise them as being relevant to the hear and now - the future of the Church or indeed the world? None of us can do it all but we each can do something.

Joyce Rupp in her book, *Inviting God In* leaves us with the following:

**“ Kind and loving God  
fill me with the courage and inspiration  
to let go of my insecurities  
when they keep me from following You.  
May I become more trusting of your care for me.”**

*Ken and Carolyn Evenden*





## MASS THIS WEEK

### Monday 26th June

### Sunday 2nd July

**Monday 26th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 27th:** Mass 9am  
**Wednesday 28th:** Mass 9am  
**Thursday 29th:** Mass 9am  
**Friday 30th:** Mass 9am  
**Saturday 1st:** Mass 5pm  
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm  
**Sunday 2nd:** Mass 9am

### Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

### ROSTERS

#### 24/25 JUNE Cleaning

26/6-1/7 Favetta/O'Neill/Nugent

#### 5.00PM MASS Confirmation

Welcomer P Jobes  
 Commentator School  
 Reader: School  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 School  
 Computer Screen  
 School

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer C Connell  
 Commentator N Beatty  
 Reader: A Skinner  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 A Skinner, S Beashel  
 Computer Screen D  
 May.

#### MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

#### 1/2 JULY Cleaning

3-7 D & L May

#### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder  
 Commentator: P  
 O'Kelly  
 Reader: J Mackay  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Y Oerder, L Rodwell  
 Computer Screen J  
 O'Sullivan

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

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

#### MORNING TEA:

Filipino Community

## MUSICIANS NEEDED

If you can play keyboard, organ or guitar it would be great to have more musicians on the roster for Mass.  
 All offers gratefully received.  
**Thank you.**

Please contact Phil Billington (0428593191)



Beginning on the 4th July (first Tuesday in July) Mass will be celebrated at 5pm.  
**There will be no 9am Mass.**

**Adoration will be @ 4pm**

### VISITATION & HC NEEDED FOR

Couple in Sunshine Bay

If you are able to assist please ring Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057 ASAP

### CONVENT GARDEN WORKING BEE THANK YOU

We thank John, Dave, Matthew, Christine, Mick, Bernie and Marie for your wonderful help.

### ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE—EDEN—2023

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites you to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on **Saturday 19th August.**

Archbishop Christopher will lead the pilgrimage leaving from St Christopher's Cathedral at 7.30am on Saturday 19th August and travel to Eden by private vehicle.

#### A summary of the program for the day:

• 11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.

• 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests

**1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. An occasion to share fellowship with other pilgrims.**

As we are organising lunch, it would be appreciated if you could advise if you are attending so catering can be arranged, please book in via our website [Catholic Parish Pambula](#) or on the following link [Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#) If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us. You can contact either Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) or Bernadette (0429 774 119)

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## St Vincent de Paul News

We wish to **Thank all Parishioners** for your very generous donation to our Winter Appeal.

**You gifted us with \$2,315** which will help those disadvantaged in our local community.

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### St Vincent de Paul needs people to join our Conference Team.

We are serving more people than ever and need help.

Perhaps you can spare some time to help continue our good works in Bateman's Bay.

#### Enquiries:

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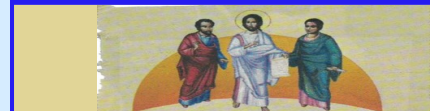
Dave May [m] 0408 627 854.

### CONFIRMATION 2023

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 18 BOYS AND GIRLS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR CONFIRMATION ON SATURDAY 24TH June.**



May you always retain the wonder and enthusiasm of being reborn in the Holy Spirit.



### 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**

#### Remembering the Sick:

Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter 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, 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, 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:** Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Linda Russell

## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions June

### For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



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**BBECET** Meeting to pray for our young people will be held on Monday 3rd July, 5-5.30 pm at the Anglican Church. **All are welcome**