

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord
R Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading *Romans 12:1-2*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your be-

haviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord
R Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 16:21-27*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ©

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

'Get behind me, Satan'

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus wanted him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love. First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death. The temptation to avoid that dreadful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, follow me.' We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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**TWENTY SECOND
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

Croatian Mass Saturday 2nd
September 11am All welcome

First Eucharist Celebration
Mass Sunday 10th September
9am

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 12th September @
10am B/Bay Library All are
welcome

PPC Meeting Thursday 14th
September 5pm Meeting
Room

Craft Group Thursdays 10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS @
4pm

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

GOD HAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS

Today I'd like to concentrate on the reading from the prophet Jeremiah
(20: 7-9)

Jeremiah was born c625BC into a priestly Jewish family, He was a shy man and unlikely prophetic material. He was given the tough job by God to preach dire warnings to a succession of Jewish Kings and their court officials. He warned that the gradual descent into a decadent & corrupt way of life in the royal court and even among the Temple officials would bring destruction to Jerusalem and the deportation of the citizens to Babylon, the capital of Mesopotamia (present day Iraq).

The self-satisfied elite had no ear for his persistent calls for moral reform and scoffed at the possibility of Babylonian forces overcoming Israeli soldiers. Jeremiah insisted that they were deceiving themselves. They would be better off to compromise with the Babylonians, otherwise they would be punished by God for their sinful conduct. Jeremiah was labelled traitorous but sadly he lived to see the inevitable fall of Jerusalem and the cream of Jewish youth slaughtered. And the women and children taken into exile.

Jeremiah himself went into exile in Egypt from where he wrote a letter (Chapter 29) to the deported Jewish population in Babylon. In it he urged them to accept their fate, settle down, marry and dedicate themselves to a truly domestic life. They were to pray for Babylon because its welfare would determine their own. There was no room for resentment. And eventually their exile would not last forever.

How remarkable this advice must have seemed to the more bellicose Jewish leadership. Jeremiah offers a broader view of humanity. His optimism would be complemented by the next great prophet, Ezekiel, who envisaged a more mobile God than the hemmed in vision of previous generations. This God of the nations would not be restricted to the land of Israel. God was to be found wherever the heart turned to him in love.

The mention of love brings me back to the anguish in today's reading from Jeremiah:
"You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced."

Never has a prophet spoken such bold and daring language! Could we ever imagine ourselves using such language in our prayers? Even when we think God has not given us a fair deal?

Would we be prepared to admit that we let it happen? Don't be too hard on yourself. Jeremiah tried to escape his Tremendous Lover's command. "I will forget the Lord and no longer speak his name" but the Lord's message is a fire burning deep within him. He tries to hold it in but can no longer hold it back. That is the mystery of Divine Love and Love of the Divine.

At our Baptism we each became a Christian. We were anointed by the Holy Spirit. We became part of the Body of Christ, who was anointed Priest, Prophet and King.

We are all, by God's grace, Prophets of the Lord.

Joe Quigley



MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 4th September

Sunday 10th September

Monday 4th: No Mass

Tuesday 5th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 6th: Mass 9am

Thursday 7th: Mass 9am

Friday 8th: Mass 9am

Saturday 9th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm

Sunday 10th: Mass 9am

**Fr John will be celebrating Mass @
9am on Thursday 7th September.**

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

ROSTERS

2/3 SEPTEMBER Cleaning

4-8 Favetta/O'Neill/
Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator: M
Weatherall:
Reader: M Bridges
Eucharistic Ministers
Y Oerder, C.Brownlie
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den
Broek
Commentator D
Robinson
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers
L Stevens, L Page
Computer Screen T
Priest

MORNING TEA:

Filipino Community

9/10 SEPTEMBER

Cleaning

11-15 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: M Devine
Commentator: S
Ebejer
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
K Lovering, M
Bridges
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer School
Commentator . School
Reader: School
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain, S Beashel
Computer
Screen TBA

MORNING TEA:

J Barroman/G
Berryman

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES FOR SUMMERTIME

Please note Saturday Mass will revert to 6pm on
Saturday 30th September.
PLEASE PUT A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES.

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop

will be at the home of Mary O'Neill on Tuesday
September 12, 10am – 11 am

All welcome.

Enquiries: Mary 0403 147 242

Need transport: Ring Marie 0405 028 057

Thank you Convent Working Bee Team

who weeded and tidied up convent area:
John K, Christian D, Matthew C, Lisa & Vaughan N.
Your help was really appreciated.



BBECET MEETING

will be held at the
Anglican Church on
Monday 4th September at
5pm.

**All are welcome to come
along and pray for our
High School children.**

Father's Day Appeal – Collection for retired priests:

Please give
generously to the Father's
Day Appeal conducted at
all Masses this weekend.
Special envelopes are
provided in the church and
donors will be issued with a
tax deductible receipt.
Donations can also be
made at
[www.cgatholic.org.au/
donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)

THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS CONFERENCE HAVE RELEASED THE 2023-2024 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:

**“LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE – A
New Engagement with Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander
Peoples” last weekend on Social
Justice Sunday.**

Copies are in the Church Foyer and
there is a copy attached to this email.
Online link is: [Social Justice State-
ment 2023-24 - Office For Justice,
Ecology and Peace \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/social-justice)

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER AS WE ARE ATTENDING A DEANERY
DAY IN
NAROOMA**

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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PRESENT AND EMERGING**

FATHER'S DAY 2023 SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Happy Father's Day to all our
incredible dads.

We extend our heartfelt wishes
to all the fathers who embody
the love and wisdom of our
Heavenly Father. Your devotion
to your families reflect the
unconditional love that God
showers upon us. Let us also
remember Joseph, the earthly
father of Jesus, who faithfully
cared for and protected his
family. May your journey of
fatherhood be guided by faith,
patience, and the grace of God.

And to those who provide
fatherly guidance, may God's
blessings be upon you as well.

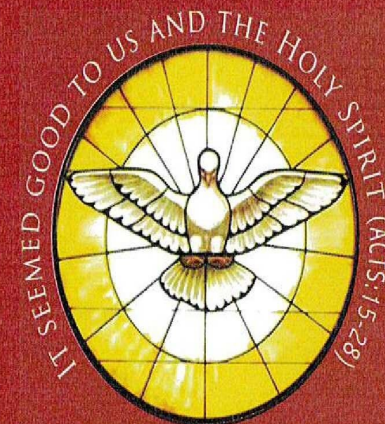


Remembering the Sick:

Maria de Rocco, Pam Wilson, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, 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 Odlum, 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: Julie McDonald, Tony Plascak, 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



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions

September

**For people living on
the margins**

We pray for those persons
living on the margins of
society, in inhumane life
conditions; may they not
be overlooked by
institutions and never
considered of lesser
importance.

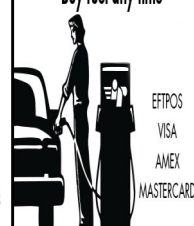


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