

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A
First Reading

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10
A reading from the prophet Malachi
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 130*
(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.
(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.
Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News

to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 23:9, 10
Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 23:1-12*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
They do not practise what they preach.
Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Titles and Burdens**
There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives. Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles. In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30) If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens. Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.
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**THIRTY-FIRST
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**

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop
Tuesday 14th November
10-11am @ Nola and Bernie
Beatty's home All welcome**

**Wrap With Love Tuesday
14th November B/Bay
Library
All are welcome**

**PPC Meeting Thursday 23rd
November @ 5pm CMR**

Craft Group Thursdays 10am

**ADORATION TUESDAYS @
4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
(breaks for 2023 on 7/12)
All are welcome**

PAUL IS AN EXEMPLARY LEADER

We in Australia are familiar with the Tall Poppy Syndrome. In fact we have a reputation for being knockers of successful or prominent people. Some social scientists put it down to an ingrained national fear and/or suspicion of successful people. Others, more generously, attribute it to the experiences of the ANZACs in WW1. Although excellent infantrymen they were not so keen on the British officers who tried to impose such strict military discipline that the Diggers sought to cut them down to size. The incompetence of the military High Command and the poppies covering the corpses in Flanders Fields gave a bitter edge to the criticism by the other ranks of their "betters".

Malachi, speaking on behalf of the Lord, denounces the Jewish priests for betraying the Covenant as it applied to priests. "You are vile and contemptible in the eyes of the whole people." (Malachi 2:9) In another verse he uses more degrading language. "I will punish your children and rub your faces in the dung of the animals you sacrifice." (Malachi 2:3) The Diggers would have cheered Malachi on.

Jesus is equally as scathing when he exposes the hypocrisy of the scribes and the Pharisees. In their interpretation of the Law he said "They tie up heavy burdens on men's shoulders but will they lift a finger to help? No, not they. Everything they do is for show."

The Diggers would have called them "One Trick Ponies" and Fake as well.

The stories of misbehaviour by the elites of Jewish society, in particular the priests, the scribes and the Pharisee in the centuries after the Jews return from exile in Babylon make for sad reading. But let them not lead us into thinking we were never that bad. We are all sinners in our own way.

How I have resisted God's grace only my conscience can tell but let me not be presumptive. Sometimes I need to hear the strong words of Malachi and Jesus in order to have a good hard look at my own moral shortcomings..

Paul when writing to the Thessalonians in Macedonia, about twenty years after the death of Jesus, describes himself as a missionary who cared for his recently converted Christians. What a contrast there is in the language Paul uses, in all humility, to describe his relationship with his Thessalonian converts.

"Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our own lives as well."
(Thessalonians 2:7)

Very few of us are called to be missionaries in the footsteps of Paul. However, in our daily lives, particularly in our families, where we are devoted and protective towards our own children, wouldn't it be great if we were eager to hand over to them the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Not necessarily by teaching and instruction but by the power of our example?

We wouldn't want to be labelled hypocrites like the scribes and the Pharisees were by Jesus, would we?

Joe Quigley



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 6th November

Sunday 12th November

Monday 6th: No Mass

Tuesday 7th: Mass 5pm

Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 8th: Mass 9am

Thursday 9th: Mass 9am

Friday 10th: Mass 9am

Saturday 11th: Mass 6pm

Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm

Sunday 12th: 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

4/5 NOVEMBER Cleaning

6-10 R & K Ison
6.00PM MASS
Welcomer j Anderson
Commentator: S Ebejer
Reader : J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
C.Brownlie
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer T van den Broek

Commentator B Basevi
Reader: L Page
Eucharistic Ministers
N Page, L Stevens,
Computer Screen D May.
MORNING TEA:
Filipino Community

11/12 NOVEMBER

Cleaning

13-17 Favetta/O'Neill/
Nugent

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer C. Brownlie
Commentator: P O'Kelly
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Minister
K Lovering
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers
C Schor, K Corbin
Computer Screen T Priest
MORNING TEA:
N & L Page

Memorial Book



Just a reminder that if you would like to add a name to the Memorial Book, please let the Parish Office know so that we can attend to it

PARISH COFFEE CLUB

The Coffee Club will finish for the year on Thursday December 7th and will resume next year on Thursday February 1st, 2024



WRAP WITH LOVE

Will have their end of year afternoon tea on Wednesday 29th November 1-3pm in the Church Meeting Room

ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us for an ongoing Rosary via Zoom.

TO JOIN:

Meeting No: 697 896 1059
Password: 8Py80J

Every Wednesday &
Friday @ 4pm
Every night @ 8.30pm



PARISH SAFEGUARDING ZOOM MEETING

Wednesday 8th November @11am

Maria Hicks from IPPS will hold a meeting which will include discussion around the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Standards, risk assessments and ongoing training opportunities.

ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY
RECOMMENDED FOR ALL
PARISH VOLUNTEERS.

Join Zoom Meeting

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

St Bernard's Parish is having a Memorial Service to remember those who have died in the past 18 months 2022 – 2023. This will take place on Tuesday November 21 beginning at 10am in St Bernard's Church followed by morning tea.

During our Memorial Service we would like to remember the names of those who died in this period and their Families. **We hope you can come and join us at this special Memorial Service.**

Advent program for 2023

The first session of the Advent program will begin on Wednesday 29th November and will run for the following three Wednesdays—6th, 13th, 20th November.

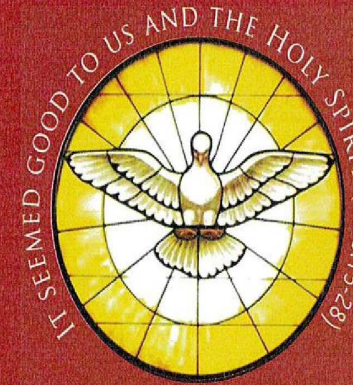
9.30-11am in the Church Meeting Room.

Facilitated : *Marie Weatherall*
For info ph: 0405 028 057

CLERGY RETREAT

Fr Loi will attend the Annual Clergy Retreat from Tuesday 14th—Friday 17th November.

There will be NO MASSES held instead there will be LITURGY of the WORD for that week.
NORMAL MASS WILL RESUME
ON SATURDAY 18TH AT 6PM



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

NOVEMBER

For The Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit .



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BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Hudson McGrath into our faith community through the waters of baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon him on this baptism day and always.

