

LITURGY OF THE WORD Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing

as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *James 1:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’ He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from

outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Holiness: Contagion not Quarantine

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with ‘unclean’, ‘defiling’ foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person. On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes ‘holiness’. We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this? By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas. We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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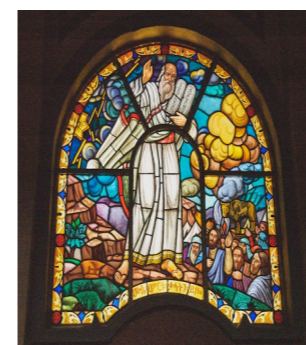
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Twenty-Second Week in ORDINARY TIME Year B



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and
fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 10th September
10am BB Library

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Croatian Mass Saturday
7th September 11am

Cuppa with Mary
MacKillop Tuesday 3rd
September 10am @ the
home of Mary Lowe (note
change of venue)
0439 609 248

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church Meeting
Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

Don't Mess with The Law

The book Deuteronomy (The Second Law) was written a couple of centuries after Moses had died (c 1270BCE). Moses, the gifted recipient of God's Law, was prevented from entering the Promised Land but that's a story for another day!

However, the manuscript was only discovered in 622BCE in the Temple Archives. King Josiah tasked his scribes to edit it so it could be faithful to The Law given to Moses by God in the Exodus. He wanted to use it as the basis for his political and religious reforms through which he sought to create a people united around Jerusalem. Like Moses King Josiah didn't live to reach his goal, it was not until c400BCE that Deuteronomy was finally included in the Torah, the basic Jewish Law in five volumes, also known as the Pentateuch.

This brief history of how Deuteronomy came to be published flies in the face of what Moses is reported to have said in today's First Reading (Deuteronomy 4:2)

“You must add nothing to what I command you and take nothing from it.”

The Ten Commandments as printed in Exodus (20: 1-17) are repeated in Deuteronomy (5: 6-21).

In the next chapter (6:4) the author inserts

The Great Commandment.

“Israel remember this! The Lord - and the Lord alone - is our God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Interestingly when Jesus was asked by a Scribe which is the greatest commandment (Mark 12: 28) he quoted Deuteronomy 6:4. However he immediately added (quoting Leviticus 19:18)

“The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

In effect Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, reduced The Law to five words.

Love God. Love your neighbour.

By contrast we have the Pharisees, a fundamentalist religious group within Judaism that emerged when John Hyrcanus 1 (164 – 104BCE) was High Priest and ruler of Judea. They strongly upheld that the Law of Moses was in need of interpretation. They admitted to a second “oral law” which mitigated and explained various features of the original Law. As an elite group of observant Jews they considered themselves (naturally) best qualified to take on this task. And “police” them!

By the time John the Baptist and Jesus were preaching in Palestine just over a century later the Pharisees had built such a body of new laws, prescriptions and statutes that a legalistic mentality smothered religious beliefs with external regulated practices..

John and Jesus saw how power and prestige had corrupted the Pharisee leadership and called them out.

Brood of vipers! Hypocrites!

Let us take to heart the advice of the first Bishop of Jerusalem, James, given in today's Second Reading.

“Accept and submit to the Word which has been planted in you and you can save your souls. But you must DO what the Word tells you and NOT JUST LISTEN TO and deceive yourselves.” (James 1: 19 & 20)

Joe Quigley



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd—Sunday 8th Sep

- Monday 2nd: No Mass
- Tuesday 3rd: Adoration 4pm
Mass 5pm
- Wednesday 4th: Mass 9am
- Thursday 5th: Mass 9am
- Friday 6th: Mass 9am
- Saturday 7th: Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
- Sunday 8th: 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

31 AUG/1SEPT
Church Cleaning
2-6 Sept M deSmet/J Maher

5.00PM MASS
Welcomer: C Brownlie
Commentator M O'Neill
Reader P O'Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers B Maynard
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer L May
Commentator A Skinner.
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers V & C Burns
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA
Filipino Community

COUNTERS
D & L May

7/8 SEPTEMBER
Cleaning
9-13 B Coffey/M Paine
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator: M Weatherall:
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers C.Brownlie
Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer M Britt
Commentator J Whiteford
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers K Corbin, L Stevens,
Computer Screen T Jones

MORNING TEA:
M & C Lowe

COUNTERS
T Priest/J Whiteford

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – 31st August & 1st September 2024

COLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

There are 25 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the [theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#)



"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).
Envelopes will be provided on the pews

Father's Day is a special occasion to honour and celebrate our fathers and father figures in our lives. It is an opportunity to recognise the role of fathers in nurturing faith and guiding their Families with love and strength.

It is also a time to reflect on the example of St Joseph, who is revered for his humility, righteousness and dedication to his family.



May all fathers be blessed for the love and sacrifices they make each and every day.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Living in the Divine Will Retreat

Presented by: Fr Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R and Fr Emil Milat

The talks focus on how various saints and mystics draw us to live in the holiness of God.

WHEN: 13 Sept 2024 @ 5:00PM
15 Sept 2024 @ after lunch

WHERE: St Clement's Conference Centre, Galong NSW

BOOKING: Contact Galong directly on St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Kalangan Road, Galong NSW 2585

Phone: 02 6380 5222

email: info@stclement.com.au

For more information, contact Fr Emil Milat @ emil.milat@cg.org.au

SPRINGTIME SERENADES—Saturday 7th September @ 2pm
Salvation Army—\$10pp pay at the door.

8 October | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: **FOCCUS** - Tues 8th October 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. **SmartLoving** – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you.

For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians *Pray for us*

St Joseph *Pray for us*

St John Vianney *Pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross *Pray for us*

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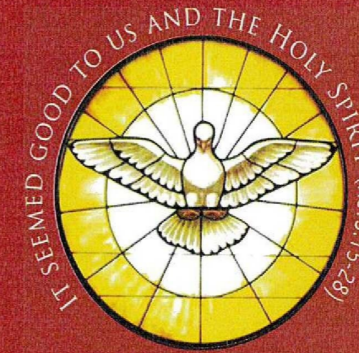
Suzanne Melton late of Banksia Village
Monday 2nd September, 2024 11am

Remembering the Sick:

Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, 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: Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



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 The Cry Of The Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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