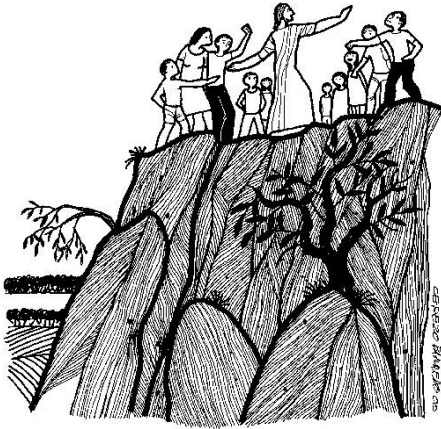


Jeremiah 1:4-4, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30



Readings for
next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



Liturgical Jottings The Readers' Roster

I think I remember when readers' rosters were first displayed on Church notice boards, then printed on take-home sheets. Now they are printed in Sunday bulletins, on parish websites and emailed to participants. I wonder how Jesus found himself on the synagogue readers' roster in Nazareth? Perhaps by custom or spontaneity! The prepared rosters help share the ministry among parishioners. They give advance notice so that readers may look at the reading before arriving to church or at least peruse the reading before Mass. During Covid-19's many lockdowns such rosters fell over and were not readily reactivated. Some found the opportunity to retire from the ministry after decades of reading. But none were threatened to be tossed over the cliff like Jesus!

Looking at the Readings

Last week's Gospel described Jesus reading scripture in the synagogue at Nazareth. He, as was the custom at that time and even now, added a commentary to the reading from Isaiah. It is helpful that last verse of the Gospel last week is repeated as the first verse of the Gospel today (Luke 4:21). This gives the context for the following three reactions from the assembly, the townspeople of Nazareth.

A commentator suggests that Jesus visited the synagogue three times. This may explain the three different reactions: astonishment and approval, doubt and questioning and eventually anger and rejection. Luke has collated these visits into one account. Jeremiah suffered rejection (First Reading) but he was sustained by his Lord. Jesus, aware of the fate of Jeremiah and other prophets, was prepared for both acclaim and ridicule and was able to slip through the crowd to safety. Trusting in the Lord we, too, find both strength and wisdom to counter our adversaries.

The second reading is Paul's great poem on Christian love favoured by families preparing for weddings and funerals and students preparing for retreat Masses and other special occasions. Its appeal goes beyond Christian contexts and well accepted into secular settings. We, therefore, can confidently be the bearers of the gifts of faith, hope and love.

Feast of the Week (2 February)

Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, also called Candlemas Day, the day we bless candles for use in churches and homes.

Quote of the Week

Finally I have found peace. Regarding the mystical body of the Church, I had not seen myself as one of the members described by St. Paul, or rather I did not wish to see myself in the whole. Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understand that if the church had a body composed of different members, all necessary and noble, the Church must have a heart. A heart burning with love. I cried out: "O Jesus, my love; I have finally found my vocation and it is love". *St Therese of Lisieux, Letter to Sister Marie 1896.*

On the Lighter Side ~ Rhyming Grace 2

"To God who gives our daily bread
A thankful song we'll raise
And pray that He who sends our food
May fill our hearts with praise - Thomas Tallis

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Charlie Nigro, Judith Randall, Maree Morley
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Bob Warnett, Peter Warnett, Nella Gallo
	Our sick and their carers	Tristan Bourke, Phyllis Newman

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 31 January

Weekday Mass

Mon 31st Jan No Mass
 Tue 1st Feb No Mass
 Wed 2nd Feb 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 3rd Feb No Mass
 Fri 4th Feb 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 5th Feb 6:00 pm Mass
 Sun 6th Feb 10:00 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 7th Feb No Mass
 Tue 8th Feb No Mass
 Wed 9th Feb 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 10th Feb No Mass
 Fri 11th Feb 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 12th Feb No Mass
 Sun 13th Feb 10:00 am Mass

Reconciliation (1st Saturday of the Month)
 Saturday 5th February 2022



JOURNEY
CATHOLIC RADIO

"the fullness of life that God offers does not come without stepping through its darker moments"

LISA BRIGHT

This week on the Journey (Ep 443)
 On the Journey this week: The gospel reflection with Fr Chima Ofor. Mother Hilda tells the story of an 8 YO Polish girl in WW2. A faith testimony from Lisa Bright on questioning God while dealing with COVID and personal crises, new presenter Cathy Jenkins on choosing to be joyful in 2022, and the bush deacon Josh Clayton observing our fences. Plus, more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Priesthood Ordination of Rev. Jackson Saunders

I am very pleased to advise you that I have accepted the recommendation of Corpus Christi Seminary, warmly endorsed by the College of Consultors, that Deacon Jackson Saunders be ordained as a priest.

His ordination will take place

Venue: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo,
 Date: Saturday 26 March,
 Time: 11.00am.

Please pray for Jackson during this time of preparation.

Yours sincerely,
 +Shane Mackinlay

Looking for your help

Do you realise what talents you have?
 Would you like to use your talents to help your parish?

There are so many different tasks around the parish that we need your help with. We need people to help us with Pastoral Care - Baptism program – Maintenance - Child Safety - Finance - Administration

The weekend of 19 and 20 February we will discuss the various functions and how you can help. If you have any questions or would like to find out more before this weekend, please talk to myself or Mary.

Very Rev John Paul Pasala

Along the Track – This Year I Resolve to ...

New beginnings can mean a new look at life – a chance to embrace the new in a spirit of hope and renewed commitment, we can be 'born again.' As we move from one year to another, it is worth taking a moment to wonder, to uplift the soul and remind us of our place in history, to give thanks for the gift of living at this time and in this place.

This is the first paragraph of Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. For the full article online visit http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx

Copies of the Along the Track are in the Narthex.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

We have two programs to present to you. You browse through and make your decision and either follow it up yourself or let us do the ordering for you.

Remember published by the Diocese of Wollongong. is a 72-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. The cost is \$9.90 for the booklet, or you can get the booklet and CD set for \$15.40.

Restoring Freshness in the Time of Lent published by Garratt Publishing, is a contemporary program that speaks to Catholics with an Australian-centric experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been written during a period of Plenary discussion and activity, and acknowledges the restlessness in the Church today.

The resource begins with a guide to facilitating a scripture discussion group, detailing simple step-by-step instructions that will make the most of the Lenten program. The cost is \$8.95.

Samples are in the Narthex and a form if you would like us to order them for last day for Orders will be Wednesday 9th February.

Word of God Sunday.

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

WELCOME BACK TO THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

We welcome back our teachers and students for the start of the new school year.

Parishioners please be aware of children in the church grounds and on the crossing and in the carpark.



ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Rosario italiano sarà recitato in Chiesa venerdì 11 febbraio alle ore 14.00.

The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on Friday 11th February at 2.00pm. All Welcome

Ladies Chat and Cuppa

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Ladies Chat and Cuppa

Date: Wednesday, 3rd February

Time: 2pm.

Venue: St Mary's Hall

Please bring your own snacks.

Reconciliation Saturday 5th February at 11:30 am in the church