



St Mark's Parish

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~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~
30 January 2022



God-given Identity

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

God without beginning and without end,
you are the source of all creation,
we offer this new year to you and we ask you to
provide for all our needs during this year
Amen.

*May God's Love and Wisdom
always guide you on your way..*

1 February 2022 is Lunar New Year
16 days of celebrations until the lantern festival.
31 January to 15 February 2022
2022 is the year of the Tiger
The holiday is also called the "Spring Festival"
The festival changes date every year
following the lunar calendar

TAKE HOME

your
"Lucky Scripture"
Available from the Church foyer.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

All: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First Reading

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. **(R.)**

4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting
Amen

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once

perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

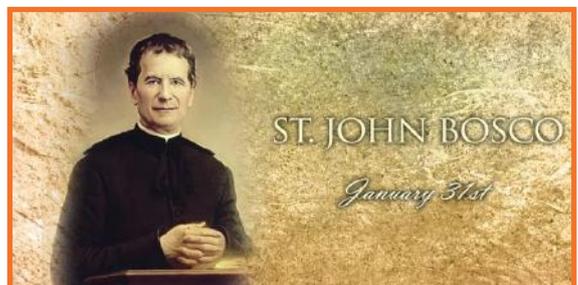
Gospel

Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Wherever Jesus went he brought deliverance and wholeness. Let us pray for the healing of the world.

Reader: We pray that our lives may reflect the qualities of love described by St Paul. *(pause)*

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all celebrating lunar New Year this week, that family festivities will renew them in body, mind and spirit.

(pause)

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all those returning from holidays to work and study. May they be renewed and energised to be fruitful this year and do everything in love as Paul exhorts us to do.

(pause)

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. *(pause)*

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. *(pause)*

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Mighty and merciful God, by the Spirit of Jesus you deliver us from sin and death. Help us to walk always as children of light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

All: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

A big **THANKS** to you, the parishioners of St Mark's who have supported our local Vinnies conference during the recent 2021 Christmas Appeal.

To date we have raised \$10,500 over the appeal weekend held last December - which is a phenomenal result based on the state of the world. We also acknowledge, not only these generous donors, but also those wonderful people who were able to pack and deliver the hampers to our families in need over the weekend of 18-19th December.

Thanks a million, to you all.

If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a member/volunteer of the Vinnies Conference, please contact the Parish office and we will call you.

Currently we are meeting every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month with our next meeting 14th February 2022.

The Catholic Weekly

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the Church foyer

In this week's edition:

- † Religious freedom at the crossroads
- † Don't write off the Faith
- † Catholic students soar in HSC
- † Sydneysiders receive papal awards



thank you



In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our St Mark's community:

If you wish to have a name added to our sick list for prayers please contact the parish office.

Remembering those who have gone before us..

Jim Stackpool, Umberto D'Etorre, Charlie Camilleri, Daisy Gill Manfred Taubhorn, Antonio Ziino, Audrey Clark & Fred Milan,

Recently Deceased.. Rev Penisimani Folaumoetu'I,

Rev John Snehadass Kuzhithadam, Sr Janet Mead, Bob Favorito & Domenica Parisi.

We pray for those who have anniversaries at this time & who have passed recently & offer our prayers & condolences to all. May they rest in peace.



St Mark's Drummoyne Masses

Monday & Friday 8:00am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am
Wednesday 7:30am
Saturday 12 noon
Saturday Reconciliation
11:00am - 11:55am
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am & 6:00pm



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St Mark's Church Hearing Loop installed



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Chair Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng

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Masks are mandatory, thank you for using QR on entry, please respect the sacredness of our church and remember to turn off your phone during the Mass.

St Mark's Parish, Drummoyne acknowledges the Wangal people, one of 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.





4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.

Thy _____ come, thy _____ be _____.

A good _____ cannot produce bad _____.

I am the _____ of life, he who _____ to _____ shall not _____.

Blessed are the meek, _____

inherit the _____.

I am the light _____.



Try to find these words:

- amazed crowd hometown son
- angry doctor liked threw
- cliff dragged prophets wonderful



RCIA
A Journey of Faith

AN INVITATION THAT NEVER ENDS

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?

- Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?
 - Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?
 - Have you been baptised; but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion?
 - Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?
- If you ("or someone you know") answers YES to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a journey that begins with your questions.
- The invitation is open. On behalf of the Catholic community of St. Marks, we look forward to welcoming you.

Word search grid:

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 Bookings not required.
 QR Code on entry, Masks are mandatory and it is recommended to sanitize, and social distance.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER
A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.