



St Mark's Parish

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 22 January 2023 ~

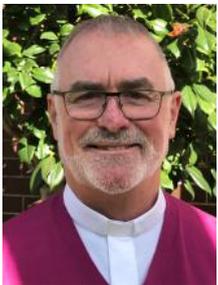
REPENT!

Jesus takes up the mantle and preaching of John the Baptist who has been imprisoned and will be executed for speaking the truth to Herod. Jesus is quoted by the evangelist Matthew in the context of the words of Isaiah as a light in the midst of darkness and gloom. Jesus calls for 'Repentance' why? Because 'the kingdom of heaven is at hand'. Indeed, Jesus proclaims and is the presence of God in our midst. His Kingdom has claims over our hearts and lives.

This claim and proclamation call for radical change in the lives of those who would be his disciples because of the reign of God in our lives. This leads to repentance because sin is a refusal to accept the reign of God. This is something we all struggle with and it calls for a unique and individual response in our lives. This is not a one off response but a turning of our hearts and lives towards God.

The longer version of today's Gospel recalls the call of the first disciples which is dramatic and immediate. We know from the scriptures they struggled with the call of Jesus and sometimes failed. Eventually becoming the rock of faith in the early Church and witnessing with their own lives as martyrs for their beliefs.

Our personal response to the proclamation of Jesus is the invitation at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite in asking forgiveness and mercy, approaching the Sacrament of Penance (Confession, Reconciliation), making our own examination of conscience and living in the mercy forgiveness and light Christ came to bring to the world.



Yours, in the Lord Jesus,
Fr Michael McLean, Parish Priest



LUNAR NEW YEAR
2023
CHINESE YEAR OF THE RABBIT

TAKE HOME
your
Lucky Scripture
Available from the
Church foyer.

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.



22 January 2023 Lunar New Year
Chinese Year of the Rabbit

The Rabbit is considered to be quiet, gentle,
elegant, alert and responsible in
Chinese culture.



THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023

Mass will be celebrated at
St Mark's 9:30am
followed by
Morning Tea
(upstairs in the Parish Centre)
ALL WELCOME



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

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

(All) O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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

Isaiah 9.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light.

The Lord spoke to me and said;

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shone. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27.1,4,13 -14 (R.1a)

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **(R.)**

2. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. **(R.)**

3. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18

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

I appeal to you that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom so that the Cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 4.12-23 (long version)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus made his home in Capernaum so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the Prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell AC Thursday 2 February 2023

The Funeral Mass for the late
Archbishop will be held on
Thursday 2 February at 11:00am
at

St Mary's Cathedral.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

The funeral will be [live-streamed](#).

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay your respects to the late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

Wednesday 1 February 2023

9:30am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State.

1:10pm A Mass for the Dead.

5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil.

8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

Thursday 2 February 2023

6:45am Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

11:00am Pontifical Requiem Mass

(Cathedral Doors open from 9:30am)

Please continue to pray for the repose of the Archbishop.



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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

Prayers of the Faithful

Reader: Let us turn to God who formed us before we were born and bring our prayers before the Lord who hears our cries.

Reader: Let us pray that the Church, formed in Christ, will reinterpret the Gospel for these times with integrity and compassion. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for this country of Australia: may the diversity of our cultures and religions work together to bring harmony, as a sign to all nations that peace is always possible. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all who are celebrating the lunar New Year this weekend. May they and all their families be renewed in body, mind and spirit. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that our parish community may always follow Christ and live as 'fishers of men'. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that the Lord will bless the sick with strength and healing and that those who have died will live forever in God's love. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

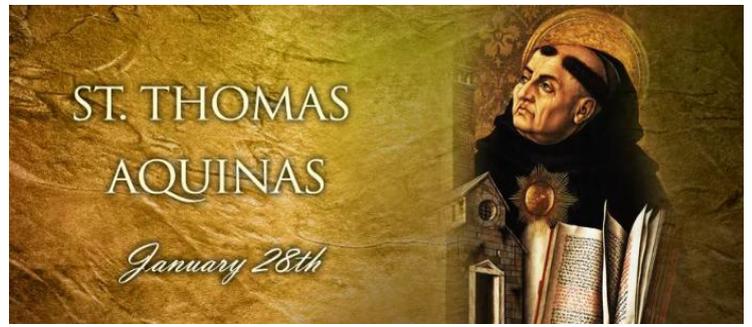
Leader: Heavenly Father, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:6

(All) Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



The Roman Catholic Church celebrates Saint Thomas Aquinas, the 13th century theologian who showed that the Catholic faith is in harmony with philosophy and all other branches of knowledge.

Blessed John Paul II, in his 1998 letter "Fides et Ratio," said St. Thomas "had the great merit of giving pride of place to the harmony which exists between faith and reason," knowing that "both the light of reason and the light of faith come from God ... Hence there can be no contradiction between them." Thomas was born during 1225 into a noble family, having relatives among the rulers of the Holy Roman Empire. His father Landulph was the Count of Aquino, and his mother Theodora, the Countess of Teano. At age five, Thomas was sent to study at Monte Cassino, the abbey founded by St. Benedict.

The boy's intellectual gifts and serious disposition impressed the monks, who urged his father to place him in a university by the time he was 10. At the University of Naples, he learned philosophy and rhetoric while taking care to preserve his morals against corruption by other students.

It is said that a hermit, before Thomas' birth, told Theodora that she would have a son who would enter the Dominican Order "and so great will be his learning and sanctity that in his day no one will be found to equal him." In his adolescence, Thomas' friendship with a holy Dominican inspired him to join them.

His family, however, did not envision the brilliant young man as a penniless and celibate preacher. His brothers kidnapped him from the Dominicans, took him to the family's castle. Under pressure from both the Pope and the Holy Roman Emperor, Thomas' brothers allowed him to escape from captivity. He travelled to Rome and received the Pope's blessing upon his vocation, which would soon take him to Paris to study with the theologian later canonized as Saint Albert the Great.

Thomas' silent demeanour caused other students to nickname him "the Dumb Ox." Albert, however, discovered that the young man was a brilliant thinker, and proclaimed: "We call him the Dumb Ox, but he will give such a bellow in learning as will be heard all over the world."

By the time he was 23, Thomas was teaching alongside his mentor at the university of Cologne. During 1248, he published his first commentaries on the pre-Christian Greek philosopher Aristotle, whose insights on nature, logic, and metaphysics would inform Thomas' approach to Catholic theology. Around the middle of the century Thomas was ordained to the priesthood, in which he showed great reverence for the liturgy and skill as a homilist. In keeping with the Dominican order's charism for preaching, he strove to bring his own family to a sincere practice of the faith, and largely succeeded. St. Thomas' best-known achievements, however, are his works of theology. These include the Summa Contra Gentiles, the Compendium Theologiae, and the great Summa Theologica – which was placed on the altar along with the Bible at the 16th century Council of Trent for easy reference during discussions.

In December 1273, however, the scholar proclaimed that he could write no more, following a mystical experience in which he said he had "seen things that make my writings look like straw." But he complied with a request to attend the Council of Lyon to help reunite the Latin and Greek churches. On his way there, however, Thomas became ill and stopped at a Cistercian abbey. The monks treated him with reverence, and it was to them that he dictated a final work of theology: a commentary on the Old Testament's Song of Songs. The saint did not live to finish this commentary, however. Nearing death, he made a final confession and asked for the Eucharist to be brought to him. In its presence, he declared: "I adore you, my God and my Redeemer ... for whose honour I have studied, laboured, preached, and taught." "I hope I have never advanced any tenet as your word, which I had not learned from you," he told God, before making his last communion. "If through ignorance I have done otherwise, I revoke everything of that kind, and submit all my writings to the judgment of the holy Roman Church."

His last words were addressed to one of the Cistercians who asked for a word of spiritual guidance. "Be assured that he who shall always walk faithfully in (God's) presence, always ready to give him an account of all his actions, shall never be separated from him by consenting to sin," he declared. St. Thomas Aquinas died on March 7, 1274. He was canonized in 1323, and made a Doctor of the Church in 1567.

In 1965, the Second Vatican Council taught that seminarians should learn "under the guidance of St. Thomas," in order to "illumine the mysteries of salvation as completely as possible." © cna



OPEN DAY

7 March 2023 8-6pm



In our thoughts and prayers

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

Rocchina Ciampa, Brian and Anne Johnson, Heather Burbidge, Roslyn Chew, Pat Kenna, Joanna McGill, Giuseppina Pinto, Nancy Rice, Maureen Hanvey, Nora Bateman, Milly Di Blasio, Mary Conway, Rocco Zoccali, Lina Giannandrea, Wendy Madden and Patricia Ryan.

Remembering those who have gone before us.

Charlie Camilleri, Antonio Ziino, Maurangelo and Leonarda Altomare, Santina Macaluco, Marie Ryan, Assunta Sanzari, Felicia Isgro and Geoff Rice.

Recently Deceased. Fr John De Luca, Pasquale Sestito,

Anesto Sawei, Monica Rincon de Florez. Giuseppe Bavaro, Sister Andre Randon, His Eminence George Cardinal Pell, and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

We Remember Fr John de Luca, who passed away this week,

Fr John served as Administrator of Drummoyne Parish in 1995 prior to becoming Parish Priest of Maroubra Bay / Beach before retiring to lesser duties. Fr John co-ordinated the Order of Service for St Mark's Christmas celebration leading the "Schola Nova Choir" in December.

Please offer your prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr John and for all the faithful departed.



St Mark's Drummoyne Masses

Monday & Friday 8:00am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am
Wednesday 7:30am



Saturday 12 noon
Saturday Reconciliation 11:30am - 11:55am

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am & 6:00pm

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WELCOME VISITORS TO ST MARK'S CHURCH
May the New Year bring you blessings for a prosperous life.

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community this Sunday through the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mark's
Harvey Bruce Maclean & Ted William Maclean, Madison Louise Fleming.
and we congratulate their parents.
God bless you.



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St Mark's Church Hearing Loop installed

Parish Bulletin: we ask that you take home your bulletin, do not put it back for others or leave it on the pew for others to pick up.

Parish Priest: Fr Michael McLean PP
Priest in Residence: Fr Denis Minns OP
Pastoral Associate: Sr Antonia Nedu ISR
Chair Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng
School Principal: Ms Rachel Bourke

Masks are recommended, thank you for social distancing, 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.



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. **Website:** Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection