

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 6th - 7th February 2021

First Reading: Job 7:1-4.6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

R| Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



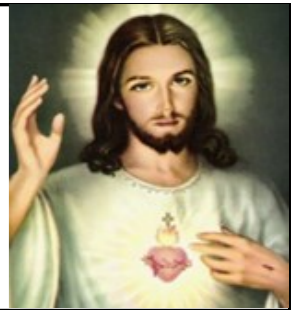
The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

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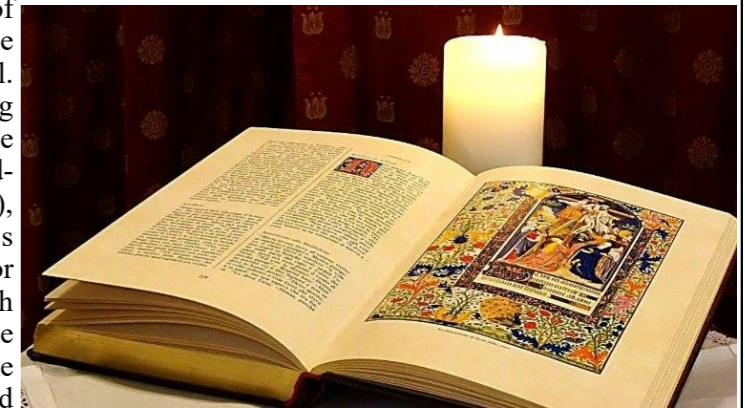
Sunday of the Word of God

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. While Catholics in most countries will celebrate the day on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Catholic Church in Australia decided to celebrate it on the first Sunday in February each year, starting with February 7th in 2021. The decision of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is not without reason. The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time coincides with the Australia Day holiday which is often associated with long weekend. Hence there is a potential distraction for the celebration of Sunday of the Word of God. By celebrating it on the first Sunday of February it keeps its close proximity to the international celebration, it avoids the clash with the Australia Day observance, and prevents it from falling at the beginning of Lent.

What is the purpose of the Sunday of the Word of God? According to Cardinal Robert Sarah, it is a means to help people "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God."

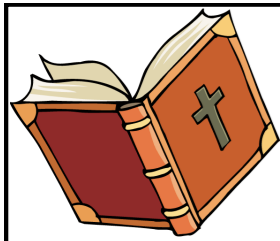
What can be done to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God? Basically we need to listen faithfully to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and discern the various ways in which God's Word can be applied to our daily lives.

In order to emphasise the importance of the Word of God, the following practical suggestions can be done in the liturgical celebration: Proclaiming the Word from a dignified Lectionary or a specially decorated Book of the Gospels at the ambo (cf. GIRM 349), holding the Book of the Gospels aloft during the entrance procession and carrying the Book from the Mass altar to the ambo during the singing of the Gospel Acclamation, is a way of highlighting the Lord's Word to be proclaimed. Incensing the open Book of the Gospels and arranging servers to hold lighted candles on either side of the ambo are ways of reverencing the sacredness and light of Christ's presence during the proclamation of the Gospel. Kissing the Book containing the Gospel reading by the priest or deacon after the reading (cf. GIRM 123, 134, 169), the book containing God's Word might be "enthroned" or given due honour in the church (Pope Francis), placing the Lectionary or Book of the Gospels on a significant stand near the ambo or entry to the church, in a dedicated side chapel or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for people to read.



Last but not least, encourage the faithful to do the daily reading of the Bible, Bible sharing/study or *Lectio Divina*. Personal and communal commitment to listening to the Word of God will make our life fruitful.

As Prophet Isaiah says, "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me [a]void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Is.55;10-11).



Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 7 in 2021. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

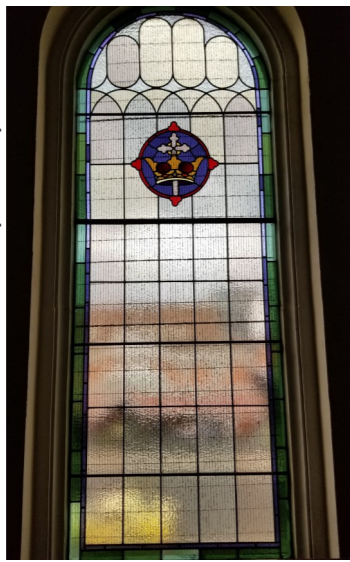
Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Stained Glass Window

Last week one of our damaged stained glass windows at the front of the church was replaced.

Adding the to beauty of our wonderful church, it is a welcome sight and well received.

Please don't forget to look up and admire the window on your next visit!



A FRIENDLY REMINDER!



Please do not put envelopes containing money or important messages into the 322 Bell Street mailbox. A number of times mail has been stolen. Recently the padlock on the box was cut and the mail taken. Please place any mail in the letter slot on the side of the Presbytery front door.

Also, a friendly reminder to try not to leave handbags unattended at any time whilst at Mass, due to the theft of a woman's purse at St. Paul's Coburg a few weeks ago.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 17th February: Ash Wednesday
Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm

Sunday 28th February: Confirmation - 3pm

All Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Last Week's Collection: 31/01/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$765.00

Direct Debit for January: \$905.00

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$351.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



#26 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19

Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



The following changes have been made to the COVID state-wide restrictions due to a single positive case visiting multiple areas. The following key items are now in effect from 11:59pm, 3rd February 2021.

The main impact on places of worship is the return to the wearing of fitted face coverings indoors in all circumstances. Our COVIDsafe plans for density quotients, record keeping and sanitising remain in place

- **Fitted face coverings will be mandatory in public indoor spaces.** If you are visiting a private home, it is strongly recommended that fitted face coverings are worn during the visit.
- In addition to indoor public spaces, fitted face coverings continue to be mandatory in the following locations:
 - on public transport
 - when riding in a ride share or taxi
 - on domestic flights to and from Victoria
 - at airports
 - in hospitals
 - when working in or visiting hospitals and care facilities.
- The limit on the number of people gathering in a household will be reduced from 30 to 15, meaning the household members plus 15 visitors (excluding children under 12 months of age). It is strongly recommended that fitted face coverings be worn.
- The 75 per cent 'return to work' cap in both public and private sectors scheduled for Monday 8 February will be paused and the current cap of 50% will remain in place.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting a COVID-19 test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

- Venues must apply the 1 person per two square metre rule to ensure people have enough room to maintain 1.5 metres distance between them. There are no group limits;
- The two square metre rule can be used only if electronic record keeping is used, otherwise, the four square metre rule must apply. The square metre rule doesn't include babies under 12 months of age;
- Record Keeping is required for all attendees beyond a 15 -minute visit – and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship.
- Hygiene precautions must continue to be maintained throughout;
- Doors must remain closed to prevent public access if there is no-one available to ensure that particular number limits are maintained;

More guidelines can be found at <https://bit.ly/3jgxpF0>

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Don Bosco Lenten Retreats 2021

1. 21st - 26th February
Week Lent Easter Retreat with Fr Peter Varengo
2. Saturday 13 March
Family Retreat Day
3. Saturday 20 March
Youth and Young Adult Reflection Day
4. Friday 26 March
Seniors Retreat Day

Further information and flyers visit: donboscoretreats.org.au

Online registrations essential as Covid number limits apply



Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit <https://bit.ly/2MqPKmR> where you can listen anytime!

Online Masses

St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Sunday: 11am

TV Masses

Channel 44 (31)

Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

Roster for weekend of 13th - 14th February 2021

	Readers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mary Harb Renato Tonini
Sunday 9.00am (Italian)	Volunteers
Sunday 10.30am	Ivana Lo Bello Sonia Bading
Sunday 6.00pm	Ylenia Useli Anna Liggieri

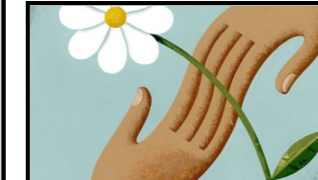
WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
*Anthony, Peter Bourke,
John Plum, Pasquale Curcio,
Anthony Joseph, Ray Mc Veigh
and Bronislawa Slobodzian*



We Commemorate
Vincenzo Capobianco (10th Anni.)

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.



International Day of Human Fraternity

Pope Francis celebrated the International Day of Human Fraternity on Thursday 4th February in a virtual event

hosted by Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates, with the participation of the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb; Secretary General António Guterres of the United Nations; and other personalities.

'This celebration responds to a clear call that Pope Francis has been making to all humanity to build a presence of peace in the encounter with the other,' stressed Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot MCCJ, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

Fostering fraternity and solidarity

On 4th February 2019, during an apostolic journey the Pope made to the United Arab Emirates, together with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar (Cairo), Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, they signed the Document on human fraternity for world peace and living together. His Holiness the Pope and the Grand Imam spent almost half a year drafting this Document until they announced it together during such a historic visit.

Worship of God and love of neighbour at our core

The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 4th February as International Day of Human Fraternity. 'In this decisive phase of human history, we are at a crossroads: on the one hand, universal fraternity in which humanity rejoices, and on the other, an acute misery that will increase the suffering and deprivation of people,' said Judge Mohamed Mahmoud Abdel Salam, secretary general of the High Committee of Human Fraternity.

Pope Francis has encouraged the Holy See to join in the celebration of International Human Fraternity Day under the leadership of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. In the January edition of the Pope's Video, "At the service of human fraternity," the Holy Father highlights the importance of focussing on what is essential to the faith of all faiths: worship of God and love of neighbour.

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 13th February 2021

Anna O'Neill and Lucy
Thank you for your help!

