

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 18th - 19th January 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2,4, 7-10. R. v.8. 9.

R/ Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

The one thing that God calls us and that Jesus teaches us each day, is that there is only love. If we sin, we take ourselves out of the one thing that is necessary for our heart, our soul and our lives, which is the fullness of God's love, flowing through us and to each other.

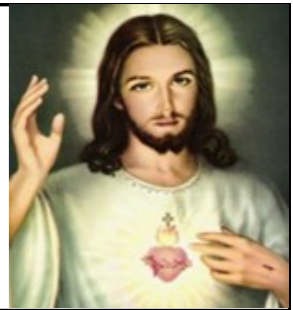
This is why Jesus came and this is why today we say with great gratitude, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world and everything that stands between us and the love of a loving Father, who has given us Jesus to show the way and, as mentioned in the gospel today, fills us with His Holy Spirit."



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This is the Lamb of God

With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord we have entered into the Liturgical time that we call 'ordinary'. But it is not in the sense of living lives that are mundane, un-productive or insignificant. It's anything but that. 'Ordinary' time is not just about reflecting on Jesus as the Chosen One of God; the One who, in the Spirit of God's all-embracing love for creation, would make it His mission to sacrifice himself – to draw all into this Love of God. 'Ordinary time is about putting our lives 'in order'. As we embrace the New Year, whatever our mood or life situation, the readings give us hope, comfort and empowerment as a people of God, not only to celebrate Jesus Christ's life of service and ministry, but to embrace it as our own.

In the first reading, Isaiah writes of the servant of the Lord who was formed by God in the womb and sent into the world as the light of the nations. The Gospel writers, particularly Matthew and John, identified this long awaited One as Jesus.

The words of the psalm fit well on the lips of a faithful servant. He worships God with 'an open ear' and with a spirit that delights in generous, selfless service.

In the Gospel we meet not only Jesus as he begins his public ministry, but John the Baptist, who witnesses to Jesus' baptism and hears the voice of the Father endorsing Jesus as the beloved Son, and sees the Spirit descend and rest on Jesus. It is John who has prepared the people for the coming of God's chosen one foretold in scripture. He sees before him a man who identifies with sinners to be baptised, even though he does not need to. He is the one who God sent into the world as a sacrificial lamb as reflected in the image of the Passover lamb. The lamb is not a predator but docile; not aggressive but peaceful; who is submissive in sacrificing his life to draw all, particularly the oppressed, the vulnerable and excluded, into the freedom of God's embracing love.

So what does this mean for the Church and for us to be disciples of Jesus the Lamb of God? It means putting innocence in the place of malice and power, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride and distrust, and service in the place of position or authoritarianism.

Being disciples of the Lamb is to be instruments of peace, hospitality and compassion. It means doing away with attitudes of exclusiveness and elitism and sharing the way of the Gospel with everyone.

This is what our ordinary time is all about. It's about linking our everyday lives with the mission of Jesus to be instruments of God's peace and mercy in a hurting, confusing world.



Office Hours:
Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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Vacant

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Pauline O'Day (President)
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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)

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Being a Catholic in 2020 Melbourne

We are thrilled to kick off the New Year with our very own Archbishop Peter Comensoli, talking around the topic of 'Being a Catholic in 2020 Melbourne'. As young adults in a very secular city, it can sometimes be difficult to navigate our way through the many challenges we face. How are we called to evangelise? What would the Archbishop like the young people of Melbourne to focus on this year? These are some of the questions he will be focusing on, whilst allowing time to answer questions from the audience. What a great way to start our year!

We hope to see you there! Please note that we do not expect anyone to donate, however it does allow us to have in some great speakers, and cover various costs. We are all volunteers, and rely on your generosity and support. We only take cash on the night.

Doors open on Level 1 at 6:30pm
The talk will commence at 7:30pm

Where: European Bier Café, Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street CBD MELBOURNE

Audience: 18 to 35 year olds; Priests and Religious of all ages welcome

Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/tapmelb/

Website: www.theologyatthepub.com.au

Sacramental Program for 2020

Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3), First Holy Communion (Year 4) or Confirmation (Year 5-6) will have to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish.



Welcome!
This weekend through Baptism we welcome
Dylan Jax Abbang & Annarosa Fabris
into our Parish family

Dates to Remember

Sunday 26th January:
Australia Day

Next weekend there is a special collection for:
Victims of bushfires in Victoria

Last Week's Collection: 12/01/20
1st Collection for our Church: \$1415.95
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$890.90
Thank you for your kind generosity!

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.

Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has requested that each Diocese nominate four people, who may be laypersons, members of religious orders or Clergy, who are willing to be called as delegates for the Plenary Council Sessions in October 2020 and June and July of 2021. Each delegate will participate in the process of discernment and contribute to a variety of forums before, during and after the Plenary Council Sessions. This is an important and critical role for the life of the Catholic Church in Australia.



Any person who expresses their interest in being called by our Archdiocese to be a delegate to the Plenary Council must be available for the following dates:

1. Preparation and formation days for Delegates:
Melbourne: Thursday 5.00pm, 18th June 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm, 20th June 2020
2. Plenary Council General Assembly 1:
Sunday 2.00pm, 4th October 2020 – Sunday 12.00pm, 11th October 2020
3. Plenary Council General Assembly 2:
Monday 12.00pm, 28th June 2021 – Saturday 12.00pm, 3rd July 2021

Anyone unable to be available for all of these dates may be ineligible to be called.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying, or who you believe would be well suited to this important task, please encourage them to fill out the following online form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2RPTKHZ> and submit by the deadline of Friday 24th January 2020.

Please note that the application process requires two referees, including one active Priest [on appointment].

**CHARITY FILM EVENING:
MISS FISHER AND THE CRYPT
OF TEARS**

When: Thursday 27th February, 7pm
Where: Lido Cinemas, 675 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn
Hosted by the Friends of Romania and the Philippines, the proceeds will support the continuing work of the FCJ Sisters including 47 scholarships in Romania and the Philippines. Refreshments will follow the film screening.
Cost: \$25. Enquiries: Julie Chamberlin 9853 6527 or Rose-Mary Cassin 0407 514 639

Feast of Santo Nino



Just before his death on the beach of Cebu, Philippines, Magellan presented a small sacred figure of the child Jesus, along with other religious gifts to the Cebu chieftain's wife Hara Amihan to celebrate their conversion to Christianity.

The elaborately dressed carved wooden figure, believed to be of Belgian origin, travelled with Magellan on his voyage of discovery and conquest from Spain to the Philippines, making this the oldest Catholic treasure in the islands.

After Magellan's death at the hands of angry locals in April 1521, the little Jesus disappeared until 1565, when it was rediscovered. The oldest church in the Philippines, the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño is said to be built over the spot where it was found. The basilica has burnt to the ground twice, and was bombed during WWII, but the little Santo Niño has escaped 'miraculously' unscathed.

The Feast of Santo Nino is celebrated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord. In Cebu it is held on the second Sunday in January, followed immediately by the nine day long Sinulog festival, celebrating the local conversion to Christianity with parades, music, and dance. The celebration of Santo Nino has been popularised by Filipinos around the world.

**Gospel of Matthew Retreat
Fr Frank Moloney, SDB
3rd – 6th February, 2020**

Fr Frank Moloney will lead this retreat on the Gospel of Matthew at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre.

Cost - \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation, etc.)

Further information and registration contact:

Candy on 9752 2432 or

e-mail: dbrclysterfield@gmail.com

Roster for weekend of 25th - 26th January 2020

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Renato Tonini	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Bozzella C.	Gugliotti A. Recchia I.
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Marilene Fortuna	Teresa Bernardini Tony Eley
Sun 6.00pm	Jessica Suppiah Peter Constable	Robert Dullard Sharron Kotz

WE PRAY FOR:
The elderly and the sick

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We Commemorate

*Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin,
John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini,
Teresina Di Stefani, Carlo, Duilio, Livio &
Pasqua Trentin, Joe Verga (1st Anni.)
and all deceased members of the
Ottaviano Bertoncetto & Carlo Trentin families.*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

St. Valentine's Day High Tea

You are invited to join us for the **catholic mission** St. Valentine's Day High Tea

Catholic Mission would like you to invite you to attend St. Valentine's Day High Tea. We aim to raise \$100k at this event to establish a sustainable vocation centre for the war-ravaged people of Cambodia and assist the Eden Garden Home in Nagaland India for 275 children.

Please join us in this life-changing work as we celebrate the gift of love, which grows so much when we share it. Let us bring love laughter and loving into their lives by attending this event.

DATE: Friday 14th February 2020
TIME: 4.30–7.00pm
Fitzroy Ballroom, Sofitel Melbourne On Collins
25 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000
Tickets \$50 <https://www.trybooking.com/BHEDP>
Bring cash to purchase Bingo & Raffle tickets (great prizes to be won) Alcohol at \$7 a glass
Tickets to be purchased prior to the event by 10th February 2020. For more information please call 9412 8412 or email: Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au

*Intense love does not measure. It just gives.
Mother Teresa*

Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. *From: Laudato SI*

**Cleaning Roster:
Saturday 25th January 2020
Anna/Volunteer**
Thank you for your help!