

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A, Sunday of the Divine Word 25th - 26th January 2020

**First Reading:** Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 26:1,4. 13-14. R. v.1

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

*I appeal to you my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parceled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

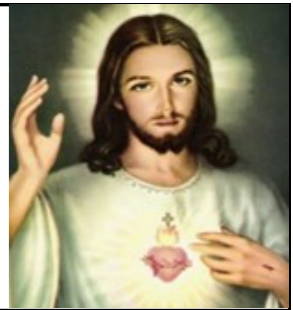
**On this Australia Day, it is good for us to stop and give thanks  
for God's many gifts to us  
in this blessed Southern land of the Holy Spirit...**



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#### Follow Me!

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet Isaiah. Matthew identifies Jesus as the Messiah sent to be the light of God's revelation to the Gentiles.

The precious light of day shining through a window in these summer mornings reminds us of Jesus 'the light of our world'. In Jesus, 'the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light'. We are among those favoured people and it started with our Baptism. Ever since, Jesus has been shining on us his light of faith, hope, and love.

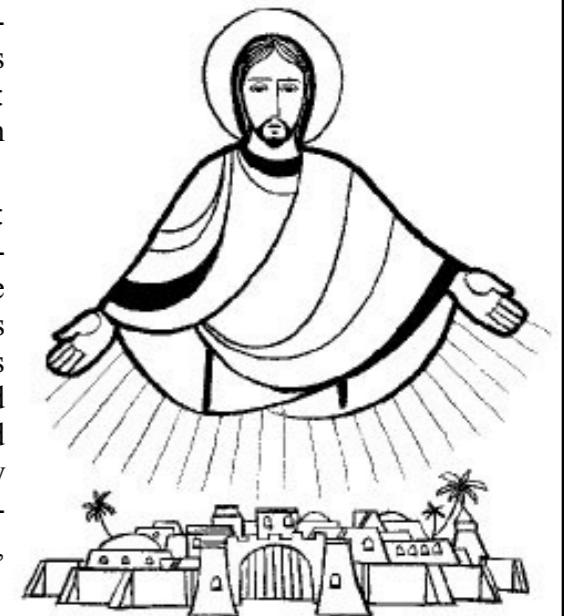
Hearing of the Baptist's imprisonment, Jesus moves to Galilee to begin his public ministry as the Light of God proclaiming: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near". The time had arrived for God, who was really never far from His people, to come to reveal in Jesus God's true, fatherly relationship to us.

Everything that we can say about Jesus the man we can say about God the Father, who is one with Jesus. Jesus is our friend, so is the God our Father. Jesus is honest, loyal and faithful, so is God our Father. Jesus is welcoming, forgiving and generous. Jesus is loving and accepting, so is God. Jesus lays down his life for others: so does God in Jesus. Jesus is the human face of God.

Jesus bears the truth we are searching for: that God dwells among us, and is the fullness of love. Jesus brings us hope that we can turn away from sin and walking in his footsteps, come to the God who loves us and longs for us. Jesus is the peace and strength we crave for, to calm our troubled minds and heals our divided hearts. If only we let him, we can experience him lighting up our lives as our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

But Jesus does not force himself into our lives. We must open ourselves to the Light that he offers us. There are people not far away living in the darkness of ignorance, prejudice, illness, loneliness, poverty, rejection, bitterness, moral confusion, sadness, guilt and grief. By virtue of our Baptism, Jesus is sending us to bring his light to them with the challenge: 'Recognise me for the good news that I bring and the good news that I am.' (Fr Brian Gleeson CP)

As he said to the fishermen and now to us,  
"Follow me and I'll make you fishers of people".



#### Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

#### Priest in Residence:

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

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Cristina Agius

#### School Principal:

Mark Tierney

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9487 1001

#### Sacrament Co-ordinator:

Vacant

#### Child Safety Officer:

Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212

#### Child Safety Committee:

Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert Dullard (Chair), Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz, Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda

#### Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson), Kay Dufty (secretary), Tony Eley, Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solomon Konchakara, Natalie Baran

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)  
Ph: 9484 2445

#### 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

**Sunday of the Word of God**

Pope Francis has announced the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26, as a day for “the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God”. It is being called The Sunday of the Word of God. This day is intended to bring awareness of the importance of God’s Word and how it can open our hearts and minds to love and mercy.



At the Second Vatican Council, the bishops wanted to say something about who God is and how we know who God is. In its document on divine revelation, Dei Verbum, the Second Vatican Council said that we know who God is because God enters into a relationship with us. Instead of learning facts about God, the council challenged us to know God. God takes the initiative to enter into a personal, loving relationship with us. It is through that encounter that we come to know who God is. The way that God enters into that personal, loving relationship with us is through the gift of God’s word. *What is the “Word” of God?*

“Word” means a lot in this context. Pope Benedict XVI wrote about all the different ways we understand the “symphony of the word” (see Verbum Dei);

**Logos**—the cosmic dimension of God’s word;  
**Creation**—God’s word as the enactment of the divine Image;

**Reality**—“The word of God makes us change our concept of realism: the realist is the one who recognises in the word of God the foundation of all things” (Verbum Dei, 10);

**Christ**—“[Jesus’s] unique and singular history is the definitive word which God speaks to humanity” (Verbum Dei, 11).

**Tradition and Scripture**—“The word of God is given to us in sacred Scripture as an inspired testimony to revelation; together with the Church’s living Tradition, it constitutes the supreme rule of faith” (Verbum Dei, 18).

**Dates to Remember**

**Sunday 2nd February:**

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

**National Catholic Bushfire Appeal  
Australia Day Weekend**

This weekend, parishes around the country are being encouraged to take up a special collection at all Masses with funds to go towards supporting communities affected by devastating bushfires. The funds will be distributed through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

**Last Week’s Collection: 19/01/20**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1131.20  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$601.70  
Donations: \$240.00

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, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020
2. Plenary Council General Assembly 1:  
Sunday 2.00pm, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Sunday 12.00pm, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020
3. Plenary Council General Assembly 2:  
Monday 12.00pm, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Saturday 12.00pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

**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!

When: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
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/](http://www.facebook.com/tapmelb/)  
Website: [www.theologyatthepub.com.au](http://www.theologyatthepub.com.au)

**Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Returns Sunday 2 February!**

The Children’s Liturgy Team warmly welcomes our Parish families back to weekly gatherings of Children’s Liturgy of the Word starting on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020, at the 10:30am Mass.



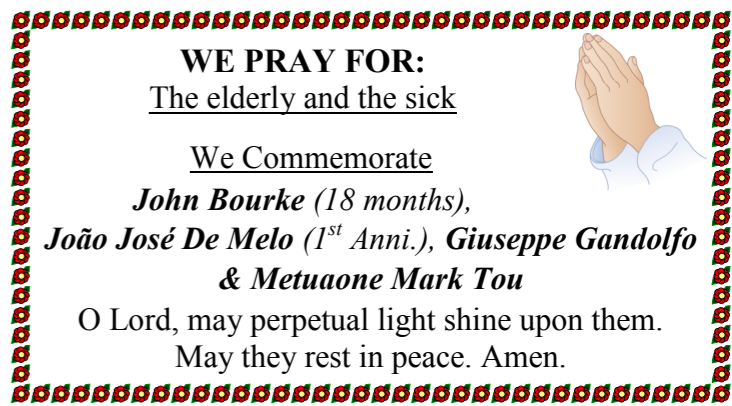
Primary school aged children are invited to attend. Younger children may also attend with a parent. Our Liturgy is held in the Parish meeting room but always starts from Church with a blessing from Fr Jan. Check out the poster in the foyer for more information.

**Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist Roster**

Readers and ministers of the Eucharist, copies of the next roster are available and will be emailed this week. Please check the envelopes on the table at the entrance of the Church if you usually receive a printed copy.

**Roster for weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Teresa Dang Mary Harb	Peter Burke Terry Murphy
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Orsini A.	Roda G. Mancini M.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Jessy Thambiraj Catherine Zanatta	Alan Castles Pauline Veamatahau
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	John Plum Anna Liggieri	Margaret Rankin Damian Casamento



**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick

We Commemorate

**John Bourke (18 months),  
João José De Melo (1<sup>st</sup> Anni.), Giuseppe Gandolfo  
& Metuaone Mark Tou**

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

**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 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.

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 (Tickets to be purchased prior to the event by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. For information please call 9412 8412 or email: [Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au](mailto:Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au)  
**Intense love does not measure. It just gives.**  
**Mother Teresa**

**Gospel of Matthew Retreat**

**Fr Frank Moloney, SDB: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dbrclysterfield@gmail.com)

**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.



**Cleaning Roster:  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020  
Cory/Michael**

Thank you for your help!

