

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

26th - 27th January 2019

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

R/ Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

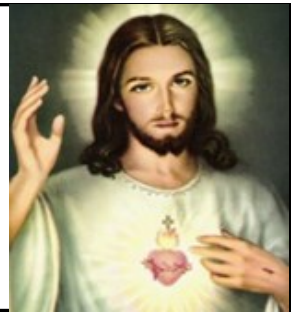


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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 26th - 27th January 2019

“Your Words Lord Are Spirit and Life!”

This Sunday's readings provide us with teachings to build up ourselves, our communities, our church, and our society in the light of God's word, and in the clear direction of Jesus' mission. And we are urged to do this with joy and conviction. Although at first seemingly different from each other there is a common and fundamental theme: all are reflections upon the nature of the relationship between God and His people which is grounded and built on active, practical participation in the proclamation of God's faithful and merciful love for all.

In the First reading, Ezra the priest reads to the people from the Book of the Law. They are newly returned from exile to rebuild the city walls and the Temple: but more profoundly to rebuild their relationship with God. Moved to tears, they are told, 'Do not be sad; the joy of the Lord is your stronghold'. The Psalm is a hymn of praise to God's law. His words give spirit and life.

In the Second reading, St Paul tells us that through baptism, we have all become members of one body, with Christ as our head. This picture of a unique being made up of parts equally valued and interacting harmoniously as one body is the pattern of our community life as Christians. We are dependent on each other and inspired by the Spirit to share our gifts and our sorrows.

The Gospel of Luke, which is our focus for this year, begins with an introduction about how he shaped the two sections of his writing: the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke structured his Gospel around Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem where the promise of salvation – the giving of His life to and for his people comes to fulfillment: his second volume is the story of the continuation of Jesus' mission; the spreading of the Good News going from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth through His disciples...Along the way Luke puts special emphasis on Jesus' outreach to the poor and the weak, on God's mercy and forgiveness, on the importance of prayer, and the work of the spirit that motivates those called to carry on the mission. He includes many parables drawn from everyday life to connect word to the life of God's people.

The passage for today shows us Jesus, newly returned from the desert after his baptism. In the synagogue, He reads from the prophet Isaiah, announcing His mission as a continuity of Israel's prophetic tradition. Jesus' mission will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, freedom to captives, healing the sick, freedom to those oppressed in many ways and proclaiming a year of God's favour. Through this text Jesus announces God's salvation and the true nature of His mission in which we are called to share.

“Loving God, direct your love that is within us that our efforts in the name of Your Son may bring Humankind to unity and peace.”



Office Hours:

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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) & Friday (Italian) after
9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

**Our Church - A Safe Community
A Shared Commitment**

Professional Standards - Statement of Commitment

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has a universal expectation for the protection of children. It is resolutely committed to ensuring that all those engaged in the Church promote the inherent dignity of children and young people and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe environment. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, including aboriginal children, those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and children with a disability.

The Catholic Church has a moral, legal and mission-driven responsibility to create nurturing environments where children are respected, their voices are heard and where they are safe and feel safe. We have zero tolerance of child abuse and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and reported in line with our legal obligations, our moral obligations and our Church policies.

Creating child-safe environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by parishes, schools, families and communities. It is marked by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures and practices.

We are committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early and then reducing or removing them. If you see something of concern, please let us know at professionalstandards@cam.org.au.

Every person involved in the Catholic Church has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Dates to Remember

Saturday 2nd February:

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Supporting Local Asylum Seekers

A further thanks to all who have supported our ongoing appeal for food stocks for Baptcare Asylum Seekers Sanctuary. We hope this will continue, especially during this quiet month of January when some support services are on a break. A list of food and personal items can be collected as you leave the church today and items to be returned in the following weeks.

Last Week's Collection: 20/01/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$665.00
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$580.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



**5th February
Lunar New Year 2019
The year of the Pig
Blessing and Grace
2019 豬年新年快樂**

2019 Kỷ Hợi Chúc Mừng Năm Mới



Janssen Spirituality Centre
for inter-religious and cross-cultural relations

Janssen Spirituality Centre provides a space for personal retreat, Spiritual Direction, Meditation and some other programmes.

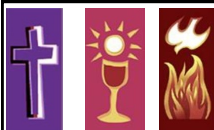
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Sacramental Program 2019

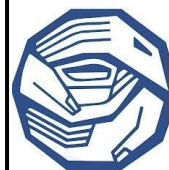
There will be programs conducted for children who attend non-Catholic schools in preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Our parish will have no Confirmation in 2019.

Registration forms will be available from last Sunday of January. Programs will be conducted at the presbytery on Sundays after 10.30am mass. You will find more details regarding the program on the application forms.

Volunteers Needed

Can you spare an hour each week to visit a newly arrived refugee or migrant and help them learn English and settle in Australia? Tutors work one on one with students, individually or in small groups if you'd like to work as a team. We have isolated people across Melbourne who need your help. Melbourne AMEP is currently seeking volunteers. Free training and support provided, beginning in February. If you are interested in being part of our team, having a rewarding new experience and learning about a new culture, visit our website at www.melbourneamep.com.au/volunteer/

or contact us on 9269 1514 or email amepvts@melbournepolytechnic.com.au



Thank you From St Vincent de Paul Preston

A very sincere thanks to our parishioners, students, teachers, families and friends for your most generous support of our annual parish Giving Tree appeal.

Around 30 hampers made up of food items, Christmas treats, gift cards and toys for children were sorted, packed and delivered in the week leading up to Christmas. The over-all value of your kind donations is estimated to have been well over \$2800 - and this not including the toys and hamper items passed on from our neighbouring Parish at St Pius 10th Heidelberg. Thanks also to all who offered their time to help sort, pack and deliver the hampers to families.

Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking

You are all most heartily invited to attend the Vigil Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita and to mark the International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking.

Mass will be celebrated:

Time: 7.30pm

Date: Thursday 7th February 2019

Place: St Patrick's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli

RSVP/Inquiries: justice@cam.org.au



**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:
WHAT IS GOD ASKING
OF US IN
AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?**

Have your say by Wednesday 6th March, 2019

Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

*Thank you for your presence
this weekend at
Sacred Heart Preston.
You are always welcome here.*



PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Brian Donnellon, Lorraine Fitzpatrick, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi & Yvonne Tierney

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Alice Ann Pennel (1st Anni.) & Gennaro Raucchi



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

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Piety Shop volunteers needed:

A sincere thanks to all who faithfully continued to serve on the Piety Shop after the Sunday 9am and 10.30am Masses. Volunteers for the evening masses on Saturday and Sundays are required. Please contact Pauline on 94842445 if you are able to commit to opening the shop after either of these mass times, on a monthly or fortnightly basis.



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 2nd February 2019



Anna/Lizzie

Thank you for your help!

Roster for weekend of 2nd - 3rd February 2019

| | Readers | Ministers | Projector |
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| Sat 6.00pm | Renato Tonini | Peter Bourke Terry Murphy | |
| Sun 9.00am (Italian) | Mancini M. | Capobianco A. Gugliotti A. | Tamburrini M. |
| Sun 10.30am | Eileen Stevens Mata Unian | Tony Eley George Mc Brien | |
| Sun 6.00pm | Damian Casamento John Plum | Margaret Bannon Robert Dullard | |