

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time B

**First Reading** Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah  
*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 7:29-31

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

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of

their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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## REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

**The Eyes Have It**

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated hu-

man beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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*"Every word of  
God is pure: he is a  
shield unto them  
that put their trust  
in him."*

Proverbs 30:5



**For The Celebration of  
the Word and The  
Eucharist**



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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—YEAR B

**P**ope Francis, on 30 September 2019, the Feast of Saint Jerome, issued, *Aperuit illis* an Apostolic Letter, instituting the annual observance of the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as "Sunday of the Word of God" with the intention of inviting all Christians to devote time to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

In hindsight, Pope Francis said that he wrote the Apostolic Letter in response to requests from around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God reflecting the re-awakening of the human appetite for the living Word of God. Also, he wanted to draw attention to, *"The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers, and sacred Scripture, a key aspect of our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible."*

The first "Sunday of the Word of God" occurred on January 26, 2020. This weekend marks the first anniversary of the *Sunday of the Word of God*. Importantly, how have the intentions of the Holy

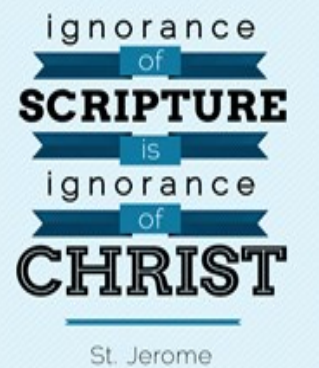
Father regarding the word of God Sunday fared since the last twelve months? How attractive is the age-long library of books - *the Bible* especially to the younger generation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Many mobile apps are developed and used daily, including the Bible App. How many of us have a bible app on our devices and how often do we open the App compared to Facebook and other social media apps?

Celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God offer us opportunity of reflecting on the demands of the foregoing questions and assessing our disposition to the Word and its place in our faith journey. Obviously, many prefer shorter readings and homilies, with the familiar expression: *the shorter, the better or keep it short and sweet!*

However, in the words of Cardinal Sarah, *the Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis reminds us, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy: "As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness.*

At every mass, we are served from the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. We are enlightened by the word announced to the Ninevites by Jonah and proclaimed to the Galileans by Jesus as evident in the liturgy of the word this weekend. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, so too we receive him in the word and we are called to treasure these inseparable gifts in our hearts like Mary, relying on them each day especially at this time of global uncertainty

**Fr Martins**





**Pope Francis  
Monthly Prayer  
Intentions**

**January 2021**

**Human Fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

**Tues 26:** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 27:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 28:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 29:** 9.15am Mass  
**Sat 30:** 9am Rosary/Mass  
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass  
**Sun 31:** 9am Mass 5pm Mass

**23/24 January 2021**

**Church Cleaning**

R & K Ison (25-29)

**Welcomers**

6pm K Conway

9am C Connell

5pm Volunteer

**Commentator**

6pm J Quigley

9am C Lowe

5pm M Devine

**Readers:**

6pm J Mackay

9am M Lowe

5pm M O'Neill

**Eucharistic Ministers**

6pm M Weatherall

9am K Corbin

5pm Y Oeder.

**Computer Screen**

6pm T Jackson

9am D May

5pm J O'Sullivan.

**REGISTRARS**

6pm J McCarthy/J Wain

9am G Norris

5pm N Beatty

**30/31 January 2021**

**Church Cleaning**

B Favetta/J O'Neil (Feb-15)

**Welcomers**

6pm B Wilson

9am C Schor

5pm D Ebejer

**Commentator**

6pm P O'Kelly

9am A Skinner

5pm S Ebejer

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**A reflection for us all as we encounter 2021 and continue to embrace God's incarnational love which is always lived in the every day of life.**

**THE FAMILY AS CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY**

*"God is love and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in them." (1 Jn 4:16):*

We can say the same about family: "God is family and whoever abides in family abides in God and God abides in that person." The theology of family roots itself here. Among other things, this means that a family is really a religious community, a church, the place where we participate in God's own life.

God is a community, a trinity, a flow of giving and receiving between three persons. God is a family and when we participate in a family, we experience the very flow of God's life. Family life then is church life.

This is easy enough to explain: What makes for church is gathering around the person of Christ and a common sharing of one Spirit – the spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, gentleness, faith, and chastity.

As we all know, family and home, generally have more of an everyday face to them. Home and family life is the everyday, sometimes dram, business of staying together, eating together, praying together, sharing money and material things together, celebrating occasions together, being mutually accountable to each other, challenging and correcting each other, and carrying each other's pathologies and weaknesses. Such are the functions of home and family. Such too is the function of church.

In the end, family life and church life are part of the same thing; in both we participate in God's life. Among other things, this means that family life is not like church life, it is part of it. To participate healthily in a family is to be part of a church. The family is not secular while the church is divine, mundane while the church is holy, and the place of ordinary life while the church is the place of worship.

By abiding in family – by sitting down with each other around a kitchen table, by sharing the frustration of balancing a common cheque book, by celebrating each other's joys and sorrows and everyday life, by offering each other consolation and correction, and by putting up with each other's coughs, phobias, and sins – we experience church.

In both, family life and church, our lives break open beyond ourselves and God can enter.

*Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI*

**Wanted: Parish couples interested in deepening their own relationship in order to help other couples deepen theirs.**

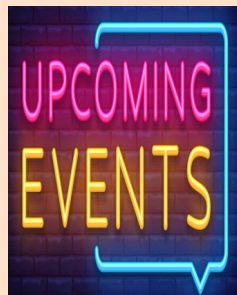
The Archdiocese is offering *The Marriage Course* – a 7-week course delivered to you in the comfort of your own home via Zoom. The course is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively and resolve differences well. Couples will then be equipped and supported to assist in running the same course for the wider Parish community should the wish to. The Marriage Course starts Tues 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and costs \$70 per couple. For more details and to register visit <https://mailchi.mp/b4c3fdd09d6a/tmc21> or contact Steph Ransom [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au)

**Gathering: 'Resilience through Loss and Grief'**

All Parishioners are invited to attend this Gathering on **Tues Feb 23, 2021**, 9am registration for 9-30am start – 12-30pm in St Bernard's Church. **Facilitator:** Bruce Chan BA [Psych].

**Cost:** Free. Funded by 'Mary MacKillop Today'

**You must register to attend by Monday Feb 15** – Ring Marie Weatherall: 0405 028 057 or email: [mariet51@bigpond.com](mailto:mariet51@bigpond.com) or sign the sheet in the Foyer of the Church. Please bring plate if you are able. This Gathering is open to the general Community so don't miss out!



**Pastoral Care Team Meeting**

Tuesday February 2nd, 9.30-11.30am in the Church Meeting Room.

**Guest Speaker:** Nicole Gozalka, Chaplain, The Glen. **Focus:** Exploring emotional, socio-psychological and spiritual issues for residents in aged care/ageing in place.

All are welcome. Please bring a plate if you are able.

**AUSTRALIA DAY**

26th January every year we celebrate Australia Day with the opportunity to give thanks, reflect on our past and connect with the future shaped by the reality of today. As we mark this National Day this year, we hope that we may continue on the path of healing and solidarity, whereby every person can participate equally as part of our national identity...with a fair go for all.

**Plenary Council Prayer**

**Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.**

**Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.**

**O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia**

**and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.**

**Give us the grace to see your face in one another**

**and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.**

**Give us the courage to tell our stories**

**and to speak boldly of your truth.**

**Give us ears to listen humbly to each other**

**and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.**

**Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,**

**that we may live the joy of the Gospel.**

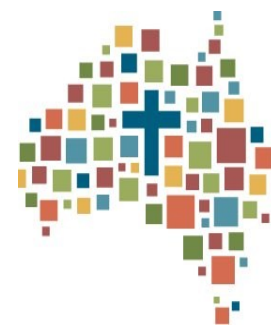
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**bread for the journey from age to age.**

**Amen.**

*Our Lady of Christians, pray for us*

*St Mary MacKillop, pray for us*



**\*\*SAINTS OF THE WEEK —JANUARY\*\***

Sunday 24th—St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor

Mon 25th—The Conversion of St Paul

Tuesday 26th—St Timoty, bishop and St Titus, bishop

Wednesday 27th—St Angela Merici, virgin

Thursday 28th—St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor



**AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND, THERE WILL BE A PRE-LOVED BOOK SALE SUPPORTING BINH MINH SCHOOL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN IN VIETNAM**

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.**

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786**

**Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name**

**Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank**

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

**Remembering the Sick:**

Kathryn King, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**Death Anniversaries:** Mirko Baresic, Mary Augustine, Mary Bogue, Dorothy O'Hara, Sylvia Penberthy, Robert Burtenshaw, Brian Fitzroy, Irene Post, Patricia McLennan, Thomas Nagle, Pasquale ImBriano

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish**

**Community:** Maree Spillane, Rosemary Cooley, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Pam O'Keefe, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Kenneth Torkington, Shirley Keir, Ken Bow, Steven Thomas, Maureen Kinross, Ian McAdam, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey,



**COFFEE CLUB RESUMES  
FEBRUARY 2021**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Cenacle Prayer:** Tues at 4.45pm in Church

**Bible Study/Faith Formation:**

Resumes Jan 27th

**PPC Meeting**—Thurs 28th 5 pm

**Craft Group**—Resumes 2021

**Men Alive**— Wed 3rd February

**Singalong**—Resumes 2021

**Exposition/Adoration**—

Every Friday at 5.30pm

**Reconciliation**—Saturday 9.30

**Wrap With Love**—Tues 9th

February, 10 am

**Message from The Order of Malta**

"We cannot visit this month because of COVID precautions, and we are mindful that it is the first anniversary of the bushfires and that we are praying for everyone there and are keeping you all in our thoughts."

They hope to return again 13th February.

**BIBLE STUDY/FAITH FORMATION**

A weekly bible study is open to all parishioners. Beginning again in 2021, our first session is on Wednesday 27th January after the 9am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

We will cover the Scriptures of the upcoming Sunday Mass and use as our basic guide, **"THE FOUR GOSPELS, An Introductory Commentary"** by Fr Michael Fallon MSC. Our aim is Faith Development through Scripture.

All welcome.

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