

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B

First Reading *Ezekiel 2:2-5*
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 122. R. v.2*
(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man’s disdain.
(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.
In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
See Luke 4:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 6:1-6*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
A prophet is despised only in his own country.
Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Home town crowds and ‘mighty works’
I recommend viewing the film ‘Billy Elliott’ in which a youngster found that his body ‘went electric’ when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.
Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: ‘the carpenter’s son’. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in ‘mighty works’. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.
Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God’s plan of

salvation history will be disrupted if I don’t fulfil the role he wants me to play. We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one’s unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his ‘mighty works’.
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God,
You have called me to life and gifted me in many ways. Through Baptism You have sent me to continue the mission of Jesus by sharing my love with others.

Strengthen me to respond to Your call each day.
Help me to become all You desire of me.
Inspire me to make a difference in others’ lives.
Lead me to choose the way of life You have planned for me.
Open the hearts of all to listen to Your call.

Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we may have listening hearts and the courage to respond to You.

Enkindle in my heart and the hearts of others the desire to make the world a better place by serving as Lay Minister, Sister, Priest, Brother or Deacon.
Amen

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NAIDOC WEEK
7-14TH JULY



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and fourth Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 9th July 10am
BB Library

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am Mass

Croatian Mass Saturday
July 6th 11am

Mass with Anointing of the Sick Wednesday 10th July 9am

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

COULD YOU BE A PROPHET?

Today we are blessed to live in a peaceful part of the world. But that is not the case for people in the Middle East, in Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar.

Imagine if a priest interrupted the evening News and addressed the following message to the citizens of any one of those countries? Suppose he said: “*You have brought all this suffering on yourselves. You were warned by my predecessor that these things would happen but you ignored him. You persisted in your iniquity so much so that he went into exile broken-hearted. Now I am joining you. You and I are being driven into exile. We will be prisoners in an alien land.*”

Whatever you think, something similar did happen in the Middle East in the sixth century BCE. The priest was Ezekiel (623 - 571BCE). His predecessor was Jeremiah (B.625 BCE). In general terms the first 35 chapters of the Book of Ezekiel ‘shame and blame’ the Jewish elite for Jerusalem and the Temple being ill-prepared to resist the Babylonian invasion. Ordinary citizens too must bear some individual responsibility. In the final chapters, 36-48, Ezekiel flips his ‘blame game’ and predicts Judah and Israel will become One Kingdom in Covenant with God again .

Cyrus, the all-conquering Persian Emperor, fulfils this morale-boosting prophecy in 538 BCE, thirty years after the death of Ezekiel. **A Prophet in Israel rarely saw the fruits of his labour.**

Like Ezekiel Paul was called to be a Prophet, or more precisely, an Apostle to the Gentiles. He enjoyed the consolation of some amazing visions and revelations but he also suffered “insults, hardships, persecutions and agonies.” He lived with the Christian paradox, “When I am weak, I am strong.”
A Christian Prophet’s life was not an easy one.

Luke (Lk. 4: 16 - 21) gives us a fuller account of today’s Gospel (Mark 6: 1-6) when Jesus interprets Holy Writ in his native Nazareth. Luke tells us which text (Isaiah 61: 1-2) Jesus was invited to read and the commentary he gave. Despite the Restoration of Judaism after the Exile the people and their leaders had slipped back into their old ways. According to Isaiah God would have to send a Messiah “to bring the Good News to the poor etc”

Jesus said deliberately, calmly, and with authority, “**This text is being fulfilled even as you listen.**” Those present of simple faith were delighted.“What a great guy!” they thought. But the sceptical and the cynical had other ideas. “We know everything about this guy. He’s a chippy. Just like his old man, Joseph. There’s no way he can be the Messiah!”



How did Jesus respond to those who rejected him? He said to them directly:
“A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations, and in his own house.”

Indirectly this was a caution to his disciples (and to us today) what they/we can expect when we show our belief in the Good News of Jesus Christ by how we live our daily lives.
Think about it!
Joe Quigley



Mass
Schedule

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 8th—Sun 14th July

Monday 8th: No Mass

Tuesday 9th Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 10th: Mass with
Anointing of the Sick 9am

Thursday 11th: Mass 9am

Friday 12th: Mass 9am

Saturday 13th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 14th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am
Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The
Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha
Lodge

ROSTERS

6/7 JULY
Cleaning

8-12 R & K Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer C Brownlie
Commentator: P O'Kelly
Reader: M O'Neill
Eucharistic Ministers
L Rodwell
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
K Corbin, A Skinner
Computer Screen T Jones

MORNING TEA:
Filipino Community

COUNTERS

G Norris/J O'Sullivan

13/14 JULY
Cleaning

15-19 Favetta/O'Neill/
Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator S Ebejer
Reader: J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
Naomi Buick
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den
Broek
Commentator B Basevi
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
N Page, L Stevens
Computer Screen T
Priest

MORNING TEA:
M Vidovic, Zdenka

COUNTERS
B Basevi

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites you to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 3rd August. This pilgrimage will commemorate Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, at the site she visited on two separate occasions, in 1899 and 1901

A summary of the program for the day:

11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.

12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests

1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula.

As we are organising lunch, it would be appreciated if you could advise if you are attending so catering can be arranged, please book in via our website [Catholic Parish Pambula](#) or on the following link [Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#)

If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us.
Contact Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947)

Hope to see you on 3rd August

CLAIM THE DATE:

Invitation to attend a morning session

'I hear but do I really listen!'

facilitated by Patrick Fleming, Clinical Psychologist
on Monday August 19, 2024

9-15am for 9-30am start – 12 noon.

Cost=Free; BYO shared morning Tea. All welcome.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL by Monday August 12

Marie W 0405 028 057.

Feast of St. Mary MacKillop

will be celebrated on Thursday August 8 with 9am Mass.

After 9 am mass we are having a **Cuppa with shared morning tea and Reflection** in the church meeting room .

All welcome to attend.

Facilitated by Carolyn Evenden and Marie Weatherall.

Why not attend!

THANK YOU St Vincent de Paul wish to thank the following for assisting us greatly with our Winter Appeal

Parishioners who donated \$1,475 – 00 and continue to donate Winter blankets, and beanies, socks, gloves etc – finishing at end of July

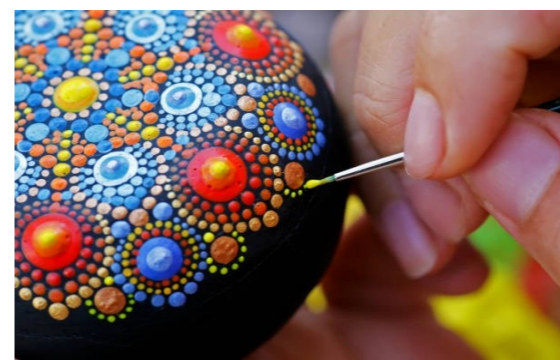
St Bernard's Primary School Mini Vinnie's and Families: for your \$455-00 donation, winter blankets/donnas, beanies, scarves, jacket, socks and the like.

Carroll College 'Sleep Out' at the College which raised **\$3000-00.** –15 brave students and 5 'cool' teachers organised the event on the night.

Lisa Newman, Conference Case Manager attended the Far South Coast 'Sleep out' June 20. Lisa raised over \$3000 with help from Parishioners, friends, raffle and business. ***What a Wonderful Community assisting those who are really struggling at this time in our local Community***

St Vincent de Paul Volunteers needed:

Our local Conference is looking for volunteers who may be able to give a few hours every month to interview companions who need assistance. You would always be on with an experienced member who will guide you. Why not just turn up to our Conference Meeting on the first Monday of the Month in the Church Meeting Room at 2pm and get to know about this Vincentian Ministry or phone **Gary:** 0429 774 101 or **Marie** 0405 028 057.



NAIDOC Week and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Sunday

On the first Sunday in July each year the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

On this day we gather to honour and celebrate the rich Cultural Heritage and contribution by our First Nations People to our Catholic Community while celebrating NAIDOC Week.

The focus and theme for NAIDOC Week this year is:

**KEEP THE FIRES BURNING –
STRONG IN FAITH.**

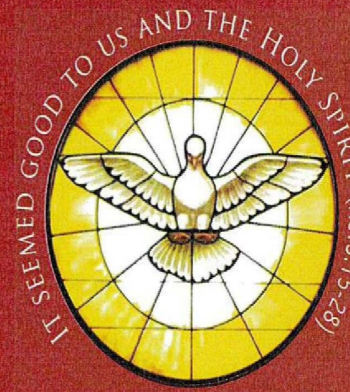
Let us keep the fires burning for justice, truth and hope.

Remembering the Sick:

Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Claire Dickens, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Kathryn King, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE**

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions JULY For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the
Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick,
bestows the Lord's
strength to those who
receive it and to their loved
ones, and that it may
become for everyone an
ever more visible sign of
compassion and hope.

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