

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C**

23 January 2022

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me for he has anointed me

The liturgy for today juxtaposes the introductory verses of Luke's gospel and a passage from the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry that encapsulates and sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel and the program it proposes.

From the first four verses, we know that Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but is endeavouring to provide an orderly account on the basis of reliable eyewitness accounts handed down to the community by "servants" or ministers of the word. We learn that Luke's is one of many gospels. We also learn that this gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, a name that means "lover of God" or "beloved of God". We might guess that Theophilus is Luke's patron, someone who provides the necessary funds to produce this work. He is possibly the early equivalent of an RCIA candidate, one seeking to become a full member of the worshipping community. We know from the grammatical construction that the author is male. And most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. The word translated as "truth" (*asphaleia*) in our lectionary can also mean "certainty" or "assurance". Our English word "asphalt" is derived from the Greek *asphaleia*. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded.

When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue. This programmatic scene sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled prophet. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of God. This event is no exception. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus thus presents himself as the Spirit-filled anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" literally means "shattered". It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war or persecution. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself and the more-than-human inhabitants of our planet suffering the effects of the climate crisis and ecological destruction. If the gospel message is to be well-grounded in our times, the "destitute" and "shattered" of our Earth community, the destitute of the human community and the endangered plant and animal species of the planet, must find the "release" of which the gospel speaks.

Veronica Lawson RSM

This week in the Parish 23 - 30 January

Saturday 22 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 23 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C
9:00 am - Mass

Please note: there are no weekday Masses during January

Wednesday 26 AUSTRALIA DAY
9:00 am - Mass

Saturday 29 6:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 30 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C
9:00 am - Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

Sunday 8.30 am - 8.50 am

The Sacred Heart Prayer Chapel is open for private prayer each weekday from 9 am - 3 pm



I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not
walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.
John 8:12

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word,
with this weekend's readings,
are available for you in the
Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Burke, Jan Weaver, Janice Paine,
Tarq Mezzadri, Mark Biltoft, Betty Byrnes

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Leo Donnolly,
Lenore van den Broek, Dorrie Turner, Flora Norris

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

JANUARY SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

Please Note: During January, we will only have one Sunday Mass at 9 am. The 8 am & 10 am Masses will resume in February.

Readings for this Sunday and next week:

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Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

AUSTRALIA DAY

Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:1-12

4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - Year C

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Lk 4:21-30

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

MT ST PATRICK COLLEGE

Tuesday 1 February: Yrs 7, 11 & 12 return
and new students in Yrs 8, 9 & 10.
Wednesday 2 February: Yrs. 8, 9 & 10 return

MT ST PATRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 1 February: Yrs. 1 - 6
Tuesday 8 February: Kinder commences

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 4 February: Yrs. 1 - 6
Tuesday 8 February: Kinder commences

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

22/23 Jan | 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Christine Wightley
9 am - Jan Bruce

29/30 Jan | 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

6 pm - Grace Molloy
9 am - Bernard Nolan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We welcome back all teachers and staff to our three parish schools for the 2022 year.

We extend a warm welcome to all new staff to our College and two Primary Schools.

During January there will be NO livestream Mass with Bishop Greg.

Masses celebrated online with Bishop Greg will resume in late January 2022.

In the meantime, Bishop Greg will present his **Summer Homily Series**.

To view Bishop Greg's homilies go to

[https://www.youtube.com/c/](https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU/videos)

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AUSTRALIA DAY MASS
9:00AM
SACRED HEART CHURCH

AUSTRALIA DAY

Wednesday 26 January is Australia Day and the 9am Mass will be a celebration of this day. Please come along and pray for our parish, our city, our nation Australia.

A Prayer for our Nation:

Grant we pray O God, that as the southern cross shines in our skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by your saving grace, transform our lives through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen

Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia
Pray For Us

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Pray For Us



FILIPINO APPEAL

Super Typhoon Rai (Odette) wreaked havoc in the Philippines from 12 – 22 December 2021.

Over half a million people displaced

800,000 + homes destroyed

Nearly 7 million people affected

Our local Filipino community have started an appeal for donations to assist the “poorest of the poor” affected by the typhoon and are asking for our assistance with cash donations which will be sent directly to the Philippines to help provide food and shelter as families there rebuild their lives.

On the weekend of 29-30 January envelopes for donations will be available. We ask you to please support our Filipino community in their fundraising efforts.

With thanks.

Fr Peter Wood & Fr Wilber Tobe



PRAY FOR TONGA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock.

Roads, bridges and homes are damaged.

Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.

Tonga needs your support urgently.

Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 412 toll free to make your donation.

PRAYER FOR TONGA AND THE PACIFIC

Loving God,

we hold before you in our hearts

the people of Tonga in this time of need.

We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility.

Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami

and degradation of land and water through ash,

we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever.

They are communities of great faith.

May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.

May they turn to each other for comfort and community.

And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.

We all share this mysterious world

which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.

May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage

and fill us with the gift of Hope.

Amen.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 18)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

AUSTRALIA DAY - C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 84)

R: The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.

Alleluia!

MASS ATTENDANCE

What you need to know ...

Please **DO NOT ATTEND MASS** if you are unwell or have any cold or flu-like symptoms.

QR check in on arrival is still required for places of worship.

Masks are mandatory again inside for everyone over 12 years of age, subject to exemptions. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided.

Density limits have changed to "unlimited" from 15 December; however, as a precautionary measure, due to positive cases in our local community, we will **not lift** our current density limit of 2 square metres for a few more weeks yet.

Singing as a congregation is discouraged at the moment.

Distribution of communion remains strictly **BY HAND** only.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church. Country churches remain closed.

We will still maintain a covid-19 safety plan for the foreseeable future.

Thank you all for your care and consideration of each other. Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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