

GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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 eye-witnesses 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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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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JESUS OUR GUIDE

Often it can be difficult to know how to read the signs of the times. In our search, we naturally turn to the scriptures but often we find that we need a guide in order to fully understand them. The first reading from Nehemiah comes from a time when the people of Israel shared some of the same difficulties. The Hebrew scriptures needed to be interpreted for the people in their own language of Aramaic.

One of Paul's strengths as a pastor was that he was tireless in searching for ways to explain the nature of Christian life in language that his Christian converts could understand. How was he going to show the divided community of Corinth that they needed each other? How could he bring them to see that the variety of gifts within the community was a blessing rather than a source of division? To answer this vexing problem, he drew upon the image of the community as a body where every member of the body depends on every other member. He knew all too well that separated from Christ our head, and divided from one another, we are nothing.

For Luke, Jesus is the one who can best explain the meaning of the scriptures and the signs of the times. As Jesus begins his ministry the new age promised by Isaiah is dawning. Jesus comes among us bringing new sight to the blind, freedom to captives, and good news to the poor.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

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. Jn 6:63

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

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**



2. The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, / the thoughts of my heart, / win favour in your sight, O Lord, / my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

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

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.**

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:12-30.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present.

We acknowledge and respect the Kurna people's cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection with their land, waters and community.

Knights of the Southern Cross, Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring Tony Schar on 0419 127 491

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.15am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12 noon Mass –

Australia Day

Friday 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation

From 5.15pm—5.45pm Saturday evenings before Mass

Baptisms

are held on Sundays at 10.30am by arrangement through the Parish office.

Meetings this week

Tuesday 25/1

Advent Reflection Group 7pm ZOOM

Feast Days this week

Monday 24th January

St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 25th January

The Conversion of St Paul

Wednesday 26th January

Australia Day

Thursday 27th January

St Angela Merici

Sts Timothy and Titus

Friday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas

Masses at Brighton this week

Tuesday 12 noon

Wednesday 7.30am at SHC

6.30pm

Friday 12noon

Saturday 10am & 6pm

Sunday 8.30am & 10am

Readings for next weekend

29th/30th January, 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Popes' Prayer Intentions for January

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

COVID REQUIREMENTS

If you are attending Mass or any other event at Hallett Cove you are required to Scan the QR code or sign in.

You are required to wear a mask covering your mouth and nose. We have a 75% capacity limit. Please make every attempt to remain 1.5 metres from anyone not residing with you. We have moved our chairs further apart to help with this. Do not attend any events in the parish if you are not well or if you are at risk.

Rosters for next weekend

29th /30th January, 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass 6pm 9.15am

Commentator

Tania Holman Joy Saba

1st Reader

Gaynor R-Matthews Mike Ellul

2nd Reader

Ken Holman Ben Catalano

Ministers of Communion

Jim Digance Michael McPeake

COVID Marshall

Anna Del Giacco John Paul

Music Slides Preparation

Joy Saba

Counters

Glenice & Terry Fanning,

Maureen Griggs

Violet Porter

Matthew Aitken,

Barbaro Family

The dispensation for people not to attend Mass still stands.

Rosary Prayer Group

First Thursday of every month (starting again in February) at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

All morning teas and wine after Mass are cancelled till it is safe to resume.

The craft group have cancelled all gatherings till further notice

Please pray for

Sick:

Geraldine Vanderloos,

Rick Grimshaw,

David Healey, Bernadette Berry,

Hilario Amor, Michael Roach,

Anne Chiu, Helen Hehir

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will not be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

Would you like to receive an email copy of the bulletin each week.

Please email Pat at

hcp parish@adam.com.au to be

added to the list.

Did you know?

Pat sends out an email each Friday with what is coming up on the weekend. Please send an email to hcp parish@adam.com.au to be added to the email list

Fruits of First Plenary Council Assembly Published

The Report for the first Plenary Council Assembly is now available. <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/keydocuments/>

The Key Documents – Plenary Council (catholic.org.au) (proposals from small groups and individuals).

In 2022 the Diocesan Pastoral Council as well as Parishes and Communities, and the Council of Priests in the Archdiocese will be encouraged to engage with the material. We will continue our shared discernment together as we further consider the recommendations from our own Diocesan Assembly and the first assembly of the Plenary Council and move towards the second Assembly and the Synod.

Scripture Reflection Group

'Blessed are those who hear the Word of God'

When we seek to understand the Scriptures, we discover that we're made for more. We encounter the tender, living God and we see ourselves in refreshingly new ways. The Scripture Reflection Group meets each Tuesday evening at 7pm via Zoom. Facilitated by Deacon Tim, the Group reflects on the upcoming Sunday readings for one hour. It would be a blessing to have you present!

Zoom Meeting ID: 737 160 0607 (Passcode: 647195)

Leave in January

Fr Michael is on leave till the 5th February.

Marion will be on leave until the end of January.

Parish Volunteers

Thank you to those who have returned their paperwork. Please return your signed Volunteer form to the box in the foyer or email it to hcp parish@adam.com.au. We are required by Work, Health and Safety to renew these forms every 3 years.

Lenten Groups

We are looking for those who may be interested in taking part in a Lenten group this year. There is a sheet in the foyer to put your name down. We have options of face to face groups or via ZOOM depending on the interest.

Fr Michael's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Celebrations were cancelled due to COVID. We will let you know if and when this may be rescheduled.

Fr Dominick transfer

Fr Dominick is being transferred to Noarlunga Parish and Fr Prathap Katta will be coming to Brighton & Hallett Cove. This exchange will happen at the end of January. We will have a farewell for Fr Dominick on the weekend of the 29th/30th January.

St Martin de Porres prayer

To you Saint Martin de Porres we prayerfully lift up our hearts filled with confidence and devotion.

Mindful of your charity, meekness and humility of heart, we offer our petitions to you.

Pour out upon our families the precious gifts of your generous intercession; show to the people of every race and every colour the paths of unity and justice; implore from our Father in heaven the coming of his kingdom, so that we may increase the fruits of grace and merit the rewards of eternal life. Amen.

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

Tuesday February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita and the African Catholic Community will celebrate Mass on **Sunday February 13 2022** at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm. Archbishop O'Regan will be the main celebrant.

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



Australia Day
Wednesday 26th January

Masses:
7.30am at Sacred Heart College
12 noon at Brighton
12 noon at Hallett Cove
6.30pm at Brighton

Australia Day Mass

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at
9am in St Francis Xavier
Cathedral.

For more than 60 years, a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: (08) 8210 8220 or E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.



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Become An Earthcare Family

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'* in which he implores us to protect our common home. To escalate the implementation of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis has now established the *Laudato Si' Action Platform* with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years. Our Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22, 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor' reinforces the call to care for all creation and invites us to join them in taking action and committing to the *Laudato Si'* goals. Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for parishes & families to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living *Laudato Si'* communities. Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish/Family at www.catholicearthcare.org.au