

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: 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.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WORKING FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

There is a consistency between the Old Testament reading and the Gospel of today in that they speak of the qualities that should mark the life of faith in the face of difficulty – integrity, humility, truthfulness, and steadfastness. There is a call to hope that despite the presence of obstacles, misunderstanding, and sometimes rejection, God still has the power to intervene in our world. For the people in exile, it was no easy matter to continue to believe that God would intervene to re-establish the faithful in their own land. Would it have been any easier for the people of Jesus' time to hear the words of the beatitudes that proclaimed comfort for mourners, or a sumptuous banquet for those who were starving? There is a fundamental challenge that underlies both these readings: do we really believe that God's kingdom can be established in our midst? Secondly, are we prepared to work to bring that kingdom into reality?

While the Christians of Corinth felt they were living in that reality Paul knew that while there was division the process of conversion still had a long way to go. Paul was convinced that there is no place for competition or envy. He had already used the example of Jesus' humble death to show them that jealousy is misplaced in the Christian community since Jesus displayed his power in humble service. He now goes one step further reminding the Corinthians that their own humble origin is a sign that God's call is best received with humble gratitude.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

29 JANUARY 2023

BLESSED ARE YOU. The Beatitudes are among the best known verses of the Gospel of Matthew. They offer an assurance of God's care for those who mourn or suffer persecution. They contain promises that God will bless the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers and those who work for justice. Ultimately, all who put their trust in God and do what is right will rejoice in God's kingdom.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity, seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek
refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145: 7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (or Alleluia!)

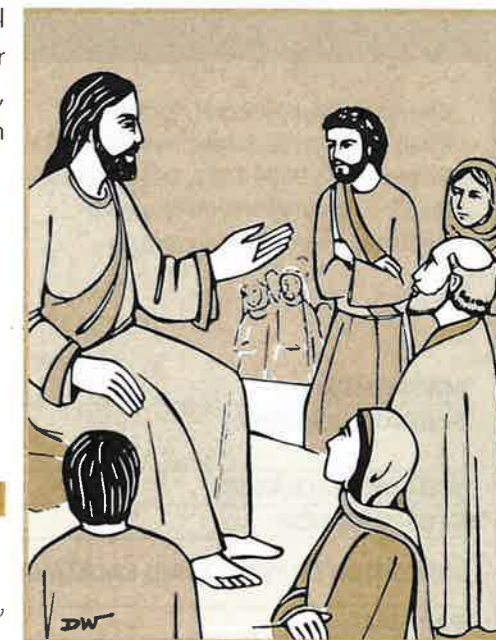
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed, / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord, who protects the stranger / and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1: 26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.



Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:1-12

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / A
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Joyce - His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, Corazon Santos - Betty Griffin, Des Howard, Maurice Reid - Fr Peter Maher

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph Paul Faust, George Sant, Carmela Ruotolo, Barry Nicholls, Sr Christine Hesel, Doreen Clinch - Dinny Lyons, Eileen Muldoon, Patricia Broderick, Rose Fernandes, Fr Peter Neville, Lorna Buckley, Vilma Roberts.

Rosters – 4/5 February

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm	Anton Fernando, Anne Fernando
Sun. 7.30am	Sophie Russo
Sun. 10.00am	Christopher Younis
	Lynette Rodrigues
	Patrick Edouard-Bets, Bill O'Shea
Vigil 5.30pm	Leah Garcia, Maddison Boulous
Sun. 7.30am	Anne Marie Lyons, Helen Wong
Sun. 10.00am	Danny Yu, Glenys Oxlee



ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE: 2 FEBRUARY

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian and Jack Elkazzi on **Thursday 2 February** at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au to attend

READERS NEEDED

We are desperately short of Readers for all Masses. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role. The next roster begins 5th March and training is provided. Please contact Glenys Oxlee on 0488 288 633 by **11th February** for more information &/or if you would like to join the roster.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be **no** Adoration on Thursday 2nd February.

This week Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from **7pm – 12am** on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Friday**.

"When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

POSITION VACANT - PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT – ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH, SPRINGWOOD

Parish Office Administration Assistant, working 12 hours per week, every Thursday (6 hrs) and Friday (6 hrs). This role requires compassion, discretion, complete confidentiality, a "can do" attitude and a willingness to work autonomously. This position does require an understanding and support of the ethos of the Catholic Church. You must be competent in the use of Microsoft Office programs (PowerPoint, Publisher, Word, Excel); able to work as part of a team; have experience in an office environment, be accurate and process work in a timely fashion. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

MEMORIAL MASS OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



You are invited to the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on **Sunday 19 February at 2pm** at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia and worldwide and look forward to celebrating the legacy of St Josephine Bakhita with you.

ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS: 6 FEBRUARY

Members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families are cordially invited to the annual Legal Red Mass on **Monday 6 February 2023** at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm. The Red Mass is an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith in the new year. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by **3 February** via enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or (02) 8839 8400.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING 2023

The inaugural St Vincent De Paul meeting for 2023 will be held on **Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm**. Our Parish SVDP group are down one team and are actively seeking new members. This is a terrific and practical way to put your faith into action!

BREAKFAST CLUB

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2023 - 8.30AM

Young adults aged 18-35 - You are invited for a breakfast feast. Join other young adults for faith, fellowship, food and fun! Venue: 4 Albion St, Dundas. RSVP: Sulyn Leslie 0408 966 632

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WYD23 PILGRIMAGE

There are only 10 seats left on the Diocesan pilgrimage with Bishop Vincent to WYD23 in Lisbon. Young people aged 16-35 are encouraged to secure their place as soon as possible to avoid missing out. View the pilgrimage itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing and registration information at www.parrawyd.org

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on **February 5** in 2023. 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.

GLENBROOK PARISH SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION AND TALK: 21 FEBRUARY

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a presentation by local parishioner and former journalist William West on the Shroud of Turin on **Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm**. William will discuss the history of the Shroud, which he explores in his book *Riddles of the Shroud – Questions Science Can't Answer*. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please contact secretary@stfinbars.org.au

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 FEBRUARY

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on **Saturday 11 February 2023** at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. **RSVPs** are required by **6 February** to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on **25-26 February**. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, 1 February – Saint Brigid

St. Brigid was born in Ireland around the year 450. Her mother was a Christian from Portugal, who had been captured and sold into slavery in Ireland. Her father, was a pagan chieftain and Brigid worked on his farm, herding cattle and sheep. Brigid showed signs of generosity, compassion and holiness from a young age - she enraged her father by constantly giving away his riches to those in need. There are countless stories of miracles about her charity. It is said that when she churned



butter, she would give a large portion to the poor, but then the butter would miraculously be replenished. In 471, St. Brigid established the famous monastery of Kildare. The monastery became famous for its artwork, especially for the beautifully illuminated manuscripts and intricate metal work. The monastery at Kildare was the first of many monasteries and churches that St. Brigid would found throughout Ireland. On February 1st, 525, St. Brigid died in Kildare, at the age of 75. In artwork, St. Brigid is often pictured holding



a cross, a burning flame and a book or manuscript. The cross that she holds is commonly called St. Brigid's Cross and was first made from weaving fresh rushes or reeds, according to tradition, by the saint herself.