

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1: 14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 1: 29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 JANUARY 2023

## LIGHT TO ALL PEOPLES

Like Archimedes, there are times we can call out 'eureka' (I have found!) and know that we have come to a moment of understanding and insight about ourselves. In the first reading, the mysterious servant figure found in the book of Isaiah has arrived at such a moment. They have come to see that their ministry is not only to bring the exiled people of Israel back to their land and to their God but to stand as a light and beacon to the nations.

In a similar fashion, John the Baptist comes to understand himself most truly when he sees Jesus and can proclaim him as the Lamb of God. At that moment, he understands that his ministry's purpose is to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism of repentance is one that prepares the ground for the baptism of the Spirit which Jesus will give.

During the next seven weeks, the second reading will be taken from Paul's first letter to the community he had founded in Corinth. It was a vibrant and volatile community that was just as varied in status, nationality and wealth as the cosmopolitan city itself. The city was a hive of activity situated where trade routes north-south and east-west intersected. As Paul begins the letter, he is mindful of the international character of the city and of the early Christian movement itself and so it is with this insight that he prays with all those throughout the world who call with faith on the name of Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,

Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,

my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,

he who formed me in the womb to be his

servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

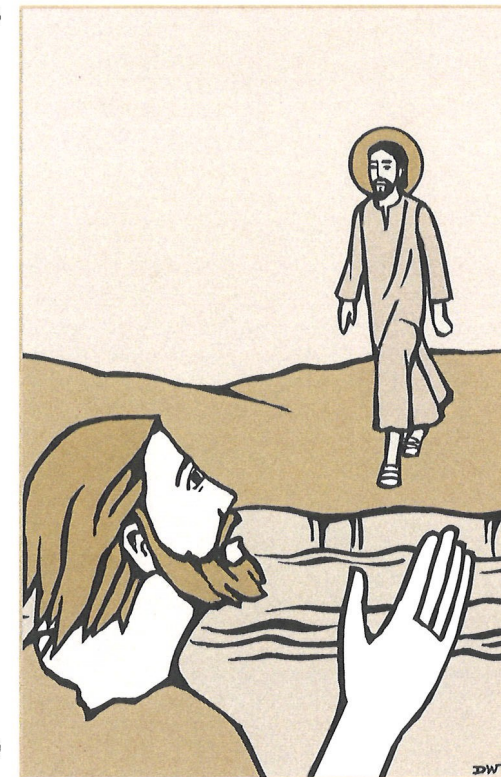
**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 1-3

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

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

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### MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

**Weekday Mass:** Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days)

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary), Friday - 5pm

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

**CCC Mass:** Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 4pm-5pm

**First Friday Devotion:** Monthly at 4pm

**First Saturday Mass and Devotion:** Monthly at 9am

**Exposition and Benediction:** First weekend of the month at all Masses

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

15th January 2023

### PRAYER REQUESTS:



**Recently Deceased:** George Cardinal Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Primitivo Rico

**Our Deceased:** Jan Wieczorkowski, Antonio Catanzaro, Giuseppa Catanzaro, Leonor Gaitan Escamilla, Selwyn Jackson, Yassmin Girgi Menassa, Milly Farrell, Peter Kwok, Chow Sai Ching, Lucy Kwok, Antonio D'Sousa, Helen Curick, Roy Landon, Eric Michael, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Jan Brayon; and all souls in purgatory.

**Our Sick:** Burkardt Foertsch, Peter McNamara, Graham Rumble, Ben Isaacs, Harriet D'Souza, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw, Ceferino Ramirez

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

St Anthony 17th January

### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### PARISH NEWS:

- Our condolences to all who are saddened by the passing of His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell. We pray for the repose of his soul and peace in our hearts and community. May his words be a food for our hearts in this time of grieving: ***"The Christian Package works. Jesus' teachings are true and bear fruit and give life, give you strength. The importance of forgiveness, of struggling to forgive, is good for peace of heart and peace of mind"*** - *George Cardinal Pell*
- We welcome into the family of God, Isabelle Law. Congratulations on your baptism!
- On Thursday 26th January, Australia Day, we will have a Mass at 7:30 am.

- **Men's Midweek Prayer Reflection** has recommenced. Wednesdays 7:30pm in the Church.
- **Michaelite 100 Year Jubilee Mass & Dinner, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023:** Michaelite priests and its parishes will gather at Holy Spirit North Ryde to celebrate 100 Years of the Michaelite Congregation. It will begin with a special Mass at 5pm, followed by catered dinner in the parish hall. Cost: \$45pp (includes 3course meal), Children up to 16yo \$20. BYO drinks. **Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend, please see Fr Pawel or contact the parish office (02) 9874 2533.**



### STATEMENT FROM MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP:

Today we have lost a Cardinal of the Church, a former Archbishop of Sydney, a fine priest, a good Christian soul. The Church in Australia and around the world is deeply saddened at the sudden passing of Cardinal George Pell, the former Archbishop of Sydney and of Melbourne. Cardinal Pell's episcopal motto was 'Be Not Afraid' and through good days & bad, he lived up to these words as a man of courage and with a big heart, who trusted in divine providence. He fearlessly proclaimed the Gospel and worked to explain the teachings of the Church. He spoke truth as he found it, however difficult or unpopular. He was also a man of prayer, of deep Christian faith and a loving shepherd to his flock in parishes, schools, hospitals and throughout his dioceses.

I was in Rome last week for the funeral of another great churchman and close friend of Cardinal Pell, Pope Benedict XVI. The Cardinal and I did not know it would be the last time we would see each other in this life, but he was in good spirits and his regular, witty self, and I am thankful that we shared this time together.

Cardinal Pell was a proud Australian who loved this country and its people and he was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2005.

The Archdiocese of Sydney thrived under his leadership. He saw great promise in youth, and his vision in bringing World Youth Day 2008 to Sydney saw a whole generation of young Catholics respond to Christ's call. Our community as a whole was uplifted by this colossal event and moved by the testimony it offered.

His Eminence was an author of books and a regular newspaper columnist, a lecturer and leader in Catholic education, and a scholar in his own right. He served the broader Church as a member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vox Clara Commission, the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Congregation of Bishops.

As Prefect for the Secretariat of the Economy, member of Pope Francis' Council of Cardinal Advisors and one of the highest-ranking church officials in the world, the Cardinal's work for openness in Church affairs was hugely important.

His final years were marked by his wrongful conviction and imprisonment, but he bore this with grace and goodwill and gave us all an example of how to accept suffering with dignity & peace. His words of reconciliation with his detractors and concern for survivors increased in authenticity as he steadfastly and successfully maintained his innocence.

He will be remembered as a courageous leader who inspired so many clergy and lay faithful around the world to proclaim Christ crucified, risen and with us still.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.