

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.**

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.

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.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

22nd January 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:



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

Deceased: Jan Wiczorkowski, Antonio Catanzaro, Giuseppa Catanzaro, Leonor Gaitan Escamilla, Selwyn Jackson, Yassmin Girgi Menassa, Milly Farrell, Peter Kwok, Chow Sai Ching, Lucy Kwok, Antonio D'Sousa, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Jan

Brayan; and all souls in purgatory.

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

Wedding Anniversary: Peter and Robyn McNamara

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

St Francis de Sales Jan 24, The Conversion of St Paul Jan 25, St Thomas Aquinas Jan 28

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:

- On Thursday 26th January, Australia Day, we will have a Mass at 7:30 am.
- **Michaelite 100 Year Jubilee Mass & Dinner, Sat 28th 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 still available!! Please see Fr Pawel or contact the parish office at 9874 2533.**

- **Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell, will be held on Thursday 2nd Feb, 11am at St Mary's Cathedral.** Open to general public. See poster for details.
- **Thank you for your generosity. We raised a total of \$7,042 towards our Vinnies Christmas Appeal.** Receipts are in a box at the back of the church for those who requested them.
- **Liturgical Rosters will be updated soon. Email the parish office for any changes.**
- **FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's) will be holding morning teas outside the Church on first Sundays in 2023, starting on Feb 5.** Please join us after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.
- **Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast:** First gathering for 2023 will be on Saturday 4th Feb at 7:00am in the parish hall (Haseler Centre). Questions 0400 303 733.
- **Men's Midweek Prayer Hour:** Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church (Holy Family Chapel).
- **Next Infant Baptism Info Session will be on Tues 7th Feb at 8pm in the parish office meeting room.** Contact the parish office by email if you wish to attend. Thank you.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new convent & formation centre for their local community. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established to help those in need. But to continue their mission, they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly & orphans. To make an offering or to learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject> or scan the QR code.



UNDERSTANDING OUR PARISH COLLECTIONS:

To our current Givers – your generosity in supporting the parish is gratefully acknowledged.

First Collection – supports the needs of the Parish Priest and includes monthly salary, upkeep of the presbytery (food, utilities, cleaner), and a small percentage to care for elderly priests. Income from Easter and Christmas offerings, weddings & baptisms are also added to the first collection. Any surplus goes into a central fund to ensure that all priests in the Archdiocese receive sufficient funds to cover their living expenses.

Second Collection – combines income from planned giving envelopes & cash on plates as well as our monthly credit card contributors. Supports the maintenance of parish buildings, pastoral programs, parish running costs (administration, insurance, utilities, general maintenance & upkeep of the Church, presbytery & parish property), staff salaries & superannuation, priest car expenses & Charitable Works Fund (CWF) shortfall. CWF is a centralised fund supporting the charitable & pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Planned Giving – Each person's capacity to give is different and you are not expected to give anything more than is reasonable. From July 2019, 30% of our Planned Giving Donations are eligible for Tax Deductibility. If you would like to assist the Parish financially via weekly envelopes or monthly credit card deductions, please take a form from the Church foyer. For more information visit: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/supporting-the-parish/>

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. 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.