

## GOSPEL

Mk 1: 14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

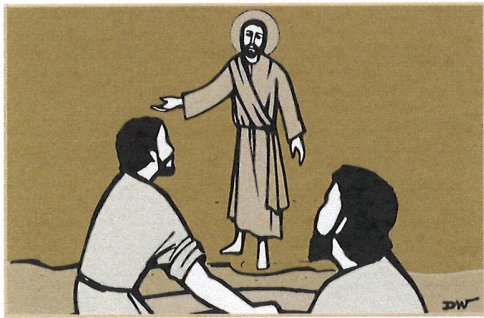
*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## METANOIA

"Repent" rings out in our readings today. Jonah, sent by God to Nineveh, delivers the message that they will be destroyed in only forty more days. "They believed God" and, with no hint that they may be reprieved, set a fast and put on sackcloth and ashes (3:5). We miss the details of this reaching the King who, joining in, makes a declaration that everyone and their animals will fast and put on sackcloth and ashes, with the hope that God might relent (vv. 6-9). God repents, changes heart and mind (Greek: *metanoō*). This metanoia, is found in the Gospel of Mark as Jesus moves from the wilderness, after forty days, to Galilee and begins his public ministry. The call to "repent" (metanoia) is couched in his declaration that "the time is fulfilled" and "the kingdom of God has come near" and is accompanied with "believe the Good News" (1:15). We know from the first verse of this Gospel that Jesus, the anointed one, the Christ and Son of God is the Good News unfolding. Our gaze is taken to Jesus in this area calling people to follow him and leave everything to do so.

Paul writing to the Corinthians further awakens our senses declaring "our time is growing short" (v. 29) and "this world is passing away" (v. 31). Sadly, we can imagine this in our time where war, famine, climate change, pandemics and much more wreak havoc. Amid this cacophony, can we hear our call to a change our heart and mind, to believe the Good News and follow Jesus?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

21 JANUARY 2024

## FIRST READING

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

*The people of Nineveh renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

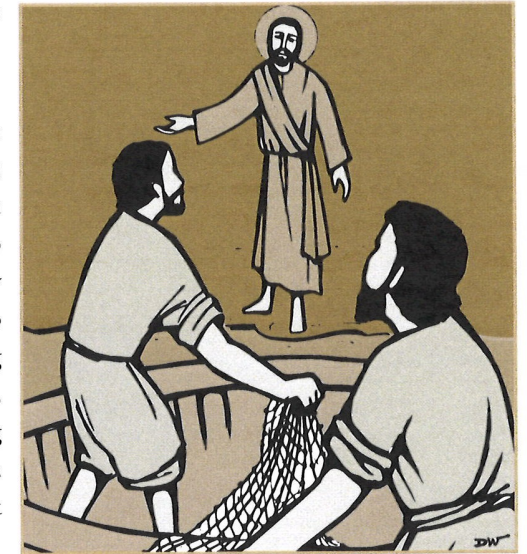
Ps 24: 4-9. R. v. 4

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 29-31

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

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near: / believe the Good News! / Alleluia!





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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 12noon (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 B

21 Jan 2024

### PRAYER REQUESTS:



**Recently Deceased:** Br Marian Swierczewski CSMA, Gerard Landon, Sami G Menassa, Sonia Fernandes

**Death Anniversary:** Domenico & Caterina Sorbilli, Yassmin G Menassa, Kong Kit Lai

**Deceased:** Warren Farr, Cecilia Quizon, Lucia and Phillip Graziano, Frank and Lucy Dixon, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Selwyn Jackson; Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Francis Murray, Marie Cummins; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron and Jan Brayan.

**Sick:** Ling Sin Fong, Xiao Yi Chen, Sheriden Nemecek, Paul Celler, Dave Isaacs, Terence Cahill, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS:

Saint Francis de Sales 24th Jan, The Conversion of St Paul 25th Jan

### PARISH NEWS:

- **We need NEW CHILDREN'S LITURGY FACILITATORS** to join our group of dedicated leaders. No experience required, just a love for sharing Scripture with children. Training is provided as you will be paired with an experienced facilitator. Rosters are during school term and you are only required once or twice a term at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. **To find our more contact Therese on 0409 595 566. We also say "Thank you Carmel, for all your help and support to this ministry for a number years!"** Carmel will now take on and focus on another volunteering role in our parish community.
- **LITURGICAL ROSTERS WILL BE UPDATED SOON.** Contact the parish office for any changes.
- **For those who requested donation receipts from St Vincent De Paul**, they are now available for collection from the table at the back of the church.
- **On AUSTRALIA DAY, 26TH JANUARY, we will have a Mass at 5pm.** All welcome.
- **Friends of St Kevin (FOSK) morning tea will be on Sun 4th Feb, after the 9:30am Mass.**



- **3rd CUPPA TIME REFLECTIONS book by Fr Martin Maunsell will be on sale at all Masses next weekend! COST: \$25.** Proceeds from the sale will go towards renovating the nursery at Pere Achte Pre/Primary School. Fr Martin will be available to sign the books after the Sat Vigil Mass & Sun 9:30 am Mass. **See article in this week's issue of The Catholic Weekly p6.**
- **ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP - WEDNESDAYS, 12:30-2:30pm in the Church, commencing on Jan 24.** All are welcome to join us in praying the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, reflection on the gospel, praise and worship. For more info contact Marianna 0418 288 522.
- **Men's Midweek Gospel Reflection - has recommenced for 2024. Weekly at 7pm on Tuesdays in the Holy Family Chapel in the Church. Interested? please call 0400303733**
- **Next Men's Prayer Breakfast for 2024 will be on Sat 3rd February at 7am** in the Parish Hall, followed by Mass and devotion in the Church at 9am.
- **All Catechists are invited to attend our Northern Area Mass at St Michael's Meadowbank on Wed 7th Feb at 11am,** RSVP to [anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au) by Jan 31.
- Get a copy of **The Catholic Weekly for only \$2. In this week's issue: Gerard Landon (St Kevin's Eastwood parishioner) - 'Rugby Union Legend Farewelled' p20.**
- **If you wish to offer a Mass for the sick, deceased, and other occasions**, please collect an envelope in the church foyer. Write the date when you want the Mass to be said, name of the person who you wish to pray for, and the intention. Tick 'For Publication' if you wish for the name to be printed in the parish bulletin for two weekends. And then place the envelope in the weekend collection bags. Thank you.

### SEASONS OF RENEWAL: LENT AND EASTER

Join the Parish Renewal Team online to explore practical ideas that parishes can implement during Lent & Easter so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that only Christ can give. Scan the QR Code to register for a 1hr online session at a time that suits you or visit: [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events).



### SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION:

**Thank you to all parish volunteers who have completed the Online Safeguarding Induction Training.** To maintain our current safe working environment, it is required that volunteers who will or expected to have contact with children and/or adults at risk must complete a Safeguarding Induction Training. To register go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>. To those who have completed their Safeguarding Induction Training in 2020 or 2021, you are now due for a Safeguarding refresher training, to register go to: <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9>. The archdiocese requires safeguarding refresher training every 3 years.

**REMINDER:** To all volunteers whose WWCC will expire in three months, please go to: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/applicant> to renew. Once completed, send your new expiry date to the parish office. Thank you.

### 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 E: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or (02) 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.



### 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.