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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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January 22nd/23rd, 2022

**The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.**

The first part of today's Gospel is in fact the opening sentence of Luke where he sets out his goal which is to give an orderly account of recent events. Theophilus is a code word made up of two Greek words, God and Love, so in fact Luke is writing to all those who love God.

Having told us Luke's goal, the Gospel then moves to chapter 4 where Jesus announces his goal with the synagogue of his home-town, Nazareth. Jesus deliberately selects the text from Isaiah 61, so if we want to understand Luke's story of Jesus we need to understand this text. Jesus has a mission to the poor, to the outcasts, the alienated, the ones society despises, the 'down and outers', the ones living in darkness and pain. Jesus' role is to tell these people, who feel most unloved and rejected, "You are not despised by God; God has not rejected you." This is what is meant by "the Lord's year of favour". This year is the great fiftieth year of jubilee liberation, when slaves are to be released, when debts are to be written off and people are allowed to return home. Jesus says, "God keeps Jubilee. Your debts to God are written off, do not let guilt and fear enslave you, come home to a welcoming God."

If we can understand that this is the goal Jesus announces then we will understand why in Luke's Gospel he spends so much time with sinners and outcasts. What Jesus announces in Nazareth he will then live out, to the great shock of his family and friends.

What might Jesus' mission be for you?

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Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Luke 4:21-30

**READINGS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading**

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

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.’

**Responsorial Psalm****Response:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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.

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.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

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

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthian 12:12-30

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.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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 eyewitnesses 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.’

**Parish Diary****Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's**Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>****Mass cancelled****Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's**Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim'sMass 9:00am  
St Agnes'Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

## PARISH NEWS

### COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

### St Vincent De Paul Society

Tuesday, January 25th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1ST EUCHARIST

This year's Sacramental Program for First Communion begins in February. The program is open to children in year four (4) and above who have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

### Registration will close on 14 February and SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED.

To secure your place or for more information contact Rachel at [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au)

## TONGA EMERGENCY

Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation. Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas.

The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption.

"This volcanic eruption was up there with the likes of Krakatoa in terms of scale, so we are extremely concerned about the impacts of the eruption and tsunami in Tonga," said Damaris Pfendt, Caritas Australia's Pacific Humanitarian Coordinator.

"Volcanic ash and saltwater inundation from the tsunami waves have contaminated water supplies, so many communities will be left without clean water. Tonga already struggles with clean water supplies because it relies on groundwater and rainwater, so this will put communities in a really difficult position."

"From the few updates that have come through, we know that the devastation is significant, especially for the outer lying islands. There is an urgent need for fresh water and shelter, especially for the communities on the coastline whose homes were damaged by the tsunami waves. Roads and bridges have also been damaged."

"Thankfully Caritas Tonga already has emergency supplies pre-positioned in the capital and Ha'apai, so they will be able to respond quickly to immediate needs with these supplies. However, it's crucial that we step up and support our neighbours in Tonga, as they recover from this devastating volcanic eruption."

Caritas Australia is currently working to restore communications with our local partner, Caritas Tonga, to assess the situation on the ground and determine the most urgent needs.

Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga.

Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE AWARENESS ZOOM WORKSHOPS

Presented by Queensland Churches Together, the Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Program has been operating in Queensland for the past 30 years, producing resources and running workshops for church and faith communities. Recognising that domestic and family violence is often a hidden evil in these communities, our workshops bring together clergy, faith leaders and laity to examine ways in which to address violence, bringing this into the light of truth and healing. Session 1: 2nd March: What is Domestic & Family Violence, DFV A personal story Session 2: 9th March Understanding Perpetrators Responding to Domestic Family Violence Session 3: 16th March Theology and Domestic & Family Violence, Expert Q&A Panel. Register for all three sessions through <https://www.trybooking.com/860411> Enquiries: For more information contact: admin@qct.org.au Tel. 07 3369 6792

### LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF HEALING:

Queensland Churches together will be facilitating an interactive course which will develop your general skills in pastoral care, help you understand how people relate to faith communities in times of stress, and encourage you to be a better listener, particularly in being less defensive in dealing with negativity.

Dates: March 25-27<sup>th</sup>; April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, "Old Bishopsbourne" St. Francis College, 233 Milton Rd, Milton.

There are further details on the noticeboard or you view online at <https://qct.org.au/images/events/Skills-for-Pastoral-Care-Brochure-2.pdf>

### HEAR THE CALL TO PRAY FROM FIRST NATIONS CHRISTIAN ELDERS

Common Grace invites Christians to join with First Nations elders for prayer on-line on Tuesday 25 January at 6:30 PM Brisbane time. The elders invite you to join with them to acknowledge the true history of our nation, to lament the present day disadvantage and injustice faced by our First Nations sisters and brothers, and to pray for a nation built on the foundations of truth, justice, love and hope.

To sign up for the Change the Heart prayer gathering and to get the link, go to:

[https://www.commongrace.org.au/heartheall?utm\\_campaign=watch\\_changetheheart\\_2022&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=commongrace](https://www.commongrace.org.au/heartheall?utm_campaign=watch_changetheheart_2022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=commongrace)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – WA KIMBERLEY REGION

Are you looking for a unique experience to: learn more about indigenous culture; contribute to the wider community, and grow personally. We need people to volunteer in the remote community of Kalumburu Mission. Various roles at the mission include: food preparation, office duties, ground maintenance, maintaining vehicles, room bookings/preparation. Assistance can be provided with flights. Accommodation & meals are included.

If you would be interested to offer your skills and learn more about the local culture, please contact: 08 9192 1060; [volunteers@broomediocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomediocese.org) or [www.broomediocese.org](http://www.broomediocese.org).





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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

#### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY**

*... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.*

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.