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## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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January 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Dear Friends

The theme of today's liturgy is the role of the prophet. Prophets have always had an important place in the life of the Church. This comes as a surprise to most people – probably because they think of prophets as those who predict future events: something that rarely happened. Prophets are people who – because they are in tune with God – help us to see things as God sees them. They point out the way God is calling us to follow, and remind us of the future God has in store for those who trust in him. At Vatican II, it was recognized that the important contribution such people can make has been neglected in the life of the Church in recent centuries. Every healthy Christian community has its prophets; we should be grateful for them and open to what they have to contribute to our life together. As Vatican II has told us, we are all called - through our baptism - to share in Christ's role as the Father's great Prophet.

The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us of the importance of the prophets of the Old Testament. In tune with God's ways, they called the people and their rulers to recognize these ways and to live by them. Jeremiah knew that he was called to a difficult role. His life was in constant danger, and he knew great suffering, because he answered God's call. We are all called to stand up for the ways of God. Down through the ages, even to our own day, many Christians have given their lives because they knew that they were called to challenge the world's selfishness and blindness.

Jesus - sent to give his witness to the ways of his Father - was the greatest of all prophets. In the end, he gave his life for the truth he brought to the world. In today's gospel reading from Luke – a continuation of the passage we heard last Sunday – we see Jesus sharing in the kind of experience many have had, as they have tried to build up the life of a small, closed community. When they heard him speak, the people of his village were filled with surprise and admiration at first; but they found it hard to accept the new role Jesus had assumed – why had he ministered in rival towns before coming to them? In the end, however, Jesus experienced the violent reaction Jeremiah had known. As he challenged them to broaden their horizons and recognize that God's blessings to be given to the gentiles, their mood changed, and they came close to lynching him. It is obvious that this took place when the ministry of Jesus was well established. However, Luke begins the story of the ministry in Galilee with this incident because it provides a kind of summary of what is to follow – the Good News of God's generous ways is rejected by the people of the Synagogue, who seek his death. Luke may well, in the mysterious escape of Jesus, be foreshadowing the final triumph of the Resurrection.

Today's familiar reading from St Paul to the Corinthians is a splendid complement to our main theme. Having 'the gift of prophecy' and an 'understanding of all the mysteries' will achieve nothing if it is not inspired by love. Nothing opens the way to the hearing of a challenging message more effectively than an approach full of good will - if faith, hope and love are the constants in the shared life of the Church, 'the greatest of these is love'.

(John Thornhill SM)

**Readings: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Luke 5:1-11**

## READINGS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me.  
Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked.  
It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help.  
My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

## Parish Diary

### Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

### Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

### Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

### Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

*(Includes Anointing of the Sick)*  
Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

### Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

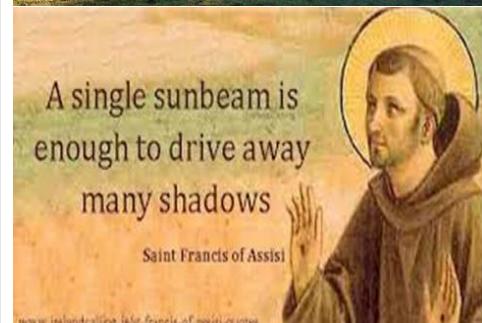
### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's  
Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'



# Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

## PARISH NEWS

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Marianne Ambrose and Eileen White. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### COUNTERS

Vince's team.

### MASS OF ANOINTING

The mass on Friday, February 4th will include an Anointing of the Sick. There will be NO hospitality afterwards due to our current COVID restrictions.

### COFFEE AND CHAT

Coffee and Chat will recommence on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. If you are a regular attendee and feel you will **NOT** be attending due to the current COVID situation could you please let the office know on 3349 2280 or [hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au). A decision will be made next Thursday as to whether it will go ahead and a notice will be in next weekend's newsletter.

### 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)

### ST VINCENTE DE PAUL – NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED

Like most Charities today, we need your help, as our work-load is increasing exponentially. So please think about joining us; even if you are only able to assist with a couple of hours each week, it would be greatly appreciated. For any further information please contact us via the Parish Office.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ST JAMES' COLLEGE SPRING HILL ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

St James' College is a progressive multicultural Catholic Coeducational Secondary College in the tradition of Edmund Rice (EREA). An expanded campus means additional enrolments are open in 2022 in all year levels. Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Attend the Information Evening on 7 February at 6pm online or face to face. Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au) or 3230 8600. Visit [www.StJamesCollege.com.au](http://www.StJamesCollege.com.au).

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### RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS OF OTHER FAITHS

1–7 February - World Interfaith Harmony Week On 20 October 2010, World Interfaith Harmony Week was unanimously adopted by the United Nations and since then has been celebrated in the first week of February each year. The concept came from a proposal, only a month earlier, by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan, and is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word Initiative. Commencing in 2007, this encouraged Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in dialogue. The concept has been extended to people of all faiths and those of no faith. World Interfaith Harmony Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the dialogue being undertaken by all people of good will.

### MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Did you know Catholic Mass is broadcast on free-to-air television each Sunday morning? Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6am on Channel 10 and WIN. Let family and friends know that they can pray along at home if they are unable to attend their local parish. Find out more at [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

### POSITION VACANT – HOUSEKEEPER

Applications are open for a part time of Housekeeper to assist in the cleaning of the Holy Spirit Seminary. Specific responsibilities include dusting, vacuuming, mopping floors, bathrooms, kitchens, bedrooms, changing linens for 18 hours per week Monday to Wednesday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close: 11 February 2022

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

2nd of FEBRUARY 2022



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. We pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

To find out more about your vocation



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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.