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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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February 5th/6th, 2022

Word of God Sunday

For many decades, the Catholic Church in Australia has taken part in National Bible Sunday organised on the third Sunday in July by Bible Society Australia. It is good that this is an ecumenical event since all Christian Churches hold the Scriptures in common. It is always listed among the special commemorations in the official Ordo, but I suspect in recent times it has been largely ignored in many Catholic parishes.

Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. This is why, many years ago, we moved the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to the time between Ascension and Pentecost, which is generally in May.

The Importance of the Word of God

In fact, there were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his “living and tender love” of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculcating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time.

Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: “the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord’s body … offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21).” In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: “We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: ‘whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood’ (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ’s body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God’s teaching.”

Tom Eilich

Liturgy Brisbane

Of course, as Catholics, our reflection on the Word of God would not be complete without making the connection between the Word of God and the Eucharist. As Pope Francis says, “The journey that the Risen Lord makes with the disciples of Emmaus ended with a meal. They sit down at table, and Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and offers it to them. At that moment, their eyes are opened, and they recognize him (cf. v. 31). At every Eucharist, remember that Christ accompanies us through life. And we never forget, Pope Francis reminds us, that Mary, who “heard the Word of God and kept it,” is always with us.

It is believed that a Sunday to celebrate the Word of God is a significant moment in the history of the Church. After all, the one constant reality for the people of God from their origin is the spoken Word of God. May the Word become flesh in our lives and in the world.
(Unknown)

Readings: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5 - 8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17. 20-26

READINGS FOR WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 6, 2022



Parish Diary

Monday, February 7th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, February 9th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, February 10th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, February 11th

World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, February 12th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 12th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, February 13th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Marianne Ambrose and Mary Kurian. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Vince's team.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Coffee and Chat **WILL GO AHEAD** this Monday, February 7th at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. If you need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334. Everyone is welcome.

St Vincent De Paul Society

Tuesday, February 8th 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE AWARENESS ZOOM WORKSHOPS

The Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Program has been operating in Qld 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: 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 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 when dealing with negativity.

Dates: March 25-27th; April 1st – 3rd, "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>

HARVEST JOURNEYS – PILGRIMAGE THE WORLD IS WAITING

The sacred paths of our **Great South Land of the Holy Spirit** await you! Now that borders have opened the demand for travel increases, domestic journeys are enjoying unprecedented demand. Places are limited. Visit our website for more information: info@harvestjourneys.com

POSITIONS VACANT

Groundsman - Applications are open for a casual position at the Jubilee Catholic Parish to maintain the gardens and grounds of several Parish church locations and provide assistance to the Parish in relation to minor maintenance tasks. Applications close: February 14th

Parish Secretary - Applications are open for the above position at the Albany Creek Parish. The position is a part-time 18 hours a week over 3 days per week (Wed, Thurs & Fri) 8am to 2.30pm. Applications close: February 14th

Pastoral & Sacramental Coordinator - Applications are open for a position at the Darra Jindalee Parish. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic committed person to assist the parish with the coordination of a variety of pastoral ministry programs such as the Sacramental Program, Sunday School program and Religious Instruction in State Schools. This is 22 hour a week position.

For more information, please visit the Archdiocesan website: <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER FEBRUARY EDITION

COST: \$4

- Tim Norton considers himself an unlikely choice to become Brisbane's new auxiliary bishop.
- Perpetual Adoration shared among northside churches
- Sister Jessika Trieu professed on January 1
- Jo Hayes is brimming with excitement as she describes her series on the Catholic TV channel Shalom World.
- POPE Francis has approved "Pilgrims of Hope" as the motto for the Holy Year 2025.
- Ministry school equips Catholics to answer church call
- new global initiative seeks to 'unlock' the Catechism.
- Qld priest brings Church wisdom to health ethics debates
- RETIRED Brisbane priest Fr Ellis Clifford remembered.
- Stanhope local Teresa Pozzebon has been awarded the Junior Citizen of the Year for the Southern Downs
- Pope Francis officially has declared St Irenaeus of Lyon a doctor of the Church
- Mark Lysaght casting the NET again across the waters
- The Catholic Eparchy of Adigrat in Ethiopia has reiterated its calls for dialogue and unhindered humanitarian access in Tigray, as the UN highlighted an opportunity for a peaceful settlement of the conflicts in the region



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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.