

GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

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 eye-witnesses 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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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JESUS OUR GUIDE

Often it can be difficult to know how to read the signs of the times. In our search, we naturally turn to the scriptures but often we find that we need a guide in order to fully understand them. The first reading from Nehemiah comes from a time when the people of Israel shared some of the same difficulties. The Hebrew scriptures needed to be interpreted for the people in their own language of Aramaic.

One of Paul's strengths as a pastor was that he was tireless in searching for ways to explain the nature of Christian life in language that his Christian converts could understand. How was he going to show the divided community of Corinth that they needed each other? How could he bring them to see that the variety of gifts within the community was a blessing rather than a source of division? To answer this vexing problem, he drew upon the image of the community as a body where every member of the body depends on every other member. He knew all too well that separated from Christ our head, and divided from one another, we are nothing.

For Luke, Jesus is the one who can best explain the meaning of the scriptures and the signs of the times. As Jesus begins his ministry the new age promised by Isaiah is dawning. Jesus comes among us bringing new sight to the blind, freedom to captives, and good news to the poor.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn 6:63

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. 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. **R.**



2. 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.**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**

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

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:12-30.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present.

We acknowledge and respect the Kaurna people's cultural, spiritual, physical, and emotional connection with their land, waters and community.

Sunday Mass Times

6.00 pm — (Saturday Vigil)

8.30am — (Sunday)

10.00 am — (Sunday)

Weekday Masses

Monday 24/1 No services

Tuesday 25/1 Mass 12noon

Wed 26/1 **Australia Day**

SHC 7.30am Mass

Mass 12 noon

Mass 6.30pm

Thursday 27/1 No services

Friday 28/1 Mass 12noon

Saturday 29/1 Mass 10am

Masses at Hallett Cove this week

Wed 12 noon – **Australia Day**

Friday 9.30am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.15am

Feast Days this week

Monday 24th January

St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 25th January

The Conversion of St Paul

Wednesday 26th January

Australia Day

Thursday 27th January

St Angela Merici

Sts Timothy and Titus

Friday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas

Readings for next weekend

22nd/23rd January, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Obligation for Sunday Mass

The obligation for NOT attending Mass on Sundays is still available for all parishioners.

Reconciliation

After midday Mass on Fridays

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

Baptisms

are held on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office and with the Baptismal Preparation Team

Weddings - Contact Parish Office

What's on in our parish this week

Thursday 27th January

Bible Study 10.30am

Popes' Prayer Intentions for January

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring

Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased

Roma Stinchcomb,

Betty Fowles (Flint),

Ken Woodman

Deceased

Barry James Bratchford,

Mary Lorraine Naylor

Anniversaries

Paul Morrissy, Dorothy de Gruchy,

Brigitte Jelly, Joe O'Neill

Sick

Michael Pulley, Robert Pulley, Carol

Houston, Ignacio Sy Jr, Erna

Zinnerger, Denis Ogilvy,

Lee Newton, Malcolm Moore,

Gregory Mahon, Angie Hillis,

Tom Ditchburn, Lorraine Virgo,

Ken Woodman, Mary Millar,

Lindsay Head, Christina, Claire,

Trevor Moses, Graham Newitt,

Ian Price, Antonio, Conrad Paul,

Christopher Harwood, Jill Head,

Manuela Noronha, Monica Egan,

Lucy Ashworth, Colin Moore,

Sr Marietta, Charlie Hamblen,

Liz Schembri, Ross Moore, Jim East,

Tibor Ferencz, Kevin Pardon,

John Wallace, Carol Swavley,

Aoibhinn Delaney

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

Mass is streamed from the Cathedral on Sundays at 11am, available from

www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Or watch on Channel 10 at 6am on Sunday morning.

Australia Day

Wednesday

26th January

Masses:

7.30am at Sacred Heart College

12 noon at Brighton

12 noon at Hallett Cove

6.30pm at Brighton

Fr Dominick transfer

Fr Dominick is being transferred to Noarlunga Parish at the end of January and Fr Prathap Katta will be coming to Brighton & Hallett Cove.

This weekend Fr Dominick will be celebrating his last weekend Masses with us. We thank him for ministering with us for the past 12 months and wish him well in his new appointment.

All Morning teas are cancelled until it is COVID safe to resume

Congratulations and Happy Birthday

Dorrie Kennedy celebrated her 100th birthday last Sunday 16th January. Congratulations and many blessings!

Fr Michael's 25th Ordination Anniversary

Celebrations were cancelled due to COVID. We will advise if and when they will be rescheduled.

COVID REQUIREMENTS

If you are attending Mass or any other event or meeting in the Brighton Parish you are required to Scan the QR code or sign in.

You are required to wear a Mask covering both your nose and mouth.

There have been no changes to our capacity numbers in the church. We are still allowed 75% capacity, but social distancing of 1 person per 2 square metres is required. Please help us all to stay well. Do not attend any events in the parish if you are not well or if you are at risk.

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

Tuesday February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita and the African Catholic Community will celebrate Mass on **Sunday February 13 2022** at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm. Archbishop O'Regan will be the main celebrant.



Lenten Groups

We are looking for those who may be interested in taking part in a Lenten group this year. There is a sheet in the foyer to put your name down. We have options of face to face groups or via ZOOM depending on the interest.

We welcome into our community through Baptism this weekend:

Harper Horder

Volunteers at 6pm Mass

We are in the process of doing a new roster for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass. If you would like to be involved in either of these ministries, please ring Clare at the Parish Office on 8296 7292 and let her know. Any involvement would be greatly appreciated. Training will be provided if needed. Being involved in any ministry is part of our baptismal call and shows that we are a community.

VINNIES – THANK YOU

Once again we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our Parish community in contributing food and gifts for our Christmas hampers. We thank you most sincerely for your donations. A special thanks also to the three schools in our parish, Sacred Heart College, McAuley School and Christ the King School. Each school donated an amazing variety of gifts which meant that we were able to assist all the families who requested help from us for Christmas.

This year we prepared and delivered hampers to fifty families in our region.

Throughout the year we provide assistance on a regular basis to struggling families as they try to work through difficult times in their lives.

We have recently had a couple of members retire so, if you would like to be part of our group we would love to hear from you. We meet once a month on a Monday afternoon.

Liz Kelton

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Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 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.

Australia Day Mass

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 9am in St Francis Xavier Cathedral. For more than 60 years, a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: (08) 8210 8220 or

E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Parish Library

It is with great regret that we advise that our Tuesday and Friday library gatherings are on hold for the remainder of January. The decision to delay our start was made in consultation with the Parish office in line with SA Health restrictions due to the rapid increase of Covid numbers.

Hopefully we shall weather this storm and meet again in February.



A daily prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Carparking

Please keep the car parks in front of the church free for those who need to park close to the church. The carpark is accessible from Old Beach Road. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.