

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 4:18

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

GOSPEL

Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 JANUARY 2022

GOD'S WORD PREVAILS

Prophets are normally understood as foretellers, but more often their role is that of being forth-tellers, that is, those who have the often-dangerous role of proclaiming God's word. Since God's word to Israel was often one of challenge, the ministry of the prophet was undertaken in the midst of opposition, rejection, and misunderstanding. As Jeremiah begins his ministry as prophet, he is prepared for the difficulties that lie before him but encouraged with the knowledge that God will protect and defend him. One of the ways that Luke portrays Jesus is as a prophet and, like the prophets before him, his message will lead to rejection by his own people. At first Jesus' message is received with wonder but as the challenge of Jesus' words comes to be understood, his own people become enraged and seek to destroy him. As Jesus slips from their grasp we see the promise of protection made to Jeremiah being fulfilled. Despite opposition, God's word will be proclaimed.

During Paul's ministry, there were occasions when it was necessary for him to speak uncomfortable truths to his fledgling communities. The Christians in Corinth had been blessed with many spiritual gifts – tongues, prophecy, knowledge – but these very gifts had become a source of division and competition within the community. Paul knew that the only lasting foundation upon which the community could be built was that of love. It is only with the eyes of love that one can see clearly enough to come to maturity in Christ.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17. R. v. 15

R. I will sing of your salvation.

1. 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. **R.**

2. 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. **R.**

3. 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. **R.**

4. 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. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 13:4-13.

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

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:31-13:13



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Saturday 6.00pm (5.30pm from May to August)
 Sunday 9.00am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9.30am
 Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon
 1st Friday Mass and Benediction 12 noon
 First Wednesday Anointing Mass 12 noon

McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday 11.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8.15am - 9.15am
 Sunday 8.00am - 8.30am

Tingha St. Francis' Church Saturday 4.00pm
 (Saturday 3.30pm from May to August)

Ashford St Patrick's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday 11.00am

Bundarra St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sun 11.00am

Yetman St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 11.30am

Baptism (Saturday only) 11am;
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment
For emergencies please phone 0428-126703



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 O' Sacrament Divine,
 All Praise and all Thanksgiving,
 be every moment Thine...

PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

JANUARY - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

MON 31st Feast Day of St John Bosco
 Rosary 9.00am
Communion Service 9.30am

FEBRUARY - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

TUE 1st Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am

WED 2nd Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)
 Rosary 11.30am
Mass 12 Noon

THUR 3rd St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
 Rosary 11.30am
Mass & Throat Blessing 12 Noon

FRI 4th First Friday
 Rosary 11.30am
Mass & Benediction 12 Noon

SAT 5th First Saturday & Feast Day of St Agatha, virgin
 Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
Vigil Mass 6.00pm

SUN 6th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Word of God & Catechist Sunday
Mass 9.00am

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION

We as a PARISH, try to live out our VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love. MISSION: To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Souls in Purgatory; Repose of the soul of George Allan Turner (father-in-law of June); Repose of the soul of Noel John Sanders (brother of June Turner)

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & for the Anniversaries of Joan Hiscox, Margaret Lawn, Noel John Sanders (brother of June Turner), Maria Fisher (mother of Archbishop Anthony Fisher), Jodi Kaye Johnson. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Shirley Krug, Matthew Smith, Eileen Hagan, Margaret Kahler, Lloyd Fleming, Herb McArdle, Bernie Graham and family, Sr Judy Breen, Joan Ticehurst, Laurel King (wife of Tony), Fr John Willis, Marie Ward, Jenny Turner, Wayne Jones, Emma Donaldson, Tony Starr, Baby Isabel Akhil, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keefe, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Rex Parry, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp, Brian Barker, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Voight, Agnes Hannigan and the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Pastoral Council Wed 2 Feb 2022 5.00pm
 Liturgy Committee Sat 12 Feb 2022 8.30am
 Finance Committee Mon 7 Mar 2022 5.30pm



"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening."
 - Pope St John Paul II

HOME ROSARY

Tingha Bernie & Colleen Graham
 11 Diamond Street
Wednesday 2 February at 4.30pm

Catechist Sunday: Next Sunday we remember and celebrate the contribution of Catechists in the Catholic Church. In our own parish **Catechists Are Urgently Needed!** Please read the insert in this weekend's bulletin and contact the Parish Office if you are able to volunteer.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF YOUR PRIESTS AND UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH

1st Collection: Presbytery for priest support
 BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550
 Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Account
2nd Collection: Church for upkeep & maintenance (PGP)
 BSB 082105 Account No. 001001010
 Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell
 For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

Pope Francis: Vaccination is an Act of Love "Getting vaccines that are authorised by the respective authorities is an act of love. And helping the majority of people to do so is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. [...] Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable."
<https://wherepeteris.com/pope-francis-vaccination-is-an-act-of-love/>

COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH Mass attendance: There are no limits on numbers in places of worship, singing is permitted by all, and masks are required. Checking in with QR code or written register is still required. **Contact Sheets** are placed at each opened entrance to the Church. **Parishioners** attending the Church are required to record their full names. **Visitors** are required to record their name and contact details. The contact sheets will be removed after each Mass and kept confidential. If you prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait until all other parishioners have been before approaching the altar. If you are unwell please stay at home. If you require Home Communion contact the office.

JANUARY 30TH - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
 "What tenderness there is in Jesus' love for man! In His infinite goodness, He established, with each of us, bonds of sublime love! His love has no limits." - St John Bosco

A friendly reminder: Please maintain a respectful atmosphere of reverence before and after each Mass so those praying may do so without distraction. Any conversation should be conducted quietly. Also, please remember to turn off your mobile devices.

"By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord."
 St Leonard

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ALTAR SOCIETY - NEW MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO HOLINESS

We urgently encourage and invite volunteers to join the Altar Society. The job is not difficult and consists of no heavy lifting. The main tasks are dusting, polishing, and tidying of paper table once a week (approx. 1 to 1 and a half hours) for a calendar month. Please contact Rhonda on 6722 1189 if you can assist. Thank you.

NCLS Survey: From 30 Jan '22 to 27 Feb '22 parishioners are invited to complete the survey, either the paper form available at the back of the church or online. The online form can be found at attendersurvey.ncls.org.au and parishioners will need to use the Church Code TAH01001 to complete the survey. Please hand the completed paper forms to either Fr James or the Parish Office prior to 27 Feb '22.

This weekend, 29/30 January, Chris Da Silva, the Director of Mission & Evangelisation for Armidale will give a talk on Synodality. Commencement times: 5:30pm Saturday 29th and after the 9am Mass on Sunday 30 January. All are welcome to attend.



Candlemas Prayer

O God, true light, who create light eternal, spreading it far and wide, pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful the brilliance of perpetual light, so that all who are brightened in your holy temple by the splendour of these candles may happily reach the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer of Reparation for Offenses Made Against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Merciful Jesus, my King and my God, I worship You. O Blessed Mother, Mary Immaculate, I cherish you. For those who offer you insult, I offer you praise. For those who offer you mocking, I offer you honour. For those who offer you disbelief, I offer you trust. For those who offer you hate, I offer you love. For those who offer you cursing, I offer you blessing. For those who offer you ridicule, I offer you loving gazes. For those who offer you blasphemy, I offer you adoration. For those who offer you rebellion, I offer you obedience. For those who offer you indifference, I offer you devotion. For those who offer you obstinate pride, I offer you a contrite heart. For those who offer you scorn, I offer you fidelity. Soften the hearts of those who offend you, that they may come to know you and love you as you deserve. Make my heart more fervent so I may pray without ceasing for the conversion and salvation of souls. Amen.

Roster	Greeters	Projector	Readers	Commentator	Communion Minister	Collectors	Counters
29Jan-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	J Kelly	N Turner	N McCosker	Volunteer	Suspended	
30Jan-Sun 9am	Volunteers	MJ Guest	M Robinson	J Harris	Volunteer	Suspended	G Henry, P Girle, & L MacDonald
In place of the collection plates please put donations in baskets located at the entrance of the church							
5Feb-Sat 6pm	Volunteers	Sr Coral	P Armstrong	J Monie	Volunteer	Suspended	
6Feb-Sun 9am	Volunteers	P Girle	G Taveira	C Bruse	Volunteer	Suspended	A & H McArdle

Reflection It was understandable that the people of Nazareth, who had seen Jesus grow up among them, were surprised to hear Him proclaim Himself the anointed of God, of whom Isaiah spoke. They now had a double alternative before them: either they could accept Him as the fulfillment of the prophecy; or they could rebel. The privilege of being the home town of the long-awaited Messiah and the One Whom the Heavenly Father in the Jordan proclaimed His Divine Son was too much for them, because of their familiarity with Him. They believed in God in a kind of way, but not the God Who touched their neighbourhood, entered into close dealings with them, and lifted hammers in the same trade shop. The same kind of snobbery that was found in the exclamation of Nathanael: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" now became the prejudice against Him in His own city, and among His own people. He was indeed the Son of a carpenter, but also of the Carpenter Who made heaven and earth. Because God had taken upon Himself a human nature, and had been seen in the lowliness of a village artisan, He failed to win the respect of men.

In order to bring home to their souls that their self-esteem was wounded, and that if His own received Him not, He would take His salvation elsewhere, He placed Himself in the category of Old Testament prophets, who themselves received no better treatment. He quoted two examples from the Old Testament. Both were a foreshadowing of the direction that His Gospel was to take, namely, to embrace the Gentiles... Since both [the widow of Zarephath and the leper Naaman] were Gentiles, He implied that the benefits and blessings of the Divine Kingdom were coming in answer to faith, not in answer to race. God, He told them, was no man's debtor; His mercies would flow to other people if His own rejected them. His townsmen were reminded that it was their earthly-minded expectation of a political kingdom that withheld them from the realisation of the great truth that heaven had visited them in Himself. His own home town became the stage on which was trumpeted the salvation not of a blood, or a nation, but of the whole world. The people were filled with indignation, first of all because He had claimed to bring deliverance from sin in His capacity as the Holy Anointed of God; secondly because of the warning that salvation which was first of the Jews would, on rejection, pass into a mission to the Gentiles. They would cast Him out, for He had rejected them, and made Himself the Christ. Their violence was a preparation for His Cross. Nazareth lies in a cup of hills. A short distance from it to the southeast was a wall of rock about eighty feet high which drops about three hundred feet to the Plains of Esdraelon. It is there that tradition places the scene where they attempted to cast Him off. "But He slipped through the crowd and walked away." (Luke 4:30)
 The hour of His Crucifixion had not yet come.
Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen