

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near: / believe the Good News! / Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

24 JANUARY 2021

FISHING FOR OPEN HEARTS

In many ways, the book of Jonah is a moral tale that aims to open closed minds and hearts to the possibility that all people can respond to God's word if they are given the opportunity to hear it. When he was first commissioned to go to Nineveh, Jonah fled because he resisted the invitation to see his traditional enemies in a more positive light. Jonah saw Nineveh as a lost city – a symbol of power, aggression, and domination. Having walked into the middle of this huge bustling city he learned that even his enemies hungered to hear God's living word, and could respond generously by amending their lives.

At first sight, Paul's advice to the Corinthians can seem to devalue daily life. Paul was asked to give his advice to a group of Christians who were not sure how they should balance the demands of daily life and their Christian commitment. They expected Jesus to return in the very near future. Time was a precious commodity and they wanted to live each day in a state of readiness. Imagine you had only days or months to live – how would you spend them so as to be ready to meet the Lord?

Peter and Andrew, James and John were going about their normal lives when suddenly Jesus was present among them, inviting them on a journey that would turn their world upside down. Their response, like that of the people of Nineveh, was immediate and generous. It would now be their role to cast the net of God's word into the world – fishing for open hearts.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The people of Nineveh renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. v. 4

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 29-31

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

The world as we know it is passing away.



Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

■ The word of the Lord.

24 Jan 2021
Year B Wk 2

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WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon: **No Mass
Wed: 12 noon
Fri: 9am
Tues: **No Mass
Thurs: 9am
Sat: 9am

Entrance Antiphon:

*Oh sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth:
In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Leonie Baker, Joy Makepeace, Emily Herden, Fay Bradbery, John Buckley, Janice Press,

Anniversaries: Pauline Gatt (2/1), Mary Sampson (2/1), John O'Brien (3/1), Gloria Lillipcrap (18/1), Ivan Lillipcrap (18/1), Rod Kelly (20/1), Lawrence Vella(23/1).

Deceased: Sr Helen Cooke, Pat Smyth, Thomas Brown, Stuart Betts (Syd.), Doanh Tran (Vietnam), Sr Eleanor Dawson (rsj), Max MacDonald, Joan Ryan (Sydney), May and Tom Kennedy, Dudley Ryan, Jack Sampson.

Sick: Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Mimmie Bennett, Norm Moran, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Rachel MacPherson, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Brindley Cavallaro, Elaine White, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.



CRACKERS MEMOIRS RIP

A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads

"The end is near! Turn around now before it's too late!"

A passing driver yells, "You guys are nuts!" and speeds past them.

From around the curve, they hear screeching tyres—then a big splash.

The priest turns to the pastor and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says 'Bridge Out' instead?"

COMING EVENTS

26 Jan Australia Day

7 Feb Sunday of the Word of God

29 Jan School Returns

11 Feb World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Let not your crosses make you unhappy. (1890.)



SOCIAL DISTANCING - **PLEASE**

** REGISTER TO ENTER USING EITHER QR CODE AT ENTRANCE
- OR PAPER REGISTER AT ENTRY TO CHURCH

** SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING

** STICKER MARK YOUR SEATING AND **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE



ORIENTATION TO NEW PARISH CENTRE: Will be held Sun. 31st January following 9am Mass. All are welcome. *Please bring a plate if you can. This is an opportunity for you to see the new facilities which will allow us to provide for large and small Parish functions. This is an exciting time and Fr Anthony looks forward to you all embracing a bright future for the Parish.

REMOVAL OF DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS: Bishop Michael Kennedy has lifted his dispensation effective 18th -19th Dec, 2020.

NEW YEAR ROSTERS: Thankyou to those who have indicated their desire to return to 'normal duties'. We would love to re-engage our previous volunteers and welcome new ones. Readers, cleaners and counters please contact the office if you can help. Thank you.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: Following the decision taken at the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference plenary meeting last November, Sunday of the Word of God will be observed in Australia on the first Sunday in February each year, starting on 7 February 2021. More information will be available shortly.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION: Please see on the Notice Board a note from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the morality of Anti Covid-19 vaccines.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: On 11th Feb, 2021, we will celebrate the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Pope Saint John Paul II initiated this special day in 1992 and Popes Benedict and Francis have continued the tradition. The day has a dual focus on those who are sick and on those who care for them. The theme for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 is: "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23,8) A trust-based relationship to guide the care for the sick.



TAMWORTH AUSTRALIA DAY MASSES

St Edwards	9.00am followed by Morning Tea sponsored by SVDP St Edward's
St Nicholas	9.00am followed by Morning Tea

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 24/1/21

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman

9am Sun: R S Brown G Clout

5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray

Sat Cleaning: 23/1/21 J Hutt, J Moran

30/1/21 M Vella, R Pace

Altar Linen: B Flood

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 31/1/21

Vigil: R C Greer P Bamford

9am Sun: R R Paul M Donaldson

5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray

Sat Cleaning 30/1/21 M Vella, R Pace

6/2/21 B & B Lane

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