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MASS TIMES:

Weekend:
Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
 Monday to Friday
 8am Saturday
 & Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
 5.30pm - 6.00pm
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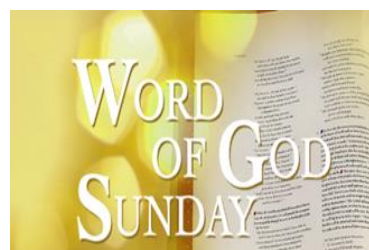
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 February 2021

Reflection for Word of God Sunday (Fr Tom Elich, Editor, Liturgy News)

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. This raised the question of our date for the Sunday of the Word of God. It cannot easily be near to the Christian unity week because all the Sundays are taken up with Easter, Pentecost and the solemnities which follow. Should it coincide with National Bible Sunday in July? In any case, the Australian bishops have decided to keep it close to Pope Francis' day, so it will be the first Sunday in February. This means we can avail ourselves of any resources which the Holy See may produce.

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 inculturating 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."

Celebrate, Study, Disseminate the Word

The first Sunday in February is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The document inaugurating this day, *Aperuit Illis*, offers a number of practical strategies (AI, 3).

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 7 February

- 12.30pm Baptisms – Church

Monday 8 February

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.30pm Parish Finance Council – Library

Tuesday 9 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.30pm Liturgy Committee – Library

Wednesday 10 February

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Club
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 11 February

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.45am Yr 6 Leadership Badge Liturgy – Church
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm Thomas Cantley Singers – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA Group – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Natividad Umali, Valerie Andersen, John Moss, Noel Boyle, Bob Marino, Maria Teresita Villar and the recently deceased Joan Smith, Gil Malanyaon, Shirley McLain, Alfio Fiasco, Janice Kelly, Humberto Cesar Villalta, Pat Carter.

The Catholic Leader

The February Edition of the Catholic Leader is available for \$4.00 from the Parish Shop on weekends and the Parish Office on weekdays.



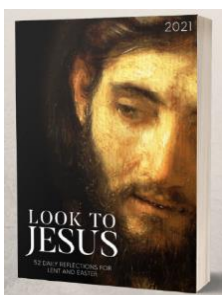
Due to COVID-19, the Catholic Leaders will not be available from the back tables.

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Lent & Easter 2021 Resource

Walk as a 'missionary disciple' on the path to Easter and beyond with the new-look Lent program from Evangelisation Brisbane.

Look to Jesus: 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter is accessible to both individuals and groups. Look to Jesus will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer. The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life.



The books are available for \$5 from the Parish Shop on weekends and the Parish Office on weekdays.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is currently only being celebrated by appointment. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

OLOG Diners will meet for dinner at Pacific Golf Club (Pine Mountain Road, Carindale) on Wednesday 10 February at 6pm. Wednesday night is Pizza and Pasta night with a selection of dishes for \$14.90. All parishioners are welcome.

St Martin's Year 6 Leadership Badge Liturgy

This Thursday, 11 February, the Year 6 students from St Martin's will be receiving their leadership badges as part of a liturgy at 9.45am in the Church.

With this in mind, there will be no Rosary following the 9am Mass on Thursday 11 February.

Thank you for understanding and sorry for any inconvenience caused.

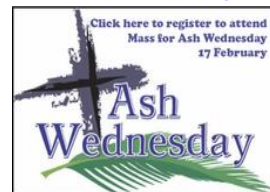
Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, 17 February, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Due to COVID-19, the Congregation of Divine Worship has advised that we will sprinkle ashes on the heads of the faithful instead of the traditional marking on the forehead this year. The parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will follow this recommendation in keeping everyone COVID-safe.

Mass times will be 6.30am, 9am & 7pm.

We ask that you book for Ash Wednesday Mass. Please go online to www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and click on the "Ash Wednesday Mass Bookings" image. If you do not have internet access, call the parish during office hours on 3398 2977 to make a booking.



The only exception is those already on the weekday contact tracing list at 6.30am or 9am Mass will not need to book in (example: if you are on the 6.30am Mass list and will be attending 6.30am Mass on Ash Wednesday, you will not need to book).

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm on each Friday evening of Lent, commencing on 19 February.

To make it as easy as possible, contact tracing details will be collected at the door for those who attend Stations of the Cross.

Sacramental Program 2021

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

Penance Session 1

- Sunday 21 February 2pm-4pm (Option 1)
- Tuesday 23 February, 4pm-6pm (Option 2)

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from the parish office and can be returned in person to the parish office or via email to sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

The parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 February, 7pm, in the Church.

Enrolments close Thursday 25 February.

Parish Pastoral Council Update

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) had their first meeting on Monday evening.

Our focus for 2021 is on continuing to build Our Lady of Graces as a truly welcoming community. Part of this focus will be reigniting our existing parish ministries and groups, and to re-engage in a COVID-safe manner. We will also seek to extend our parish phone call-out program. The Sacramental Program for 2021 is well underway.

Planning is already underway for Easter (4 April) with a working bee on Saturday 27 March. Subject to COVID changes, we expect that Easter will proceed in a similar manner to the very successful Christmas Masses.

In other news, Mr Andrew Oberthur has taken on the role of Acting Principal at St Martin's School this year while Geoff Sullivan is on leave.

All community members with Blue Cards expiring this year will shortly be contacted about renewal.

Within the Dominican Community, the first two novices to undergo training in Carina have arrived. They will be here for a stay of around a year.

Anybody interested in the PPC or other OLOG Ministries are encouraged to contact the Parish Office and either Fr Alex or I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Joe Barnewall, PPC Chairperson



In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic.

This weekend, the campaign is officially launched by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

The campaign will be featured in:

- Westfield shopping centres
- Street advertising in the Brisbane CBD
- The Brisbane Times online newspaper
- Radio stations including Triple M and 96Five

Included in Spread the Word this weekend there is a flyer that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested.



We're looking for your help to:

- Pray for the opening of hearts
- Accompany those who are seeking
- Welcome new faces

To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or to find out more about the campaign, go to: www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic

Vocation View

The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544, vocation@bne.catholic.net.au or visit their website www.vocationbrisbane.com.



Sunday Mass Bookings

To book, go to our Parish Website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au and click on the "Mass Bookings" image.

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- Sunday 14 February (*Bookings now open & close Friday 12 February, 12 noon*)
- Sunday 21 February (*Bookings open online on Sunday 7 February, 6.30pm*)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Webinar for World Day of the Sick (11 February)

Professor Maeve Louise Heaney advises the ACU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, in partnership with Catholic Health Australia (CHA), is running a webinar event that brings together international experts and thought leaders to discuss mental health, public health and the question of solidarity in the face of this global pandemic.

The first event in this series, entitled **Vaccines, Viruses and Vulnerabilities: Catholic health and care of the human person** is taking place on *World Day of the Sick, 11 February*.

Go online to www.acu.edu.au/wdos2021 to register, which is essential.

AFAS (Australian Filipino Augustinian Solidarity) Elders presents La Forza at Villanova College

Enjoy a night of good food, fine wine and modern classical entertainment by La Forza on the lawns of Villanova College, *Saturday 13 February, 5.30pm - 9.00pm*. Proceeds from this event go towards supporting the work of AFAS Elders on Kinatarcann Island in the Philippines. The AFAS Elders are presently raising money to purchase much needed steriliser for the small maternity clinic on the island.

Book tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/674629> or phone 0421 055 799.

Iona College - Year 7 2023 Applications

Enrolment Applications close on Friday 19 February 2021 (boys who are currently in Year 5).

Year 7 2023 Parent Information Evening for Prospective Families will be held on Wednesday 17 February at 7pm in IPAC (Iona Performing Arts Centre)

Sunday Readings

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (7 February)

First Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7 *I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23 *Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 *He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (14 February)

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 *As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 *The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

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