



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 JANUARY 2022

## 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 118:8-10, 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!





# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 3rd Sunday Ordinary - 23 January 2022, Year C

### PARISH INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:** 9am – 3pm  
**Thursday:** 9am – 12.30pm

### PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Paul Raj  
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### MASS INTENTIONS



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 23 January

**6pm Mass** for Ellen Steele (RIP Anniversary)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Maria & Octavio Donati (RIP) + Vincenzo Villamagna (RIP Anniversary) + Maria Goretti Martins (70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intentions)



#### Monday 24 January – St Frances De Sales

**NO 7-9pm** Holy Trinity Prayer Group ... **Resumes 7-2-22**



#### Tuesday 25 January – The Conversion of St Paul

**9am Mass** for Jacky Milos (Intentions)

#### Wednesday 26 January – Australia Day

**9am Mass** for Emil Jurica (RIP)

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**6-7pm** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Thursday 27 January – St Angela Merici & Sts Timothy and Titus

**9am-4pm** Church Open for Prayers

#### Friday 28 January – St Thomas Aquinas

**9am Mass** for Most Holy Trinity Honour

**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Saturday 29 January

**9am Mass** for Alfredo Goncalves (RIP)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 30 January

**6pm Mass** for Edward, Jason & Rebecca De Sousa (Intentions) + Milenko Babin (RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Month Anniversary) + Damien, Ashleigh & John (Intentions)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Joao & Quiteria Gomes (RIP)



### SILENCE

When you go to Mass - talk to God...  
During Mass - let God talk to you...  
After Mass - talk to each other...



### WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We would like to know a bit about you and your family. You can also fill in a Parishioner Registration Form and join in the Parish Planned Giving Program.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Lou Collova, Franca Kalat, Zdenka Mravlinic, Beatrice Fernandez – Davina's Grandmother, Alex, Tonino, Desmond O'Connor, Lisa Bubb ...



### 2022 SACRAMENT DATES

**RECONCILIATION:** Wednesday 16 March 6.30pm

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Sunday 19 June 9am

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday 4 September 9am



### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm

Or by appointment.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 30 January

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

**Gospel:** Lk 4:21-30



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O 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.



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.





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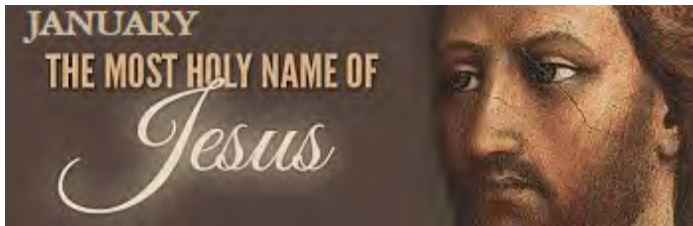
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**STEWARDSHIP: Twenty Tips for A Successful Time and Talent Ministry Fair – Goal – Purpose:**  
**To inform:** To help parishioners gather information that will assist them in completing their Time / Talent Commitment form. 🙏



**OLMC PIETY STALL:** Open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday mornings before and after 9am Masses. Please contact Marion on 0415 917 496 for more information.



**2022 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: January – True Human Fraternity.** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution, may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



**2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** If you missed out on buying a 2022 Columban Calendar, we have them for sale in the church porch for reduced price of \$5 each!



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Best wishes to Gloria and Brian John on their **50<sup>th</sup> Golden Wedding Anniversary**, Saturday 22-1-22! May your beautiful and admirable union be richly blessed and your love grow stronger!



**Aid to the Church in Need**  
**ACN AUSTRALIA**

**A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA:** As we begin a new year we ask for your

support to help the Suffering Church. Your offering allows ACN to aid our suffering brothers and sisters to keep the faith alive in countries that are becoming increasingly harder to practice the faith. Please visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org).



**LENTEN RETREAT 4 – 6 MARCH 2022:** Lent is a time traditionally devoted to spiritual purification and refinement in

preparation for the great celebration of Easter. During Lent, Christians are encouraged to adopt the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This retreat will help participants to embrace Lent prayerfully, with renewed energy and new

insights, and with an openness to the graces it offers. Presenter Fr David Barry, osb, [For further information email institute@newnorcia.wa.edu.au](mailto:For%20further%20information%20email%20institute@newnorcia.wa.edu.au).



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION SEMINARS -**

**Introduction to Sacraments: Key Milestones on our Christian Journey:** On Wednesdays, 9 – 30 March. From 7pm – 8pm (4 sessions). With Fr

Greg Donovan. At Bateman Parish - 100 Dean Road, Bateman. **SUGGESTED DONATION** \$20. The seven Sacraments mark all the important stages of our Christian life and sustain us in our sense of mission as Christians (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1210). This course covers the fundamental meaning and the scriptural, historical, theological and liturgical principles of each of the seven Sacraments. Join us as we explore how the Sacraments can deepen and give meaning to our unique relationship with God.

**CORONAVIRUS PRAYER.**  
(Adapted from Saints Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise, Ireland.)

Mighty and Eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress. In faith, we pray that you look with compassion on the afflicted; grant eternal rest to the dead; comfort to mourners; healing to the sick; peace to the dying; strength to healthcare workers; inspiration to scientists and wisdom to our leaders. Give us the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your Holy Name. Amen.





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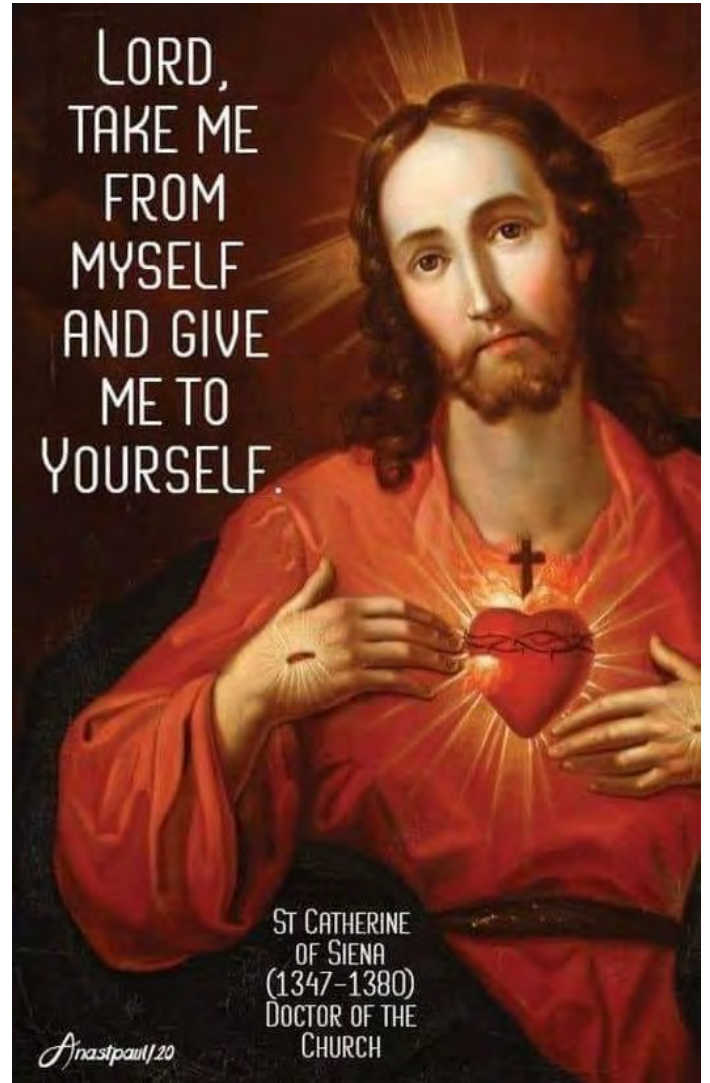
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**ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH:** O dearest St Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honour and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O Blessed St Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.



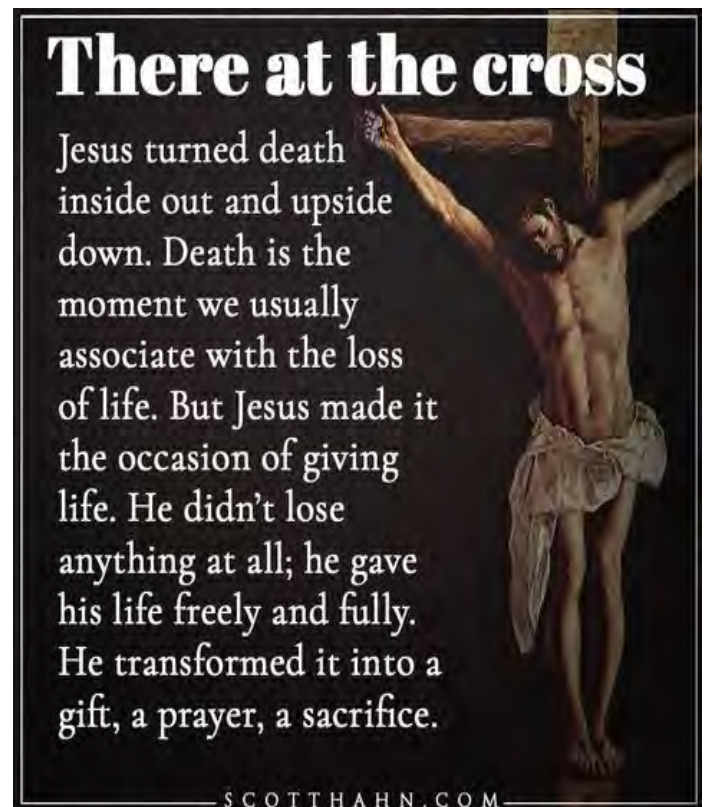
**ACOLYTES LUNCH:** Acolytes had a great time... Thank you Acolytes for your ongoing ministry commitment to the parish. It is great that the annual lunch was enjoyed by everyone. Interesting to know that out of seven Acolytes we have five nationalities! Multi-cultured! Yet we say we are Australians!



LORD,  
TAKE ME  
FROM  
MYSELF  
AND GIVE  
ME TO  
YOURSELF.

ST CATHERINE  
OF SIENA  
(1347-1380)  
DOCTOR OF THE  
CHURCH

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## There at the cross

Jesus turned death inside out and upside down. Death is the moment we usually associate with the loss of life. But Jesus made it the occasion of giving life. He didn't lose anything at all; he gave his life freely and fully. He transformed it into a gift, a prayer, a sacrifice.

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**OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA:** God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**



**SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER:** Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home, and in my family. **Amen.**



**OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. **Amen.**



Through Him, with Him, in Him  
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 All glory and honour is Yours,  
 Almighty Father,  
 Forever and ever.  
 Amen.

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

<b>WEEK 4</b> <b>22-23 JAN</b> <b>3<sup>RD</sup> ORDINARY</b>	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Volunteer	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell
<b>WEEK 5</b> <b>29-30 JAN</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY</b>	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Sjonny Walker	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Toni Kalat	Helen Le Cordier	Ken Hla





### 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

## 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**