



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

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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

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The Living Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

30 January 2022

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

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.'

Responsorial 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 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)

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

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

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.



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SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
Spanish Speaking Mass 12:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday Communion Service 8:30am, Tuesday 7pm,
Wednesday - Saturday 8:30am **Public Holidays 8:30am**

Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am to 3:00pm Mon – Fri

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Next Week: 5th Ordinary C: Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 5:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

Fr Stan writes ...

Today we celebrate the Feast of Blessed Bronislaw Marckiewicz, founder of the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel. It is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the life of Blessed Bronislaw and the legacy that he left in the foundation of the Michaelites. It is also an opportunity for us to give thanks and pray for all Michaelites and our collaborators working around the world – including in our region of Australia and PNG - who minister to spread the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On this day we ask that St Michael continues to watch over the mission and ministry of all working in the spirit of Blessed Bronislaw.

As the summer holiday period comes to an end for many of us this week, I want to welcome back to our parish school all our students and their families for the new 2022 school year. I know that the start to this new school year is different to others with the ongoing effects of the pandemic and the knock on effect this is having on how we plan for the return to school of our students and their families, but I am delighted with the way our school staff have worked tirelessly over the summer break to ensure a smooth transition back to the classroom.

On this note, I want to warmly welcome to our Holy Spirit family our new school Principal Mr Brian Story. Brian comes to us with many years of leadership experience in Catholic education and I look forward to working with him on living out the mission of Catholic education in our community.

On Wednesday, 2nd February, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles may be included in the liturgy. If you use candles in your home, bring them along and they will be blessed at the beginning of Mass, which will be at 8:30am.

Finally, as the summer holidays end and we return to 'normal' activities, a reminder that our normal Mass schedule comes into effect from February.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:30 am (Communion Service)

Tuesday 7:00pm, Wednesday – Saturday 8:30am

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA] program is currently running in our parish. We have a number of Catechumens (unbaptised), and a number of Candidates (previously baptised in another Christian denomination), preparing for baptism and reception into the Catholic Church. We have a Catechumen whose first language is Mandarin. It would be helpful if a person that speaks Mandarin could join the team to assist her learning of our Catholic faith. Please call the parish office if you can help.



First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, this coming **Friday 4th February at 7:00pm.**

Everyone is welcome!

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Do you need help finding help in the Ryde area?

A community care worker has joined Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde and St Charles Borromeo, Ryde for help and referrals to services concerned with relationships, parenting, ageing, disability, addiction and mental health.



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8am – 6pm Monday – Friday



Association of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Mass and Novena will be held in Saint Anthony's Church Marsfield, on Saturday, 5th February at 10:00am. All Welcome.

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Pina Bonadio, Des Wales, Antonio Coluccio, Maria Gloria Fisher (Archbishop Anthony's mother) recently deceased.

Also, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Andrea Brajic, Thanasin Tranchaoren, Luz Inaldo, Robert Portus, Andres Siochi, Anna Siochi, Jacinto Lopez, Lino Cremasco, Bruna Zamboni, Catherine & Fred Assender, Rosa Funibaldi.