

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

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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.

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.

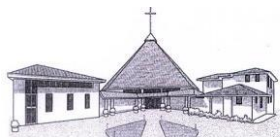
In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:31–13:13

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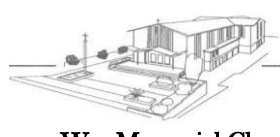
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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.

THE 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Ivica Bartos, Maxin Seddon, Gloria Fisher (Archbishop Fisher's mother) Lina Gullota, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Dr Ralph Baccash, Olivia Baccash, Tim O'Keefe, Lydia Bujeya, Yolande Aquilina, Sylvia Paoella (1st Anniversary), Robert and Helena Dwyer, Yolande Aquilina, Robert Jennings, Brian Kennedy, Maria Italiano, Angela Nad, Julia Laporte, and Angelina & Joseph Portelli,

The Sick: Fr Paul, Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, poor and homeless in our parishes. and those suffering from Covid.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday, 5, February, 5.00, – St Andrew's

Sunday, 6 February, 9am St Andrew's - Livestreaming

Sunday, 6 February, 10am at St Agnes'

Please scan the QR Code to watch on YouTube



SCAN ME

From my desk.

Greetings to all parishioners of our twinned Catholic parishes of Sts Agnes and Andrew, together with our friends and visitors. Last Friday, 28 January marked my first year of ministry with you all. Where has the year gone? The Covid virus has been somewhat difficult in initiating programs like 'Go make Disciples' and building up our two wonderful parishes. I plan to move forward in some areas of parish life that can assist our parishes to grow from the foundations of others who have laid them. I am hoping for these new initiatives can assist our parishes to work together as one. I think it is important to work together as one in Christ as a believing parish, as one priest and many parishioners, with gifts and talents, I think we can work as one.

Good news, about Father Paul after speaking with him recently, he indicated that he would return to his position as Senior Police Chaplain of NSW Police, in February. I am very grateful for Father Paul's added ministry, as he supplies our 7am Weekday Masses at St Agnes' and assist with Sunday Masses at St Andrew's and St Agnes'. He thanks you again for your prayers.

Welcome back this week to our School communities of St Andrew's and St Agnes' for academic year 2022. I hope all our Staff and Students had a good break, though I believe many families contracted the Covid virus. I hope you have all recovered. I do hope our young ones can be vaccinated ASAP, and booster shots can be arranged. I pray that this year will be a graced year filled with blessings and much learning.

Our Sacramental program for 2022 dates at present are being firmed up and will be given to you all when they have been finalised. In essence, Term one, Year 3 will receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). Term 2, Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Term 3, Year 3 will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

Next Sunday is Catechist Sunday we are asking all Catechists to attend one of our Masses for a special blessing as they begin their wonderful ministry, in teaching religion in our State Schools. You might consider giving ½ hour each week to this wonderful ministry.

God bless you all and keep you safe and well.

Fr John

Those who are celebrating Luna New Year on 1 February, wishing you a
 Happy Luna New Year. (Year of the Tiger).



PERE RECEVEUR MASS AT LA PEROUSE

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY at 11am

This Mass is celebrated annually near the grave of

Fr Receveur who died at Botany Bay on 17th February 1788.

He was a priest and scientist with the La Perouse expedition.

He may have been the first Catholic priest in Australia

Everyone is invited to this outdoor Mass



Marquee, sound system and transportation of equipment provided courtesy of Randwick City Council, Sausage Sizzle provided by Seaside Lions and refreshments by Friends of La Perouse Museum.

COVID SAFETY: Please ensure you sign in, and sit 1.5m from those not from the same household, do not touch statues, and take bulletins with you instead of returning bulletins to the receptacle.

Parish Outing 2nd Feb 2022 please ensure you bring your ID plus your Vaccination Certificate and wear a mask on board.