

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 FEBRUARY 2023

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

When the people of Israel returned from exile it was a time of great hope and rejoicing. God's promises had proved true and their persistence in faith had been rewarded. Now was the time to rebuild and people set about re-establishing their lives, homes and businesses. During the exile, they had been united in their suffering but now there was the danger of people looking after themselves at the cost of others. Isaiah was concerned to nip this in the bud showing that the best foundation on which to rebuild was their concern for others, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. In this way, their lives would be a shining example. In the gospel, Jesus calls each of us to examine the quality of our care for our brothers and sisters. It is by means of our practical concern that we can be salt for the earth and light for our world.

Paul was concerned that the faith of some of the Corinthian Christians was not built on a firm foundation. They had been overly impressed by the quality of the preaching and rhetoric of the various preachers who had worked among them. He knew that while their response was understandable, it was nonetheless misguided. At the end of the day, he knew that rhetoric and philosophy would never build a foundation that could challenge the one built on the self-giving love of Jesus. With their eyes fixed on the crucified one, they could learn true wisdom and the meaning of love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor;
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then your light will shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or **Alleluia!**)

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright: / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**
2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

■ The word of the Lord.



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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.

**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CATECHIST SUNDAY**



Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: Augustina Daquiz, Ana Previnsek, Horace Misfud, Bob Markworth, Fr John DeLuca, Marko Bukusic, Ivan Zic, Colin Clennar, Damien Maree, George Cardinal Pell AC. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and all the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane. All the souls in Purgatory.

Anniversary: Silvia and Filippo Paoella, Patricia Nicol, Doug Nicol, John London, Ellen Cussen, Carmel Donovan, Frances Azzopardi, Carolyn McMahon, Byung ok-choi, Leonard Velu, Lucia Spano, Yolande & Robert Aquilina, Albert Absi and Bob Wallington

The Sick: Ethan Sharpley, John Sarniak Thomson, Pam O'Grady, Heracleo & Mamerta Dela Torre, Sylvester and Jacintha Mory, Santa Viselli, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, and those suffering from Covid.



Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?
Saturday - 11 February— 5.30pm St Agnes'
Sunday - 12 February, - 9.00am — St Andrew's (Livestreamed)

FROM MY DESK — Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes Malabar—Matraville. We are back to term one 2023 and our first week has just concluded. Welcome back to all especially our Kindergarten 2023 at St Andrew's, Malabar, and our brand-new School at St Agnes' Parish—Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Matraville. This Friday, 10 February at St Andrew's Malabar we will have our Opening School Mass at 9.00am. Tuesday, 14 February 2023, 10am at St Agnes' War Memorial Church, Matraville, His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney will celebrate the Foundation Opening School Mass of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Matraville. All are welcome to both Masses.

Our Parish Sacrament Program begins with the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation/Confession) this Wednesday, 8 February at St Agnes' Church, 509 Bunnerong Road Matraville at 7.00pm. All parents and carers who have children in Year 3 and above from our Catholic and State Schools in Malabar & Matraville Parishes and who are baptised Catholics are invited to attend a parent/carer information evening. If you have any questions please call our Parish Offices 9311 2062 on Tuesday—Wednesday 8.30am—5.00pm, Friday 8.30am—2.30pm.

As Ash Wednesday is only around the corner with an early Easter, please bring back your old palms for last year's Palm Sunday or beyond, for burning on Shrove Tuesday, 21 February. There will be a collection receptacles for your old palms at the entrances of the Churches.

Congratulations to Professor Elizabeth Fernandez (UNSW) of Matraville for her appointment as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia for 'significant service to education, to social justice and of professional associations' Well done Professor Elizabeth Fernandez AM from all our Twinned Catholic Parishes of Malabar—Matraville.
God Bless
Fr John



RECEVEUR MASS AT LA PEROUSE

SUNDAY 19th 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, transport and sound system provided courtesy of Randwick City Council and Sausage sizzle provided by Seaside Lions & refreshments by Friends of La Perouse Museum.



We welcome **Scarlett Rose Keatings and James Gray Keatings**, into our Parish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St Agnes'.

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 safeguarding.enquiries@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.

Please remember Patricia and Doug Nicols who have passed.
(Doug would have celebrated his 100th Birthday on Monday 6 February.)