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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

23rd January 2022

FIRST READING [Neh 8:2-6. 8-10](#)

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(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

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL [Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 eyewitnesses 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.'

HYMNS

ENTRANCE

God has spoken by his prophets

Sung to tune : *Song of Joy*

God has spoken by his prophets,
Spoken his unchanging word,
Each, from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory
With the Father ever One;
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time began,
Light from light, to earth descending,
God revealed as Son of Man.

God is speaking by the Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring,
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast:
God still speaks, his word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

COMMUNION

We Are Many Parts

Refrain:

We are many parts,
we are all one body,
and the gifts we have
we are given to share.
May the Spirit of love

make us one indeed;
one, the love that we share,
one, our hope in despair,
one, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world.

So my pain is pain for you,
In your joy is my joy, too;
All is brought together in the Lord.

All you seekers, great and small,
Seek the greatest gift of all;
If you love, then you will know the Lord.

RECESSIONAL

Filled with the Spirit's Power

Sung to tune : *Abide With Me*

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
The infant Church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the Church today
No less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
That unity may be our great desire:
Give joy and peace, give faith to hear your call.
And readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
In your strong care all those of ev'ry race:
Like wind and fire with life among us move
Till we are known as Christ's and Christians prove.

NOTICES

REFLECTION

Relax: You are Accepted

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazareth would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to relax!! Holiness is not a matter of our striving, but of accepting that we are accepted by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is.

We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

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FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Mon - St Francis de Sales

Tue - The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

Wed - Australia Day

Fri - St Thomas Aquinas

The Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle This date, first linked with the conversion of Saint Paul in the so-called Martyrdom of Jerome (c. 431), became established in the liturgy of Gaul. Celebrates the work of God's grace at a major turning point in the life of Paul himself and in the history of the infant Church.



COVID UPDATE

We remain committed to protecting the health and safety our parishioners, employees and volunteers.

- ◆ Masks are mandatory in indoor settings and choir singers and cantors are not exempt. As singing remains a high risk activity, cantors must keep their masks at all times during the liturgy.
- ◆ Hospitality is also a high risk activity during this peak infection time. It is strongly recommended that hospitality events and gatherings, including those after Masses, be suspended.

- ◆ If you receive a request for taking Communion to someone's home, please ensure that the individual (clergy or Extraordinary Minister of Communion) is reminded of the protocols:

1. Ask if the recipient or anyone living in the home has tested positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing any symptoms. If the answer is yes then you must wait to visit until the isolation period is complete.
 2. Wear a mask at all times, use hand sanitiser, and as much as possible, maintain social distance.
 3. Do not attend if feeling unwell or experiencing any symptoms.
- Please be vigilant during this time as we seek to keep our employees, parishioners and volunteers safe. (Bishop Ken 11/01/22)

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM

'The Spirit and the Cross' - We invite you to write your name on the Lenten 'expression of interest' form at the entrance of the church. This year we have a wonderful resource from Evangelisation Brisbane for individuals of group sessions. More details to follow so watch this space.

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THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and
bring us to everlasting life.*

Amen.

GLORIA (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

*May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God

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