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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

29th Jan 2023

Entrance Procession

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were
called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense

of the word, how many were influential people, or came
from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that
God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to
shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by
human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common
and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen -
those who are nothing at all to show those who are
everything. The human race has nothing to boast about
to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus
and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our
virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture
says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the
Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of
right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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Parish Office Hours: 9.30am-1.30pm
Tues, Wed & Fri

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8am, 10.00am
Live-streamed Masses directly via YouTube (Friars of St Francis)

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 7.30am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm - 5.45pm.
Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays, 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers (evening prayer of the Church) and finishes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Night Adoration: First Friday of each month, from 8.30pm throughout until Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction at about 7am & Mass at 7.30am.

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the month at 11.30am. Please book with the Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Matrimony and Weddings:

Please give at least 6 months' notice. Please book with the Parish Secretary

Sunday School: Years K-12 at 11am in St Bernadette's Primary School.

Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary:

Mon: 7.55am
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am
Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass
Sun: After 9.30am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

Parish Youth Groups:

Younger Teens: Years 6-8
Older Teens: Years: 9-12
Young Adults: 18-35
Catholic Central: 18+

Please contact Father Benedict for Youth Group enquires: brbenedictsf@bigpond.com or visit www.friarsofstfrancis.org

Parish Notice Board

❖ **Congratulations** to our dear Parishioner, Fiona West, who was awarded the Australian Police Medal on Australia Day for her distinguished service to the NSW Police Force, especially her work with electronic fingerprint technology. This is a wonderful honour bestowed upon her.

❖ **Sunday School:** Begins Sunday 5th February, for Years K – 6

❖ **Holy Hour resumes Thursday 9th February 2023.**

❖ **Our Parish desperately needs more cleaners for the Church:** Since Christmas we have lost 6 cleaners who need to be replaced. Could you please seriously consider doing this wonderful work for the Lord. For only 1 hour every 5 weeks. Please write your details on the clipboard located in the Front Foyer.

❖ **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 3rd February, starting with Exposition at 8.30pm and concluding with Benediction the following morning at 7am, followed by Mass at 7.30am.

❖ **Fr Christopher's Bookshelf:** Fr Christopher regularly places religious items, books and more on the bookshelf in the foyer. These are free for anyone to take. He blesses all religious items before putting them there.

However, **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANYTHING THERE** without Fr Christopher's permission. ANYTHING found there that he has not placed, will be removed.

❖ **Manning Foundation:** Our members would like to extend their most sincere gratitude and thanks to all those who contributed to our Christmas Appeal that raised \$6016.25. With the rising cost of food and utilities, your generosity enabled us to give a little extra to our very needy brothers and sisters this Christmas. I'm sure that one day God who sees everything, will have his reward for you.

I am taking this opportunity to put an **URGENT** call out to anyone that may have an empty garage that is not being used, to help us with storage, until something permanent becomes available. We are being offered some very basic furniture and items needed to set up house for people that have absolutely **NOTHING** and are in real need of it but we are unable to accept it, as we have no storage, since fire destroyed our storage facility at the Scout Hall. We are fully insured. If you are able to help us, please call Lorraine Bonisoli on 0410 325 921.

Saints of the Week:

31st Jan – St John Bosco

1st Feb – St Brigid

2nd Feb - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

3rd Feb - St Ansgar

3rd Feb - St Blaise

4th Feb – St Joseph of Leonissa OFM Cap, Priest

Youth Notice Board

❖ **Friday 3rd February 6.30pm:** The Youth Group will be hosting a Life Formation Night in the school hall (Years 6-12). Friendship, fun, food and some Faith Formation on the topic 'Infallibility & Errancy in the Church's Teaching Authority. Make sure to bring a friend.

Parish Bank Account details for Donations, Planned Giving or Direct Transfers:

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From the Padre:



There is an increase in the heresy of “syncretism” these days. That is, an attempt at combining different religions (not only Christian religions, but pagan and others) and assimilating different religious practices. This is a deadly practise for Christians, sinful and sacrilegious in itself. As is incorporating superstitious beliefs in our faith as well. It is

not okay to accept any religious beliefs or practices of other religious. Our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the only true Church, a pure and undefiled faith. If we sully this with other beliefs, we offend Him greatly, defile our faith and sin seriously. The idea of incorporating pagan beliefs is wrong, no matter which culture they come from. To have charity or acceptance of people does not mean we have to follow their religious beliefs. We can respect and love people without assimilating their ideas. How is it that these days there is an acceptance and welcoming of everything except the true Catholic Faith? The reason is because the devil is working very hard to try and destroy Christ’s Church. He will encourage anything that is not the true faith to distract and weaken the faith in as many as he can, with the ultimate goal of destroying their faith in the true and living God. In the Apostolic writings there are many warnings of accepting the lies of false spirits, e.g., 1Tim4ff. The great missionaries of the Church worked hard not only to teach the true faith but also to eradicate all wrong beliefs and practices. Let us do our utmost to keep our faith pure and true. Do not listen to those who say otherwise, and if you are in a Church where pagan things are introduced, have the courage to get up and walk away.



Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Stephanie van der Kolff; Sam Komadina; Lorna Lyons; Julia Nekich; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Kevin McDonald; Ivor Keillor; June Cordina; Louta Villones; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Saint Michael the Archangel,

defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil.

May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and You,

O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us.

(3 times)

Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us



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Altar Servers:	M Cipollone N Chehade I Baron Fernandes Family B Nakhoul	N Higgins R Mandla S Flitcroft T Flitcroft	B Bowen A Bowen D Mierzanowski M Mierzanowski R Atie
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Floral Arrangers:	Mary G, Sylvana, Kathy		
Altar Society:	G4: Thurs 02/02/23 @ 9.30am V Standfort, C Y Cheung, J Bonner		
Cleaners:	G3: Sat 04/02/23 @ 8am S Laoulach, C Harb, M Gray, C Koong, C Khalil,		