

GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

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 eye-witnesses 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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

26 JANUARY 2025

GOD'S SPIRIT-FILLED AGENT

This Sunday we read the opening four verses of Luke's Gospel (1:1-4), skip over Jesus' birth narrative (chapters 1 and 2), Luke's introduction of John the Baptist (3:1-20), Jesus' baptism (3:21-22), a genealogy (3:23-38) and Jesus' temptation (4:1-13)—stories which will emerge at various times during this year—and move to a defining moment set in Jesus' hometown synagogue in Nazareth (4:14-21).

This event lays out the full meaning of Jesus' future ministry in the Gospel. Luke presents Jesus, the faithful Jew, at his local synagogue for the Sabbath Scripture, choosing to read from the prophet Isaiah. Luke brings together two parts of Isaiah, edits them and rearranges them to have Jesus pronounce the two key messages the evangelist wants the Gospel audience to hear: that Jesus is God's Spirit-filled agent (confirming his status from earlier scenes) whose sole intent is to lead God's people, especially the poor, oppressed and spiritually blind, to freedom; and that the God of Jesus is not a God just for the Jews, but for all people irrespective of social or ethnic status.

It is this last point that attracts ire from his co-religionists and introduces a theme of opposition that will emerge as the Gospel unfolds. Evident in the Nazareth-event is Luke's freedom, clear from the opening verses of today's passage, to reshape the biblical tradition (Isaiah) and the story of Jesus to speak freshly to the Gospel's Greco-Roman audience. Luke thus provides a pattern for contemporary theological reflection and church teaching.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn 6:63

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:12-30.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

3rd Week Ordinary Time YR C
26 Sun: 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time
27 Mon: No Mass
28 Tues: St Thomas Aquinas
29 Wed: Weekday Mass
30 Thu: Weekday Mass
31 Fri: St John Bosco
01 Sat: Weekday Mass / Vigil 4th Sunday in O/T YR C

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm
**For Baptisms & Weddings*
Please call the Parish Office*

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THIS TEXT IS BEING FULFILLED TODAY. The Sacred Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass recall incidents from the past and point to the future but most especially they affirm the presence of God among us now. This day we are called to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to all who are bound up in any way. Today we are called to be the body of Christ. In our world. The Sacred Scriptures have meaning when we can say with Jesus: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details	Second Collection EFT Details
	A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery	A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish
	BSB: 086 006	BSB: 086 006
	Account #: 140 608 771	Account #: 667 172 433
	Reference: Name	Reference: Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 01st Feb 6.00pm	Joy Intervencion		I lwansantoso R Bennett	I lwansantoso P Subrata	A McPherson D Patrick S Lopera
Sunday 2nd Feb 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	S D'Castro	J Joji K Nguyen	M Smith S D'Castro	P Sekulla
Sunday 02nd Feb 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	A Semaan	P Palmez J Branchi	R Ratnayake J Jong	J & L Carson
Sunday 02nd Feb 6.00pm	Sunil Rodrigues		G Godfrey V Conier	J & R Fernandez	J Mai A Pravin Leo

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

We are now in the summer months and there are summer colds about and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **25th January 2025:** O Felmingham 5A Markham Way, High Wycombe & M Piliae 1 Rendition Pl, Redcliffe.

Footy Tipping – AFL Season 2025

Yes, it is back for 2025, forms are available from Either side of the Church. All details on how to enter are on the form. Opening round is March 6th. Give entry forms to family and friends. The more entrants the bigger the prize money.

Parish Youth Group Event – Friday 31st January

At 6pm in the parish centre. It's a new year! Time to reflect and renew. Let us make a fresh start for 2025. Expressions of Interest sheet available school side entrance of the Church.

Catholic youth Ministry (CYM) Summer Getaway

Reconnect with your faith, build awesome friendships, and have fun at CYM's Summer Getaway weekend themed 'Pilgrims of Hope'. February 7 – 9th 2025 Eaton Campsite. For full scan barcode on the flyer on the noticeboard or E: cym@perthcatholic.org.au

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

Next Sunday 2nd February in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. Light snack served for morning tea. Variety of delicious food items for sale also. All proceeds to the PBF.

New Readers and Commentators

The parish is looking for more people to be involved in the Reading & Commentating Ministry. If you would like to be added to the roster for any of the Masses, please email Leonie at the parish office with a contact phone number & the Mass time in which you would like to be rostered. At the end of 2024 we have had a few people drop from the rosters due to work commitments and relocating to other areas.

Advance Australia Fair – 3rd Verse (Unofficial)

With Christ our head and cornerstone,
we'll build our nation's might
Whose way and truth and light alone,
can guide our path aright
Our lives a sacrifice of love,
reflect our master's care
With faces turned to heav'n above,
Advance Australia Fair
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>. This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

Mass for you at Home

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Diocese of Wollongong have signed an agreement to continue producing and broadcasting the program, which first aired on Australian television in 1971. **Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

Catholic Faith Renewal

Invites you, your Family & Friends to enjoy this evening of Songs of Praise (7.30pm) followed by Thanksgiving Mass at 8pm. **Friday 7th February 2025 @ St John & Paul's Church**, Pinetree gully Rd, willeton. Fr greg Donovan will celebrate Mass followed with a talk on "Jubilee Year of Hope". Fellowship & Supper will follow afterwards. Please bring a plate to share.

Notre Dame Community

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Peter Butcher, Beda Phan Van On, deceased members of the Xavier Family, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Edward & Judith Saldanha, Yeo Siew Choo, Irene Fuentes, Carmela & Nicola Di Giovanni, Denzil Devisser, recently deceased Francis Xavier Huong Nguyen, Val Pickles, Daniel Joseph Flynn and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson, Rob Petty & Andrew Kinnimont.

