



**Sunday 21st January 2024**

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**Mass Times**

**Monday:** Liturgy of the word 9.15am  
**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass 9.15am  
**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

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**Mass Times**

**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am  
**Saturday:** 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month  
**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Friday:** 9.45am to 10.15am

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**Mass Times**

**Tuesday & Thursday:** Mass 9.15am  
**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.00pm  
**Sunday:** Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.30am to 10.00am

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**We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of January that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:**

Fr Chris Barnett, Fr Tao Pham, Clare Watson, Grace Van Oosterom, Mary Ind, Laurie Rainsbury, Con Frisby, Ray Jose, Martin Pittle, Arthur Ongarello, Wendy Gallagher, Tony Mercuri, Michael Round.

Alan Leahy, Pat Glennen, Ellen Mithen, Francis Mc Laughlin, Tadeusz Chadzyuski, Maria de Bartololo, Yvonne Grant, Valerie Hughes, Rodney Bottrell, Loreto Valeri, Kath Glennen, Mary Campbell Allison Cooper Renata Croce, Charles Watson, Trevor Corcoran, Fr Tao Pham

George Barnett, Annie May, Jim Johnson, Brenda Perry, Ron Sharpe, Angela Mohorko, Carmela Cirillo, Cecilia Gunawardana, Tim Branagan, Casilda Teves, Julia Keely, Elena Zakevicios, Kath Cole, Kerry Meagher, Nazereno Camilleri, Enny Absi, Francis Risson, Tom Campbell, Joseph Sciberra, Stan Egan, Sr Dominic Kerr, Kevin O'Regan, Arch Cavanagh, Ken McCarthy, John Liston, Adriano Cavedon, Beven Dumenden, Thelma Abrahams, Francis Atchison, Gerald Leech, Michele Leboeuf, Michael Ward, Bill Pickett, Glenda Gordon, Victor Hardy, Antonia Borg, Mary-Ellen Conroy, Paul Webster, Noel Butler, Luigi D'Intinosante, Judith Emery, Patricia Ritchings. Tony Merlino, Kevin Pettigrove, Catherine Hamilton, Charles Fagan, Jim Exton, Maria Julia D'Souza, Peter Pacillo, Sr Veronica Mary LSP, Narciso Rico, Fr Paul Keenan SJ, Loretto Haines, Walter Pocock, Percy Barry, Louisa Barri, Hugh Davine, Margaret Profit, Bernadette Jackson, Mervin Evans D.S.M., Robert Hall

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**21 January 2024**

**First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10**

*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4**

**(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from  
of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.  
(R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who  
stray,  
he guides the humble in the right  
path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31**

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The kingdom of God is near:**

**believe the Good News!**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 1:14-20**

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

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