

Sunday 30th January 2022

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year C

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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Let us pray



Anniversary:

Graeme Dore

Joseph Sans

Frank Cambria

Kieran Fitzsimmons

Mary Liberati

Anthony DeVincentis

Margot Rawson

Frank Curatore

William Hutchings

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

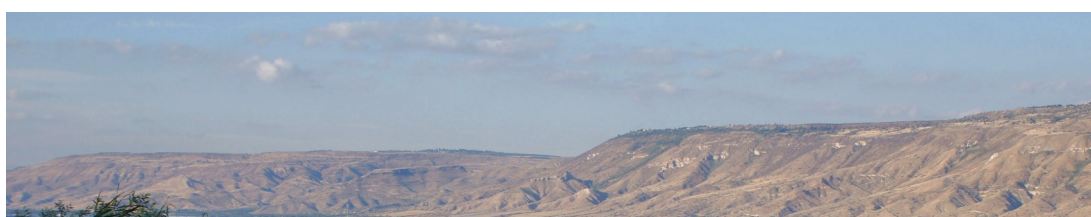
Salvation for all

Luke is written for a predominantly non-Jewish (gentile) Christian community. Although it had been resolved that one did not have to become a Jew to become a Christian there was still a lingering doubt about preference being given to the Jews. The gospel writer goes to great lengths to reassure his audience community that the message of Jesus was for all people – gentile and Jew alike. This week's gospel is one of many passages that feature gentile people receiving God's acceptance and favour. It's a clear message that the salvation promised by Jesus is available to all who seek it.



HAVE YOU THOUGHT? A summary

The Nazareth event, described in last week's and this week's gospels, provides a 'snapshot' or a summary of the whole of Luke's gospel. In an apparently simple episode, the gospel writer has captured the elements of the remainder of the gospel and laid them out as a foretaste of all that is to come. Jesus is clearly positioned as the one who fulfils the Messianic expectation of scripture. His message of release and acceptance of the poor, afflicted and oppressed is put right up front and the hope of salvation is offered to all people – Jews as well as gentiles.



Please refer to the following Archdiocesan guidelines and resources for the COVID-19 pandemic:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

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JANUARY:
Month of the Holy Name

31st St John Bosco

FEBRUARY

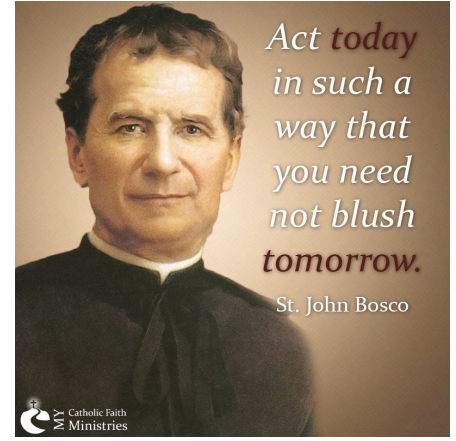
1st St Brigid of Ireland

2nd Presentation of the Lord

3rd St Blaise

4th St. Francis Nagasaki

5th St Paschal



Rosters for Next Week

6 th Feb	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer



The Catholic who influenced the Constitution of Australia

There are plenty of famous Catholics who have made a lasting impact on Australian history. We know of Caroline Chisholm and Mary Glowrey, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop and Archbishop Goold. We know of B.A. Santamaria and his political activism, and we know of Mannix and Moran and Knox. But there are many others whose influence will go unrecognised, part of Australia's "secret history."

A person whose influence goes unrecognised is Patrick McMahon Glynn (1855 – 1931). If you have a vague recollection of the man, it's probably because there is an institute named after him, serving as ACU's public policy think-tank. Even so, he's not a well known figure.

Read the entire article via: [News & Stories | The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne \(melbournecatholic.org\)](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/news-stories)

QR check-ins were still required at places of worship, even though vaccination status does not need to be checked.

MASKS MUST BE WORN INSIDE CHURCHES.

The Vic Gov Coronavirus page has the following:

Remember to check in everywhere every time using the Service Victoria app.

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.