

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

21ST JANUARY 2024

In the reflection last week, we looked at two articles that explained the relationship between the Scripture readings at Mass during the Sundays of Ordinary Time. This relationship is namely: that the Gospel reading is selected upon the principle of lectio continua ... a semi-continuous reading of one of the Synoptic Gospels throughout the Sundays of Ordinary Time. This year, Year B of the three year cycle, we will be reading through the Second Gospel; the Gospel of St Mark.

The first reading at Sunday Mass, along with the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation, are then chosen due to their relationship with the Gospel reading. So – for example – this week, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Gospel reading depicts Jesus (shortly after his baptism) proclaiming that the kingdom of God is close at hand: “Repent, and believe the Good News!” Well, the first reading is from the Old Testament Book of Jonah, and it depicts Jonah proclaiming a similar message of repentance to the people of Nineveh hundreds of years earlier. This message of trust in God’s forgiveness is then taken up in both the Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation.

The Second Reading at Sunday Mass during Ordinary Time has no intentional shared relationship with any of the other readings. It is just a continuous reading of one of the New Testament Epistles which works completely independently from any of the other readings.

Brant Pitre, the author of one of the articles quoted from last week, has this to say about the Second Reading at Mass:



Although the fact is little-known, when the Church restored and renewed the lectionary, after the second Vatican Council, one of the things that the Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, wanted to see done, was that there would be more preaching of the letters of St. Paul. So, for example, in the early church, figures like St. John Chrysostom and St. Augustine would actually take various letters of Paul, like say Romans or 1 Corinthians, and every Sunday they would preach homilies from those letters, working through the letter of Romans chapter by chapter, or the letter of Corinthians chapter by chapter; continually reading it over the course of 10 or 12 or even more Sundays. And so when the new lectionary came out after Vatican II, the Holy Father wanted there to be that kind of renewal of preaching about the letters of Paul. So the second reading was added according to this principle of lectio continua, so that a priest could, for example, say “for the next 10 weeks, we’re gonna work through the letter of Romans verse by verse, and section by section,” in order so that the people can understand Paul’s proclamation of the Gospel as well. And for whatever reason, that isn’t widely known, and so the second reading is kind of like the that stepchild that people don’t pay attention to. They’re not sure how it fits into the overall framework of the lectionary. It’s kind of the forgotten reading of the Sunday readings. And it’s unfortunate that this is the case, because those readings are often very rich.

One of these days, I will have to spend a year (or three!) preaching about the Second Reading at Sunday Mass.

God bless.

Fr Kevin Williams

(Full article found: <https://catholicproductions.com/blogs/mass-readings-explained-year-a-understanding-the-sunday-mass-lectionary-readings>; accessed 10 January 2024)

<p>SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am</p> <p>WEEKDAY MASS Monday (Springvale) 9:30 am Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am</p>	<p>The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment.</p> <p>Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph’s Church</p>	<p>HOLY ROSARY Tuesday—Friday 8.30am St Joseph’s Church</p>  
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St Joseph’s Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.

To subscribe to St Joseph’s Parish email list please email chelsea@cam.org.au

The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Recently Deceased
Elma Mary Corn, Jacqueline Ogilvie


Prayers for the Sick
Marie-Claire Azie, Lorraine Benjamin, Judy Bartosy Snr, Nicole Bigotto, Gregory Blaine, Mary Caderamanpulle, Margot Coghlan, Dennis Gallagher, Helen Guest, Rick Hayes, Allison Joel, Siu Kiang Lay, Sister Anita LeClercq, Carolyn Marshall, Sandra Marshall, Cath Meehan, Kath Noonan, Danielle Spencer, Helen Spooner

Anniversaries
Father Serge Beaupre, Ron Brooks, Bonnie Garrad, Kathleen Reiter, Valerie Scroogie

Remembrance
Nicole D’Angelo (30 days)

21st January; 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time B
1st R: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
2nd R: 1 Cor 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

28th January; 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
1st R: Deut 18:15-20
2nd R: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell.
There are no numbers restrictions on attendees at church.
Face masks are no longer mandatory inside the church.
Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

PARISH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY
Feast of St Francis De Sales

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY
Conversion of St Paul

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY
Australia Day
Public Holiday—Parish Office closed



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,934
Weekly average \$ 2,670.36



Due to a couple of appointments for Niamh, there will be some changes to the Parish Office opening hours next week:

Monday 9:00am—2:00pm
Tuesday—CLOSED
Wednesday 12midday—3:00pm
Thursday 9:00am—2:00pm
Friday CLOSED—Australia Day PH

Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause



2024 Scripture Diaries and 2024 God's Word

Last remaining copies available in the Piety Shop. Get yours now before they run out!!!!



The Prayer of St Francis de Sales

Patron Saint of writers and journalists. Feast Day 24th January.

Be at Peace

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life; rather look to them with full hope as they arise.

God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them. He has kept you hitherto, and He will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in his arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and everyday. He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/The-Prayer-of-St-Francis-de-Sales>



ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024



For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have

the possibility of visiting Lourdes. The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

Father John O'Connor's first book has arrived!!

Please contact the Parish Office to collect a copy—price is \$40.00



The Religious Sense

"It is not only a fact, an event, but the most ineradicable fact in human history"
"What is the ultimate meaning of existence? Why is life worth living? The religious sense lies within the reality of our self at the level of these questions"
Fr Luigi Giussani

You are warmly invited to join "The Religious Sense" meetings - School of Community

Every first and third Thursday of the month 7:30pm starting on Thursday 1st February 2024 at St Joseph's Parish Centre Info / registrations raffymazzeo@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul Society Week 1
– Canned Food Soups, fruit, steak & kidney, baked beans, tin spaghetti, ham, etc. Please place your donations in the Vinnie's Bin in the Narthex.

St Vincent De Paul urgently need more volunteers. If you can help, please phone Carole on 0404 335 419.



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Stamps Appeal

Please donate your used postage stamps to the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop used stamp appeal. The Sisters of St Joseph (the religious congregation founded by Australia's first "home-grown" Saint) use the stamps to raise funds for their work with children and the poor. Used stamps can be left in the yellow box up the back of St Joseph's Church (on the table near where the bulletins are kept). Thank you!



This year, the theme for the Project Compassion Lent Appeal is **For All Future Generations**

Generations and is inspired by the story of the burning bush in the book of Exodus (Exodus 3:1–20).

In this story, God tells Moses that he has heard the cry of the people. God responds to injustice and chooses Moses to speak to Pharaoh. Though Moses is afraid, God promises to be with him. Thus, God says, 'By this name I shall be invoked for all future generations.' As God called Moses, so now God calls us to work *for all future generations*. The Appeal commences on Ash Wednesday.