



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

24 JANUARY 2021



Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 95.1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
 sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 In his presence are majesty and splendour,
 strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading | Jonah 3.1-5, 10

A reading from the Prophet Jonah

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 24(25).4-6, 7b-9

R/ Teach me your ways, O Lord.

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.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord.

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.

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 7.29-31

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul
 to the Corinthians

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation | Mark 1.15

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The kingdom of God is near:
 believe the Good News!
 Alleluia!

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PARTS OF THE MASS

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Credo | The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Mysterium fidei

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Angus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God...

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

TV / ONLINE MASS

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 06.00am
St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) | Sunday 10.30am
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

08 December 2020 to 08 December 2021
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass This Week

Monday, Thursday & Friday		as usual
Tuesday 26/01	9.00am	Holy Mass followed by Morning Tea sponsored by St Vincent de Paul St Edward's Conference
Wednesday 27/01	8.30am	St Edward's School Staff This Mass is open to the public.

Covid-19 Marshalls (Welcomers)

Commencing the first weekend in February, Marshalls will cease in their duty unless Covid situation escalates. Individual attendees must register either electronically (QR code) or manually. This is a mandatory Government requirement.

Registrants using QR code are encouraged to use the Service NSW app.

English as Second Language (ESL) Classes

ESL will commence on Sunday 7/2/2021 from 10am to 11.30am.

Lenten Program

Any one who wishes to participate in a Lenten Reflection group, please complete the sheet in the foyer. Materials have to be ordered by Monday 1st February. 1st meeting will start on the 3rd week in February. Lenten Book costs \$7 (shipping included)

Monthly Morning Tea Organisers Needed

To volunteer please sign name on the volunteer sheet at the foyer.

Sick List

From the 1st weekend in February all names on the sick list will be removed. If you would like anyone to be included on the list from that date, please complete the sick list request form (blue folder) at the foyer.

Special Collection

The annual Missionary Orders Special Collection will be conducted at all Masses on 13-14th February, 2021. This collection is shared equally with the Missionaries of La Salette in the Philippines and the Rogationists in India. St Edward's Parish is capped to contribute \$ 1253.00. If the target is not achieved, the parish is to make up the shortfall.

Finances

Christmas Collection	\$ 1248.15
Christmas Dues/Envelope	\$ 1704.35

Thank-you to all who gave so generously to Christmas Dues. This fund helps to start off the New Year.

Contribution to ACF \$ 7676.00 (Closing balance 31/12/2020)
Excess funds in the Presbytery Account (1st collection) were sent to Armidale Clergy Fund. ACF supports the priests in the diocese especially in small parishes and retired clergy.

Lent 2021 with Bruce Downes

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Call 1300 734 880 for more info

Important Dates

02/02	09.30am	Candlemas, Blessing of Candles
03/02	10.30am	Australian Church Women Meeting
07/02		Sunday of the Word of God
11/02	09.30am	World Day of the Sick, Mass w/ anointing
17/02	7am, 12pm	Ash Wednesday
23/02	11.30am	Annual Mass for Consecrated Life Bishop Michael Kennedy, <i>Mass Presider</i>

*In your charity,
please pray for*

Our sick

Patricia Owen
Mary Anne Plater
Fr John Willis
Stephen Brown
Julien Ryan
Gordon Livingstone
Pearl Howard
Johanna Turner
Bayly Turner
Cecilia Kelly
Rita Kelly

Our Deceased

+ Salud Nepomuceno
+ Rogelio Roa
+ Romeo Pulido
+ Joy Makepeace
+ Jose Balquin
+ Emily Herden
+ Ronnie Umali
+ Amalia Sarrosa
+ Frank Fahy

Mass Intentions

27/01 + Joy Makepeace

Roman Martyrology

25/1 Conversion of St Paul
26/1 Sts Timothy & Titus, *bishops*
27/1 St Angela Merici, *virgin*
28/1 St Thomas Aquinas, *doctor*
29/1 St Sabinian, *martyr*
30/1 St Martina, *virgin & martyr*

*Omnes sancti Mártyres,
oráte pro nobis*

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday	09.00am
Wednesday	08.30am
Thursday & Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	8am, 9am, 5.30pm

BAPTISM

by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday 04.45 - 05.15pm

Weekly Collection

17 January 2021

1 st Collection	\$ 602.00
Envelopes PG	\$ 991.00
Loose	\$ 45.10

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Gospel | Mark 1.14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon | Cf. Ps 33.6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.



Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Parish Census

May we request new parishioners to register with the parish and current parishioners to update their details by completing the Parish Census Form. Available at <https://stedwardsparish.org.au/blog-3033> and send via email:

southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or
post to: Parish Secretary, PO Box 5002,
South Tamworth NSW 2340.

If you have any further questions please send us an email or call the office at 02 6765 9543.

THE WORD IN OTHER WORDS

Commentary | First Reading

The story of Jonah (whale and all) does not even pretend to be historical. For one thing, it takes about ten minutes to walk across the ruins of Nineveh. The story is a joke by Jews against Jews who think they alone can be saved: Jonah the Jew tries to run away from God, whereas the gentiles at Nineveh repent as soon as they hear God's message – even the animals wear sackcloth! The reason why this reading is chosen to pair with the call of the disciples is the immediacy of their response. They take the message to heart without hesitation.

Commentary | Second Reading

The earliest Christians were very aware that the Resurrection of Christ ushered in the last period of the world. With the fulfilment of God's promises in Jesus' death and resurrection everything important had happened. The end was imminent, and it was urgent for everyone to get ready. What must we think of this attitude two thousand years later? Yes, it is urgent for every individual to respond to God's call, and there is no time to lose. Every decision counts; every step along the path leads in one direction or the other. However, this is an instance where the message of the Bible must be seen as a whole, one teaching balancing another. 'The Kingdom of God is upon you!' does not mean that the world will end tomorrow. Matthew's gospel is quite clear that there is time before the last judgement to practise good works of prayer and generosity. At the last supper Jesus teaches that his disciples have a task to do in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit. So Paul is not teaching here that Christians should 'down tools' and sit waiting for the end, but that we must not absorb the values of those around us who think that the supermarket, the sports centre and the holiday cottage are the only realities worth thinking about.

Commentary | Gospel Reading

What is going on? In the Gospel of John the first two disciples joined Jesus down the Jordan Valley. One of them was Andrew, the other unnamed. Now we get another story, in another place, of other first disciples being called. So the Church underlines, on two days close together, the importance of Jesus' new community. The first thing he does is call disciples. He can't do everything on his own, and that is the point of the Church. He calls disciples to make a new people, a new Israel. We all have our part to fill in Jesus' play (sometimes it seems like a pantomime), old, young, middle-aged. Tired old people, busy parents, lively youngsters, each of us can make a unique contribution, especially since Jesus has chosen us himself. An odd choice, some of us! What did he want ME to do in the new family of Jesus?

The double record shows that at least two different people told the story. When two people tell the same story, there are bound to be variations. The place didn't matter, or the order in which they were called. The point of the story was the call, the response and the companionship, working together.