

# The Basilica of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish of Fremantle



Mass Booklet for  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd January, 2022

# WELCOME

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The gospel passage for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, is specially edited to suit the purpose of this Sunday. This Sunday is also known as: Sunday of the Word of God. The gospel begins with the prologue of the Gospel addressing Theophilus and states the purpose of his writing: “So that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received” (Lk 1:4). After that the focus of today’s gospel is moved to the public ministry of Jesus, where Jesus clearly sets the whole purpose of his public ministry and how it is going to be. He finished his proclamation saying: “This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening” (Lk 4:21).

The first four verses from the gospel of Luke, clearly outline “how he began his gospel account in the style of classical Greek authors of the time. His introductory sentences about Jesus followed the norms of the classical writers. This implies that he is about to write a work of literary importance and he does indeed succeed in doing so” says Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan, O.F.M.

After the prologue the evangelist makes the mention of Jesus’ birth: his life, death, resurrection, ascension, and the consequences of these-the settling-up of his church. The evangelist Luke says, these things happened amongst us. Luke was a Greek and so these things had not happened for the Jews only but for the gentiles too. “His purpose is to assure his readers, schooled in the Old Testament and the Christian faith, of the truth of these words and deeds” says Rev. Pablo T. Gadenz, an Associate Professor of Biblical Studies.

We all are familiar with this saying: ‘A person without a vision perishes.’ Jesus at the start of the ministry clearly outlines his aim and vision for the future and how his mission will be. He quotes from the Prophet Isaiah who says, “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.” Inspired with this manifesto of Jesus, St. Eugene De Mazenod too framed the motto of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate: “To proclaim the Good News to the poor.”

As Jesus constantly had a special love for the poor and vulnerable of his time, we too through our own Christian vocation, look after the needs of others and build up God’s kingdom on earth. Amen.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI  
*Rector and Parish Priest*

# **Music Ministry**

*Alessandro Pittorino*

*Interim Coordinator of Music and Organist*

## **Organists & Cantors**

6pm Vigil & 5pm Masses: Tom Allan (cantor)

8am & 11am Masses: Grace Feltoe (cantor)

All Masses: Andrew Brown (organist)

## **Hymns**

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex

Processional Hymn: CWB 626 Blessed Jesus, at your word

Psalm: CWB 480 vs 1,2,3 & 5

Gospel Acclamation: CWB 357

Offertory Hymn: CWB650 Christians, lift up your hearts

Thanksgiving Hymn: CWB 725 Jesus, my Lord, My God, my All

Recessional Hymn: CWB 835 The Voice of God

Organ Postlude

# Entrance Antiphon

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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

**A reading from the book of Prophet Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10**

**All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law**

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.

**All: Thanks Be to God**

# The Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

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.

**Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

**Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

**Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock!

**Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

# The Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30

***You together are Christ's body, but each 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. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation

## Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

***'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'***

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 eyewitnesses 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.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# THE CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin  
Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.



# Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As we gather in joyful hope, singing a new song to all the earth, let us offer our prayers to our Father, who restores and revives all faithful hearts who seek grace and blessing.

Reader: We pray for Pope Francis and all Bishops as they prepare for the Synod in 2023. May they always be true to their calling, fruitful in the work of leading the faithful and draw all they meet to embrace the Gospel message. (Pause) Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for the Church of Australia and the work of the Plenary Council. May the preparations for the second assembly in July in Sydney be fruitful and true to the direction of the Holy Spirit. (Pause) Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for world leaders that they may be fully conscious of the need to be just towards all their people and to work towards the health of our earth's climate and the support of our damaged environment. (Pause) Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for growth toward Christian unity, that the Spirit of God will help us recognise all that we hold in common as members of the Body of Christ and help us to cooperate in confronting the issues of poverty, violence and neglect. (Pause) Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for those suffering from COVID-19 through ill health, loss of employment, stress of frontline health work or loss of family members in isolation. May they be strengthened through the love and support of those around them. (Pause) Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for all those suffering in the world, that Christians will proclaim liberty to captives, give blind people new sight, set the downtrodden free and proclaim the Lord's year of favour.(Pause) Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, you hear the prayers of your people and grant us the strength and courage to be faithful to the mission you have called us to live. Therefore, we make these and all our prayers through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Communion Antiphon**

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