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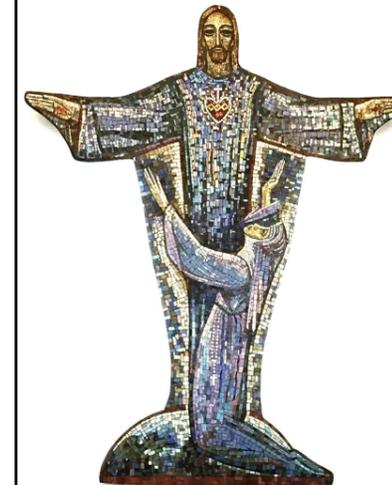
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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C
30TH JANUARY 2022

and he began by saying to them,
"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
Luka 4:21

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9:15am

Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am
Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'

MONTHLY INTENTION: JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass
07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30 am - 2:30pm
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight

VEPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:15 pm - 5:45pm

RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am Mass followed by Session 10 am - 11am

DEVOTIONS:

- ♦ **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**
Tuesday: after morning Mass
Wednesday: 6:30pm before 7:00pm Mass
- ♦ **Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:**
Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- ♦ **Divine Mercy Devotions**
4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am
Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm (or by appointment)

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526- option 3 or 0412 625 187 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

- In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. *(R.)*
- Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. *(R.)*
- It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. *(R.)*
- My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.
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

Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

MEDITATION:

We all stand in need of God's grace and merciful help every day and every moment of our lives. Scripture tells us that "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lam 3:22-23). God gives grace to the humble who seek him with expectant faith and with a repentant heart that wants to be made whole and clean again. The Lord Jesus will set us free from every sinful habit and every harmful way of relating to our neighbor, if we allow him to cleanse and heal us. If we want to walk in freedom and grow in love and holiness, then we must humbly renounce our sinful ways and submit to Christ's instruction and healing discipline in our lives. Scripture tells us that the Lord disciplines us for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). Do you want the Lord Jesus to set you free and make you whole again? Ask him to show you the way to walk in his healing love and truth.
Lord Jesus, teach me to love your ways that I may be quick to renounce sin and wilfulness in my life. Make me whole and clean again that I may delight to do your will.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Wednesday - 02 February 2022 9:00am & 7:00pm Mass (Blessing of Candles)

The Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. As is the tradition, **candles will be blessed** during both Masses on **Wednesday (2nd February 2022)**.
Please bring your candle to be blessed.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ♦ Tony Ostojic
- ♦ Shelly Barnes
- ♦ Teresa Saad
- ♦ Christopher Oldham
- ♦ Simon Khoury
- ♦ Sonia & Pierre Abi-Rached
- ♦ Therese Nicolas
- ♦ Nikola Jerkovic
- ♦ Susan Pace
- ♦ Branko Soric
- ♦ Gloria Lavitoria
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- ♦ Joanna Essey
- ♦ Giovanna Prestipino
- ♦ Ireneo Vicencio
- ♦ Alice Said
- ♦ Diab Baysari
- ♦ Mario & Tereza Cutajar
- ♦ Mary Essey
- ♦ Katrina & Maria Smith
- ♦ Carolina Morante
- ♦ Alex Habis
- ♦ Ramona Sassine
- ♦ Laura Anisse
- ♦ John Bartolo
- ♦ Bob Sinclair
- ♦ Barbara Hanna
- ♦ Anthony Hanna
- ♦ Carlos Rivanar
- ♦ Josephine Hanna
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- ♦ Smiljana Milina
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm

The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection. If you can spare 1/2 hour or more, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2.30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME**



ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS

Please join us in responding to 'Our Blessed Mother's Appeal for Prayer & Reparation for World Peace & the Sanctity of Family Life'.
Every First Friday of the month after 7pm Mass, Scriptural Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus until Midnight. Every Friday (except 1st Friday of the month) the Adoration Service will commence after 7:00pm Mass until 10:00pm
"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 06 FEBRUARY 2022

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
Is 6:1-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11



Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **Amen**

Table Tennis social nights return!

From Tuesday, 25 January at the Pastoral Centre, starting time will be 7:00pm due to no evening masses during January, from 01 February onwards starting time will be approx 7:30pm after the evening Mass.
* Players of all abilities welcome
* No charge
* Light refreshments provided



01ST – 31ST
JANUARY 2022

- ♦ 09:15 am - Monday
 - ♦ 09:00 am - Tuesday to Friday
 - ♦ 08:30 am - Saturday
 - ♦ NO Evening Weekday Masses
 - ♦ Weekend Masses as usual
 - ♦ 06:00 pm - Saturday (Vigil)
 - ♦ 07:30 am, 09:00am, 10:30am - Sunday
 - ♦ 06:00 pm - Sunday
- ALL DEVOTIONS, ADORATIONS & EVENING MASSES WILL RESUME ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2022**



SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION RESUMES

On 20 March 2020 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. From **15 December 2021** this Decree is now revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held twice in 2022. The program in Term 1 is intended for those that missed out in 2021 because the program was cancelled due to the Lockdowns.

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from **Tuesday, 25 January 2022** until **Friday, 11 February 2022**. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)
Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.
Parents Night : Monday: 07 February at 6:00pm
Wednesday: 09 February at 6:00pm
Venue: Inside the Church

Sacrament of Confirmation program is divided into two groups taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley & assisted by Monique Kairouz.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on **MONDAYS** or **WEDNESDAYS** at 6:00pm.

- Session 1:** 14 FEBRUARY or 16 FEBRUARY 2022
- Session 2:** 21 FEBRUARY or 23 FEBRUARY 2022
- Session 3:** 28 FEBRUARY or 02 MARCH 2022
- Session 4:** 07 MARCH or 09 MARCH 2022
- Rehearsal:** 14 MARCH or 16 MARCH 2022
- Venue:** Inside the Church.

CONFIRMATION Saturday, 19 March 2022 at 6:00pm celebrated by Very Rev Peter G. Williams VG EV

CHURCH CLEANING MAINTENANCE

Volunteers needed for cleaning duties inside the church one day a week (Friday or Saturday) once a month as per Roster. Kindly contact Nada Tomas - 0420 766 771 for further details or the Parish Office.

Volunteers needed for general maintenance in the church premises once a week. Kindly contact Anthony - 0449 794 147 for further details or the Parish Office.

