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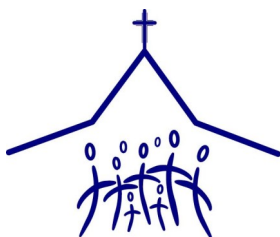
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 23rd & 24th January 2021

Dear Parishioners,

It is my privilege to write to you as we approach to **Australia Day** on Tuesday 26 January. On this day we mindful of our Aboriginal People, as some may view it as Invasion Day, Sorry Day or as a Survival Day. May our commemoration of Australia Day be one of special reflection, and to find a new way of living in this land so ancient and for which we have stewardship together with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters from whom we must always learn and journey forward together.

Australia Day is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the great land that God has given us and to thank him for all the blessings that we take so much for granted - blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families. This is also a day, with all the citizenship ceremonies taking place, where we give thanks to those choosing to become Australian citizens. Their act is a compliment to us, and should remind us of the good aspects of our society in which we live.

So as we celebrate this day, let us rejoice in God's goodness but also to remember those of this land who walked this country for generations upon generations. We also pray with earnestness that our hearts will deepen so that we might know better who we are as Australians, who will work for peace and care for the wounded.

Have a blessed day!

Fr Thinh Nguyen

COVID Safety at St Scholastica's

When you return to church for 2021 please be aware that St Scholastica's is a COVID-19 safe community. Please adhere to the following policies from the Archdiocese:

- ◆ Mask wearing, is no longer mandatory in church but if you can not safely socially distance, please wear a mask over your nose and mouth when you enter the church and sanitise your hands at the back of the church.
- ◆ It is **preferred** you register with the QR code on your phone, but if you do not have the ability to do so, please sign in at the back of the church.
- ◆ When you come up to receive Holy Communion, please sanitise your hands from the sanitising station 'right before you receive'.
- ◆ Reception of Holy Communion is in your hand until further notice.
- ◆ Singing is by the Cantor and Choir (Max 5 musicians/singers/organist in total). Cantor may have their mask down when singing, all other singer must have their mask up when singing.
- ◆ At the end of the mass, please use the wipes at the end of your pew to clean your position. Open the flap at the top of the wipes to remove a wipe and close the flap to keep the wipes from drying out.
- ◆ Use the wipes to clean where your hand rested, the kneeler and your seat itself. Take the wipe and put it in the bin as you exit the church and sanitise your hands when you leave.

God bless and thank you for helping us keep our community at St Scholastica's safe!



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WEEKLY CALENDAR 2021

Monday 25 January

No Service

Tuesday 26 January - Australia Day Public Holiday - Parish Office Closed

09.00am Mass followed Adoration and Rosary until 10am

Wednesday 27 January

10.00am Exposition

10.30am Rosary

11.00am Mass

Thursday 28 January

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary

Friday 29 January

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday 30 January

09.00am Mass followed by Rosary/Confession

05.30pm Mass

Sunday 31 January

09.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

05.30pm Mass

Remembering Our Community

Sick

Ian Holmes, Michael Yau, Rachel Bransby, Doris Gauci, Doris Sinclair, Peter Lim, Harriet Pergande, Fred Hillas, Fran Panetta, Bichara Serophim, Natalie Balding, Rosemary Anderiesz, Maria Fonseca, Baby Mary Pauchnik, Margaret Sweeney

Anniversaries

David Ho, Fr George Maltby, Souls of Family Nguyen, Souls of Family Phu, Souls of Family Chuc



We invite you with open arms
To come along to our church,
We hope that you can join with us
In worship and God's word
If you have needs, and want someone
To listen and to pray,
We're here for you with open hearts
And God's love to give away.

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Welcome - Guest Folder

Please note that in the Narthex you will find a Guest folder. We encourage our new comers to register their details, as we will formally welcome them on the 1st Sunday of each month and in the Chimes. We look forward to seeing many new names and to welcome everyone into our parish community at St Schols!

Requirements when coming to Church

Please see a summary of requirements when entering the church:

- No pre-booking is required to attend mass - it will be a first come/first served basis
- It is recommended you arrive at least 10 minutes early to give everyone enough time to sign in and be appropriately socially distanced
- People must be sitting, 1 person per two square metre, to ensure people have enough room to maintain 1.5 metres distance between them. Please use the green dots as a guide as to where to sit
- Entry is only through the Narthex and you must sign in and hand sanitise before entering the church.
- Please only exit the church through the side doors where it is marked 'Exit Only'
- **Face coverings are mandatory.**
- At this time we are unable to take up collections however there are baskets located on each side of the sanctuary and we welcome you to make your offering at anytime during or after mass.

If you have a cold, cough or any flu like symptoms of COVID-19, you must NOT attend mass. It is crucial that all these rules are followed for everyone's safety. Please be aware that if you arrive and the doors are locked the church has reached its capacity.

ROSTERS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	4th Sunday of the Month 23/24 January 2021	
		<u>Readers/Musician</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>
Saturday	5.30 pm	Rachel Cordeiro ----- Sean	Judith Silvina Laurine Shane
Sunday	9.00 am	Sylvia Chua ----- Judy	Anna Gaetano Ramon Paulo Mata
	11.00 am	Geetha Jayasuriya ----- Mario	Barbara Schobben Willard Lewis
	5.30 pm	Claire Tumilovics ----- Henry	Michael Chan Netty Solomon

ROSTERS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Mass Time</u>	5th Sunday of the Month 30/31 January 2021	
		<u>Readers/Musician</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>
Saturday	5.30 pm	Rachel Cordeiro ----- Lucy	Mary Ann Borg Juliette Belajeff
Sunday	9.00 am	Sylvia Chuah ----- Judy	Jill Bartley Rosa Coniglio
	11.00 am	Geetha Jayasuriya ----- Dennis	April Lewis Laurine Shane
	5.30 pm	Kristin Jabay ----- Henry	Marcia Nelson Louise Willison



NOTICEBOARD

Communion to the sick

Do you know anyone who is sick or housebound, who would like to receive a visit from Father Thinh? Perhaps the sick/homebound person is feeling isolated from the parish community and would like to receive communion on a regular basis. Please phone the parish office on 9808 1006.



Baptism at St Scholastica's

It is a requirement of the parish that a Baptism information night must be attended prior to having your child baptised. Contact the parish office on 9808 1006 to make a booking into one of the monthly sessions. Next session: Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7:30pm in the Parish Office.



Church Open for Private Prayer

The church is open for private prayer from *Tuesday to Friday 9am – 3pm*. All COVID safe guidelines must be adhered to and if you are in the church for longer than 15 minutes it is essential that you register using the QR code or writing your details in the book provided.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Helpers needed

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a contemplative approach to religious formation for children ages 3-12 years.

We are blessed to be located in the lower level of the hall, where children are invited into a specially prepared environment called an Atrium to work with natural materials appropriate for their age and stage of development. Based on Montessori principles of education, St Scholastica's began CGS in 2005, and now offers 3 Atria serving children across all levels: Level I (3-6), Level II (6-9) and Level III (9-12). We are looking to grow our team of volunteers for this special ministry. Whether you are a uni student, someone who is retired, or someone in between, we would love to hear from you.

We are looking for help over any of the following session times during the school term:

- Mondays - 9.15-11.30am
- Tuesdays - 3.45-6pm
- Wednesdays - 12.30-2.45pm
- Saturdays - 9.30am-12.15

No experience is necessary, but you do need a current working with children check. For more information please contact the Parish office during business hours. God bless.

Weekly Updates and Thanksgiving

Please be aware that we are still sending weekly updates via email with all the relevant information as we are aware that some people might not yet be comfortable to come back to attending mass.

If you have Thanksgiving envelopes please feel free to drop these into the Parish Office. You can also always make a contribution via direct deposit or via credit card.

The parish account details can be found below.

Set up a direct debit or monthly credit card giving by contacting the parish office or set up your direct deposit yourself using the following details:

- Account Name: St Scholastica's Parish
- BSB: 083 347
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Envelope number

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



COVID SAFE NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS 2020

Thank you to our limited families (due to covid restrictions) who participated in St Scholastica's annual Nativity and Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 2020. There were many blessings as we celebrated the birth of Jesus.

All the parts of the Nativity were covered by just four families, with Michael as the Angel Gabriel and St Joseph for the first time. Another first in the history of the Nativity: Maeve who was Mother Mary this year, was Baby Jesus 10 years ago. (See attached photos where Maeve appears with her siblings.) All who were present from 450pm will remember fondly our two year old little shepherd who was very excited and engaging cuddling and smiling at baby Jesus and walking up and down the sanctuary steps with the stuffed sheep.

Thanks to our readers, cleaners, sacristans, ushers who were called at the last minute, special ministers, car park attendants, Fr Thanh, Fr Thinh and Fr John. Special thanks to the Khong/Coady family for sharing their gift of music with us on such a Holy Night and to all musicians across every mass.

Lastly, thank you to all who attended our covid safe Christmas celebrations for 2020 at St Scholastica's. There was a feeling of joy, warmth, and family as we gathered to worship. To our parishioners who continue to worship from their homes due to covid concerns, know you are forever in our hearts and our prayers. God bless.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B**

Entrance Antiphon: 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: Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah
*The Ninevites renounced their evil
ways.*

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.

Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

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. **R.**

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

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. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

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

*The world as we know it is passing
away.*

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: Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

*Repent, and believe the Good
News.*

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:

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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B - 24th January 2021**

First Reading: Deuteronomy
18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Scripture Commentary for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Today we begin the sequence of readings from Mark's Gospel, the proper Gospel of Year B. Appropriately, the Gospel for the day, Mark 1:14-20, offers a summary statement of the inaugural preaching of Jesus (1:14-15) and his call of the first four disciples (1:16-20).

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee after John the Baptist has been arrested. The epoch of John's witness has come to a close: he has preached and he has been 'delivered up', a harbinger of the fate that will also await Jesus as the cost of proclaiming the Gospel.

The 'Gospel of God' that Jesus begins to proclaim is essentially a message of freedom. It takes (Second) Isaiah's 'good news' ('gospel') of freedom for Israel exiled in Babylon (Isa 40:9; 41:7; 42:7-8; 61:1) and applies this to the liberation associated with the onset of the 'Kingdom' or 'Rule of God'. Instead of captivity in Babylon, what is presupposed in Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom is the sense that human beings currently labour under the opposing 'rule' of Satan, manifest in multiple captivities of body and spirit. Jesus comes as the Son of God, empowered by the Spirit (1:10), to wrest human beings from captivity to the demonic and reclaim them for God's rule, that is, for the original and abiding intent of the Creator for human life. From the start, then, Mark's Gospel portrays Jesus as locked in a mighty conflict with the demonic, best understood as referring to controlling forces of various kinds – all that stunts human lives, alienating them from life-giving relationship with God and their own true humanity. On the individual level we can think, not only of sin as such, but also of various kinds of addictions; on the social level, we can think of systems of exploitation and oppression, economic and political. Jesus is the 'Stronger one' (1:7), who has come to 'bind' Satan (3:27), and break his grip upon human life in all these ways.

To benefit from this liberation what is required on the human side is 'repentance' and faith. Repentance (Greek: *metanoia* [= change of heart]) is not simply repentance for sin but an openness to a whole new vision of God and God's action in the world, something that will radically shake prevailing expectations. Faith is then the conviction that, in the teaching and activity of Jesus, the liberating power of the Kingdom is truly present and effective. Faith is the essential channel through which this power takes hold of human lives. Its absence can cause 'blockage' (as will be the case when Jesus visits his home town, Nazareth [Mark 6:1-6]). Hence the summons to 'believe the good news' (v 15).

Following the summary of Jesus' inaugural preaching, the gospel goes on to describe his calling of disciples to assist him in his mission. The double call involving two sets of brothers enables us to discern a common pattern: Jesus 'sees' and 'calls', they 'leave' and 'follow'. In fishers of fish Jesus sees a capacity for a new kind of 'fishing'. He calls them to cease being fishers of fish and become, through following him, fishers of people – sharers, in other words, in his mission of reclaiming human lives for the life-giving rule of God.

As is always the case when people are called by God in the Scriptures, before they can follow the call they must leave significant aspects of their former life behind. Here the disciples immediately leave their old livelihood (nets, boats, hired men) and their family (father). They will find a new 'boat' – the Church – and new 'family' – the band of disciples gathered around Jesus, who he will induct into the intimacy of his familial relationship with God. Hearing the call of Jesus today may not, as in the case of those four disciples, involve leaving one's present occupation. But it may so deepen the way one lives that occupation as to transform it into a true catching of 'fish' for the Kingdom.

The Gospel is aptly foreshadowed in the First Reading (Jonah 3:1-5, 10) by the call of the prophet Jonah and his summons to the people of Nineveh to repent in view of a threatened punishment by God – a punishment which their repentance averts.

The Second Reading (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) stands rather apart from all this. Congregations today will be shocked to hear Paul counsel, 'Those who have wives should live as though they had none!' His advice reflects the intense expectation of the end of the world in the early Church. A glance at the wider context shows that he is not counselling the abandonment of marriage or engagement with the business of the world but a refusal to be absorbed in such realities, since the only lasting reality is that of the coming Reign of God.

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Since returning from graduate studies in Oxford in 1977, Brendan Byrne has been Professor of New Testament at Jesuit Theological College in Melbourne, Australia, of which he was Principal (1992-97). He was Rector of Campion College, Kew (1979-84) and a delegate to the 33rd General Congregation of the Society of Jesus in 1983. He was a visiting professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, in 1993 and has also taught in East Asia and East Africa. He was a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission (Rome) (1990-96) and President of the Melbourne College of Divinity (2000-01). He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1999. Brendan Byrne is the author of nine books, edits the theological journal *Pacifica* and regularly gives workshops on scripture to clergy and parish communities.



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