

## GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

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 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 down trodden 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Feasts of the Week

### 28 January - St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor. Memorial.

Born near Aquino (Italy) about 1225. Died on his way to the Council of Lyons in 1274.

Educated at Monte Cassino, Naples, Paris, and Cologne, he became a Dominican in 1244.

Regarded as one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church. Despite ecclesiastical opposition at the time, the substance of his life's work has endured as an authentic exposition of Christian teaching and carries unique official approval. Remembered for his modesty, the prayerfulness of his personal life, and the abiding influence of his thought.



### 31 January - St John Bosco, priest. Memorial.

Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815. Died at Turin on this day in 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. Remembered – like the order's patron, Saint Francis de Sales (24 January) – for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.

### 2 February - The Presentation of the Lord. Feast.

Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 9390 5812.

**Catechist & Friendship Group:** Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;

**Youth:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** John Sarkis 0400 606 297;

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**Children's Liturgy:** Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday** - 8.00am

**Wednesday** - 8.00am

**Thursday** - 8.00am

**Friday** - 8.00am

**Saturday** - 8.00am

## Nursing Home Masses

NIL

## Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

## DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** Saturday 7.00am.

**Rosary:** Saturday 8.25am.

**Divine Mercy Prayer:**

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

**Marriages:** By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

**Care for the Sick:** Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

**Baptisms:** Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass .



*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. . . "* Luke 4:18

## Responsorial Psalm

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Comm Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**This weeks readings** - Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**Next Weekend:** 4th Sun Ord - Year C. **Readings:** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Luke 4:21-30

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C - 27 January 2019

## SVDP Piety Stall

The 2019 Columban Art Calendars have arrived in the Piety Stall. Show your support and purchase one for \$9.00. They make great gifts too!

## World Youth Day - Panama 2019

A group of pilgrims from the Sydney Archdiocese have gone to Panama to take part in this year's World Youth Day from 22nd - 27th January. Let us pray for them to be enriched and renewed in faith. You can watch this event live on [shalomworld.org/wyd](http://shalomworld.org/wyd) (see flyer on backboard)

## Fight poverty with your used stamps - Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in bringing stamps to help Mary MacKillop International fight poverty. All stamps collected will be sent off at the end of this week.

## Lunar New Year

We will be celebrating the Lunar New Year with Mass on Tuesday 5th February at 10.00am. Please note your diaries. More information will follow next week. The Vietnamese choir will be practicing for this Mass on Monday 28/1/19 and Friday 1/2/19 at 7.00pm in the Church. Singers welcome to join in.

## Mass Intentions:

**Recently Deceased:** Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; Francis Santan Mendes

**Anniversary:** Joseph Marcellus Fernandes; Rosie Fernandes; Maria Antonia Pelli; Atonio Mino; Francis Field; Bill Sultana; Vincent Van Nhu Nguyen; Toma Nguyen Van Bao.

**Deceased:** Jerry Andre; Sang Van Nguy; Dominico; Toma Pham Van Du; Maria Ngo Thi Thao; Toma Pham Ngoc Dong

**Sick:** Max Goodwin, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Teresita Tenorio; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Adelle Tulay; Emlyn Beale; Maria Bui Thi Don; John Ashe; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet.

## Weekly Rosters

**Altar Society: 3/2/19 Group 1:** Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 3/2/19** A Nguyen **10/2/18** D Rodrigues

**Church Cleaners: 1/2/19:** Polish group **Children's Liturgy:** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Weekend Choirs: 3/2 Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir.

**Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God. **10am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - Youth Choir.

## Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	27 JANUARY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Kalisiana Mar	Joseph Dang	Jennifer Nguyen	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Judy Jones	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
M	Gloria Booby	Melanie Campisi	Jeannette Chong	Loreto Eduardo	
3 FEBRUARY					
C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo	

Reflection

## Salvation

Jesus was the one sent by God to bring salvation to the world. Jesus announced that mission using the framework we hear in today's Gospel from the prophet Isaiah: glad tidings will be brought to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God in his person—through his life, death, and Resurrection. We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. Jesus also gave us the helper we would need to enable us to participate in his mission. The Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we, the Church, might serve the Kingdom of God.

Gather with your family and suggest that they try to picture the vision that Jesus describes using the words of the prophet Isaiah as you read today's Gospel, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. Think about your neighbourhood, your community. What are the situations and who are the people who most need to see this vision fulfilled? What steps would be necessary to make the vision a reality for them? Make a family commitment to pray for the Kingdom of God and to take a particular action that will address a need you see in your community. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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## A Notice for Volunteers - Re: Working With Children

According to the Archdiocese's new Working With Children policy, all volunteers who are 18 years or over must now do the followings:

Obtain a Working With Children Number: You must make an online application via this link: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

The Office of the Children's Guardian will send you an email (titled 'New Application Receipt') with your Application Number. You must then go to RTA bringing with you this Application Number and your ID (driver's licence for example) for verification. It will then take about four weeks for them to process your application. If you are cleared, you will receive a notification email from the Office of the Children's Guardian that includes your WWC number. Please forward this email to the Parish Office ([admin@stfelixparish.org.au](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au)) together with your Date of Birth.

Complete a Safeguard Induction Training Course: You can do this online by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/XjXDmPsp8bnBB7e43>

For those who do not have facilities to do the course online, we will be offering catch-up training courses at the Presbytery meeting room. Information about this will be published on the Bulletin.

Read and sign a Volunteer's Agreement

Read and sign a Code of Conduct for working with children.

All links plus Volunteer's Agreement and Code of Conduct forms can be downloaded from our Parish website via <http://stfelixparish.org.au/news-and-events/parish-news>

When completed, please send your Volunteer's Agreement, Code of Conduct and Induction Training certificate to the Parish Office.

Should you need help, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

## Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 10 February 2019 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.