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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** 10am; 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Wednesday 12:45pm – 2:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon; Sun. 4pm-5.45pm

**CONFESSION:** Saturday after 10:30-11:30am; 6pm and at call. **ROSARY:** 11.30am (Monday—Friday)

**PARISH SURGERY:** Every Tuesday and Friday: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 23RD JANUARY 2022

#### 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.

Oh the Word of my Lord

#### HYMN:

(Damian Lundy)

Oh the word of my Lord, deep within my being,  
Oh the word of the Lord, you have filled my mind.

1. Before I formed you in the womb,  
I knew you through and through,  
I chose you to be mine.  
Before you left your mother's side  
I called to you, my child, to be my sign.

2. I know that you are very young,  
but I will make you strong:  
I'll fill you with my word;  
and you will travel through the land,  
fulfilling my command which you have heard.

3. And ev'rywhere you are to go  
my hand will follow you;  
you will not be alone.  
In all the danger that you fear  
you'll find me very near, your words my own.

4. With all my strength you will be filled:

you will destroy and build,  
for that is my design. You will create and overthrow,  
reap harvest I will sow: your word is mine.

#### 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.**

**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
 direct our actions  
 according to your good pleasure,  
 that in the name of your beloved Son  
 we may abound in good works.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.****First reading                    Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10**

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****Responsorial Psalm            Ps 18(19):8-10,15**

**R.    *Your words are spirit, Lord,  
 and they are 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.            **R.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Second reading    1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

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**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Lk4:18**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord has sent me  
to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives.

**Alleluia!**

#### **Gospel**

**Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21**

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.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

#### **Homily**

#### **The 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,  
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.**

#### **Prayer of the Faithful**

#### **OFFERTORY: ALL THAT I AM** *(Sebastian Temple)*

All that I am, all that I do  
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to You.  
Take and sanctify these gifts  
for your honour Lord  
Knowing that I love and serve You  
Is enough reward.  
All that I am, all that I do  
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to You.

All that I dream All that I pray  
All that I'll ever make I give to You today.  
Take and sanctify these gifts  
for your honour Lord

Knowing that I love and serve You  
Is enough reward.  
All that I am, all that I do  
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to You.

**Sanctus:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Agnus Dei:**

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

**COMMUNION: THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD** *(Anonymous)*

The Spirit of the Lord is now upon me  
To heal the broken heart and set the captives free  
To open prison doors and make the blind to see.  
The Spirit of the Lord is now upon me.

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Patrick Michael Neale, Josephine Singers, Antonio Jose  
Francisco Luis Carvalho, Peter D'Costa, Clara Ramos and  
Victoria Adade. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of  
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and  
become instruments of your love and grace. Send your  
Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you  
are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life  
in our Archdiocese. May those called hear your voice  
and respond wholeheartedly to  
become the person you created them to be.  
Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son,  
Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you  
more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this  
through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest. **Amen**

**RECESSIONAL: CHRIST IS OUR KING** *(Estelle White)*

**Refrain:**

Christ is our King, let the whole world rejoice!  
May all the nations sing out with one voice!  
Light of the world, you have helped us to see  
that we are one people and one day we shall all be free.

He came to open the eyes of the blind,

letting the sunlight pour into their minds.  
Vision is waiting for those who have hope.  
He is the light of the world. (refrain)

He came to speak tender words to the poor,  
he is the gateway and he is the door.  
Riches are waiting for all those who hope.  
He is the light of the world. (refrain)

He came to open the doors of the jail,  
he came to help the downtrodden and frail.  
Freedom is waiting for all those who hope.  
He is the light of the world. (refrain)

He came to open the lips of the mute,  
letting them speak out with courage and truth.  
His words are uttered by all those who hope.  
He is the light of the world. (refrain)

He came to heal all the crippled and lame,  
sickness took flight at the sound of his name.  
Vigour is waiting for all those who hope.  
He is the light of the world. (refrain)

He came to love everyone on this earth,  
and through his Spirit he promised rebirth.  
New life is waiting for all those who hope.  
He is the light of the world. (refrain)

**CATECHESIS: Confirmation and First Holy Com-**

**munion.** We will launch the confirmation course at a  
meeting of the young candidates and their parents on  
Friday 4 February at 7 pm, and the First Holy Com-  
munion course at a meeting of the parents (one par-  
ent without the children) on Saturday 5 February at  
10.45 am, both in the Parish Centre. Please watch this  
space for further updates as the COVID situation be-  
comes clearer.

**CAR PARKING:** If you park your car on our premises  
while visiting the church or the parish office Monday  
to Friday, you **MUST** register your car registration de-  
tails in the electronic pad to avoid getting a parking  
penalty ticket

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** 30th January to support the  
noble efforts of the Society for the Protection of Un-  
born Children.

**RACIAL JUSTICE:** Sunday 13th February to support  
the Catholic Association for Racial Justice in its work  
of promoting racial justice in our schools, parishes, etc