

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Today’s reading is the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew’s Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus’ blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

“Blessed” is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Family Connection

Today’s Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the “get ahead” messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, having many possessions, and so on. When we think this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status.



Parish Bulletin

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28/29 January 2023

*Happy are
the poor in spirit.*



BLESSED ARE YOU.

The Beatitudes are among the best known verses of the Gospel of Matthew.

They offer an assurance of God’s care for those who mourn or suffer persecution. They contain promises that God will bless the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers and those who work for justice.

Ultimately, all who put their trust in God and do what is right will rejoice in God’s kingdom.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 105:47

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.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

PSALM 145:7-10

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God’s doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm
Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am
Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters for 4/5 February 2023 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Jim Litchfield Dorothy Pierce, Kaylee-Jade Litchfield
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Henry D'Assumpcao, Clare Boyle
Children's Liturgy	-
Count team	Andrew Gaal, Gail Gaal, Nick McCabe,
Altar	29th Jan to 19th Feb Dolores Arboit Christina Wong
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	21/22 JANUARY
First Collection	\$ 702.85
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 2,605.00
Open Plate	\$ 250.70
TOTAL	\$ 3,558.55



Pope Francis
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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 57th WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

We are all called to seek and to speak the truth -- and to do so with charity.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/20230124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased:
Anniversary of death: Domenica, Vincenzo and Pasquale Forgione. Clive Rahaley.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Special Intention:

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
Fr Dean Marin - Director of Vocations

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on 2 February this year is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. It's important for us to celebrate the lives of all the consecrated religious sisters and brothers in our Archdiocese, to pray in thanksgiving to God for them and to pray that God will call many more women and men to this vocation.

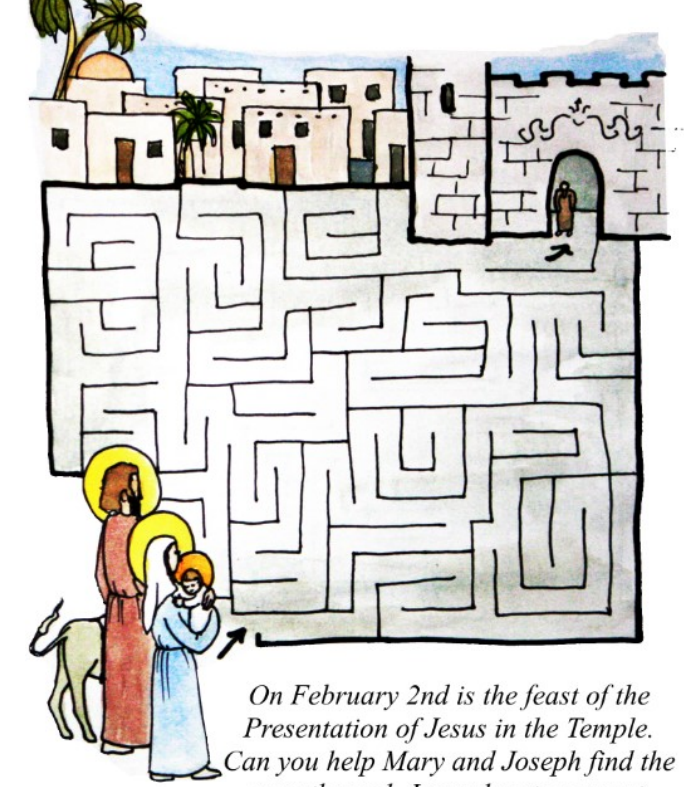
Indeed, we thank God for the witness of the lives of our consecrated sisters and brothers. Poverty, chastity and obedience are hardly understood and appreciated in our society these days. More than ever, we need the living witness of the passing value of material goods, that the love of God always remains the context for all true love, and that there is real freedom in dedicating ones live in committed connection with others. Above all, we need living witness to the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God that is always beyond us and this life.

Thanks for all that you are doing to promote Vocation in our Archdiocese and may God continue to bless your ministries.



The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29th, 2023



On February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?

Beatitudes Word Find

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O S P I R I T C L E A N

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED. BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land. Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for they will be SATISFIED. Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY. Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD. Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN of God. Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven. Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, you

Parish Announcements

Rosters for Volunteers 2023
Our office will soon be preparing the rosters for the volunteers (Commentators, Readers, Counters, Flowers and Altar teams) Please let us know if you can no longer participate or if you want to join any of these teams this year. New Roster will start in March as the current one ends on the last weekend of February 2023.


A sincere **THANK YOU** to all (individuals as well as Catholic Women's League, Knights of the Southern Cross, school students and staff) who made generous donations of cash, groceries and gifts for the Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. A total of 89 adults and 67 children were assisted with 51 hampers being distributed. As well Tranmere cash donations totalled \$4896. Your assistance for those in need is greatly appreciated in a time of economic hardship. We are also most grateful for your continued support of the Poor Box, located at each entrance



Livestream - Synodality and Mission: Sr Nathalie Becquart in Adelaide
Wednesday February 1, 2023, Grange Golf Club This event is now at capacity, live stream available from 7pm at https://youtu.be/P_VQc-7hu04

DISCERNMENT GROUP - "Follow me"
A time of prayer, reflection and discussion for young men discerning a call to the priesthood. Saturday February 4 at 10am in the Sacristy of the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wakefield St.

Word of God Sunday
The Church in Australia marks Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February, which will be February 5 this year.



Walk for Life
Saturday 11th February 2023
Pennington Gardens 10am-12pm
Free tickets available from www.loveadelaide.org.au
Please get in contact with Alan Tyson if you would like to attend and organise a car pool.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass with anointing of the sick
February 11, 11.30am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. For more info, particularly regarding the needs of those who are ill and require special arrangements please contact the Archdiocesan Events office on 8210 8220 or email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Day of the Unborn Child Appeal – 11th and 12th February, 2023
A special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare & Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.
Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety