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14 Jan 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



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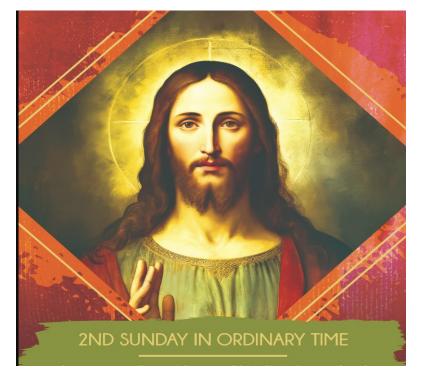
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GOSPEL MEDITATION -As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real. — Father John Muir ©LPi

The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging.

LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass	
Tues 16 Jan	9:00am	Funeral - John Holland Sacred Heart	
Wed 17 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Adoration & Rosary, Sacred Heart , Fr Noel	
Fri 19 Jan	9:00am	Catholic Education Mass, St Joseph's Cathedral, Rton	
	2:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart	
Sat 20 Jan	5:15pm	Mary Immaculate, Bishop Michael	
Sun 21 Jan (3rd Sun of Ord. Time)	9:00am	Sacred Heart, Bishop Michael	
	5:00pm	Sacred Heart, Fr Noel	

Fr Matthew will be away for a Clergy Life & Ministry Conference over the next ten days. We look forward to having Bishop Michael and Fr Noel with us during this time.

WEEKEND ROSTER					
This weekend - 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B 13/14 Jan					
	5.15pm Sat	9am Sunday	5pm Sunday		
	Mary Immac.	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart		
Commentator	Gail	Warren	Mark Kennedy		
	Goodman	Middleton			
1st Reader	Kathy	Karen Quinn	Parishioner		
	Maloney				
2nd Reader	Peter	John Quinn	Parishioner		
	Maloney				
Next weekend - 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B 20/21 Jan					
Commentator	Michelle	Warren	Parishioner		
	Griffin	Middleton			
1st Reader	Sr Grace	Roger	Parishioner		
	Bartolo	McWinney			
2nd Reader	John	Marny Keith	Parishioner		
	Hinton				

New Rosters (SH) will be available soon. Check the Bulletin Roster for now.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.



The sick:

Adam Loch, Veronica Loudon-Riley, Terry Groser, Ollie Miles, Michael Jones, Carolyn Perkins, Doreen Quinn, Anthony Withoos.

The recently deceased:

John Holland, Ken Holmes, Susan McCamley, Merle Donovan, Kevin Davids, Lynette Aboud, Louise Page, Gavin Massie, Tom Harris.

Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Colin Shaw, Vince O'Brien, Robert Effeney, Phillip Quinn, Briona McKone, Dawn Abraham, Lea Alejandre, Marie Mitchell, Jack & Joan Grimes, Anton (Tony) Schick, Warren Williams, Shane Hocking, Anthony Bowman.

Presbyteral Ordination of Rev Peter Duncan Doherty

10am, Thursday 22nd February

Mass of Thanksgiving

9am, Friday 23rd February St Joseph's Cathedral, William St, Rockhampton

DATE CLAIMER:

The Rite of Election for the Diocese 2024

18th February, 9:30am Mass St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton

Date Claimer: 3rd & 4th February Enrollment Lent & Easter 2024: ALPHA Program



O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in your consolation. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Historical Context

The Nativity scene

St Francis of Assisi is credited with setting up the first nativity scene and thus establishing a tradition that is carried on today in homes, churches and public spaces in Christian communities everywhere. In 1223, in the town of Greccio he created a life size tableau of the nativity scene to heighten the awareness of the celebration of the birth of Christ. It included statues of the holy family and a live ox and donkey. The inclusion of the livestock has no scriptural support and it is to Francis that we owe the array of sheep, oxen and donkeys that have become standard inclusions in our nativity scenes. Living Bgospel Faithful

A strong image that emerges from this passage is the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph. Their whole purpose in visiting the Temple is to fulfil the requirements of their faith. They are faithful to the Jewish tradition and it is into this tradition that they initiate Jesus. The faithfulness of Mary and Joseph is a hallmark of their life as a family. Their faithfulness is a significant element of what we celebrate in the feast of the Holy Family and their faithfulness to God and to one another is a model for all families and for all people.



The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewishness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.



Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangerson' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

- **1.** Don't gossip.
- 2. Finish your meals.
- 3. Make time for others.
- 4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
- **5.** Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
- 6. Stop judging others.
- 7. Befriend those who disagree.
- 8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
- **9.** Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
- **10.** Be happy.

RI CATECHIST MEETING

Tuesday 6th February, 10am

Sacred Heart Community Room

Date Claimer: 2024 Sacramental Program

Wednesday 8th May 2024, 6pm - Information Evening Friday 16th August 2024 - Confirmation Ceremony Sunday 18th August 2024 - First Holy Communion Ceremony



Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Our life our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in the valley of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

1st Reading:

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19 Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening

Psalm 39: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-18. 17-20 Your bodies are members of the body of Christ

Gospel:

John 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Psalm: 24

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The Capricorn Coast

Catholic Parish

is now a member of

Containers for Change.



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Simply advise our member number C11201111 at the depot when you drop your containers off.

It is a way of giving that costs nothing! You will not only make a difference to our community but also to the environment.

So far, parishioners have donated

a total of 388 cans!

Thank you so much for your donations.



Happy Birthday Fr Noel

(for last week)



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