

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

21 January 2024
THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon

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 from the prophet Jonah 3: 1-5,10

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

Communion Antiphon
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Holy Gospel according to John

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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

Second Reading 1

Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Mark 1:21-28



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Sunday Mass	Weekday Mass	Devotions
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed Mass at 9am	Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday 9.30am
Sunday: 9.30 am and 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri and Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass and Devotion: First Friday of each month from 7.30pm
Samoan Mass: First Sunday of even months at 12 noon	Healing Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 9am	
Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm		Reconciliation: Saturday 11 am—12

For Baptism and Marriage enquiries contact the parish office.



For the sick & homebound: Baby Matthew , Terry Maroun, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda and John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie and Barry Atkins, Carol and Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys.

May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Elena Del Rosario Bacani, Patrick Kelleher, Fr John Landy,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antonio De Azevedo, Hilda Young, Lio Feiloakitohi, Patricia Kelleher, Resse Mangulabnan,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Bulletin Notices

Word of God Sunday The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. A special presentation will be offered at 4.45pm on Saturday and 10.45 on Sunday, “What Every Catholic needs to Know About the Bible” by Dr Scott Hahn, Dr Michael Barber, Matthew Arnold and Jesse Romero. Please register your interest on the sign up sheet in the foyer or by calling the parish office.

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 14 February. Mass will be at 9am and 7.30pm

Lenten Groups will commence the week starting 12 February. If you are able to host a group please contact the parish office. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for anyone wishing to join a group. The Lenten books will be available in February.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday: Calling for an expression of interest for someone in the parish to coordinate and lead the Stations of the Cross play at 10am on Good Friday. If you feel you can assist in organising this event please contact the parish office. There will be opportunities for actors, readers, musicians to join in.

Fundraising news: The tea had a successful year in 2023 raising over \$20,000 to be used for the building renovation. Plans have begun for great social activities during 2024. Please consider joining the team to help organise great activities and make new friends.

2024 Rite of Election; The Rite of Election for 2024 will occur on Sunday 18 February 2024. In order for this to be a truly diocesan event, Bishop Brian has requested that we hold the celebration on a Sunday afternoon. We will thus be celebrating this year's upcoming Rite of Election as follows: Date: Sunday 18 February 2024 at 2pm Location: St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Harbour St Wollongong Catechumens, their families and friends, are invited to take part in this celebration. Parishioners too are invited to attend this significant event in the life of the Diocese.

The Chosen Season 4 Premier! - YOUNG ADULTS EVENT (18+) We are excited to announce the first of many Young Adult events of 2024! On Saturday 3Feb, we will have an outdoor “premier” screening of The Chosen's first episode of season 4! The Chosen is the first ever multi- season TV show about the life of Jesus, receiving worldwide accolades. If you haven't yet experienced it, come along and enjoy your first taste of it with other young adults from throughout the Diocese. The event begins at 6.30pm and will be held at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park, 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park. The event is for our over 18 young adults, feel free to bring friends along! Please BYO picnic dinner, drink, and if you have one bring a picnic blanket or beach chair.

The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

Exciting news! The newest 'It's Who We Are' video has been launched.

Narrated by our beloved Bishop Brian, this uplifting sub-three-minute clip illuminates the remarkable people and everyday works within our diocese. It celebrates all that is "Good News" in our diocese and features many of our Clergy, Seminarians, Parishes, Schools, CatholicCare programs and more! To view, please visit the diocesan website <https://www.dow.org.au/about-us/> and/or its FB page <https://fb.watch/oOktv0G8-6/>

A New Vision for Parishes; Bishop Mascord has supplied multiple copies of Come and See Go and Make - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong for distribution amongst the faithful. Further to this, a short introductory video message from Bishop Mascord may be viewed / downloaded at <http://dow.sh/CSGMvision>. Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at <http://dow.sh/CSGMresources>