



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

4th / 5th February 2023

Isaiah 58:7-10

The people of God have never been called primarily to some holy crusade of world conquest. We are called to feed the hungry, shelter the oppressed, clothe the naked, and tend to the afflicted among the people who live next door.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Even St Paul's great triumphs were the result of small deeds. He did not overwhelm people with wise arguments or eloquent speech. He drew them to faith through the simple story of the life and death of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:13-16

True Christians have always been in the minority in every day and age. But like the pinch of salt, or a flaming torch, their quiet influence becomes known and is felt all around. The power of Christianity is the cumulative power of small deeds done in love.

Next Week:
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Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Universal Prayers

- 1 That each bishop and priest will find joy and satisfaction in pastoral care.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- 2 That each world leader will light a lamp for freedom and peace.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- 3 That each school teacher will open young minds to new understandings.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- 4 That each nurse will sense the awesome responsibility of caring for the sick.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- 5 That each parent will love unconditionally and responsibly.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- 6 That each police officer will have a courageous and caring heart.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8am
Wednesday	Mass	8am
Thursday	Mass	8am
Friday	Mass	8am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	7 th Feb	5pm
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Mass Intentions

Saturday	4 th February	Annette Thornton
Sunday	5 th February	Norbert Shannon
Tuesday	7 th February	Peter Cornelius Hine

Please also remember in your prayers the many sick of the parish, especially Florence Ella-Therese Hinton



PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES

Tuesday 7 th February	Parish Council Meeting	6pm Parish Hall
Thursday 16 th February	Conversations (Myee Clohessy)	10:30am Parish Hall
Sunday 19 th February	Pre-Lent Brunch	11:30am The Parish Green
Monday 20 th February	Catholic Women's League	10am Parish Hall
Tuesday 21 st February	Scripture Study	6pm Parish Hall
Wednesday 22 nd February	Ash Wednesday	Details of Mass times to follow
Sunday 26 th February	Solemn Vespers & Benediction	4pm St Thomas Aquinas Church
Saturday 11 th March	Lenten Reflection Day	10am Parish Hall



Conversations

Join us for the first "Conversations" for the year on Thursday, 16th February with Myee Clohessy.

Myee lives in Bowral and has been a leading violinist in 3 European Orchestras and here in Sydney. She has been the Director of the Bowral Autumn Music Festival for the past 7 years and was the founder of the Acacia Quartet. She is a brilliant violinist and has an interesting story of her life to tell.

Tea and coffee will be served. All welcome.

Scripture Study

Our reflections on Scripture will resume on Tuesday 21st February at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

These discussions focus on the next four Sunday's Gospels. A great way to prepare for a better understanding of the Gospel. All welcome.

2023 Lenten Programme

"Triumph" is an 88 page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday). It's perfect for individual devotional readings, in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings & reflections, prayers & questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.

Copies of the programme are available from the Parish Office at \$5 per copy.

Copies are also available from the Diocese at orders@dow.org.au at \$9 per copy.

There are still some copies left so be quick!



Reflection Day

Our own Parish Lenten Reflection Day will be held on Saturday 11th March. Please put this date in your diary. More details to come.



Pre-Lent Brunch on Sunday 19th February on the Parish Green from 11.30am

Come along and share some food and drink before we begin the rigors of Lent!
Please ring the Parish Office to confirm your attendance for catering purposes.