



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

28th / 29th January 2023

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

The prophet Zephaniah spoke to a people beaten down by their enemies. But he did not call them to battle. He called them to repentance and renewal. He exhorted them to seek justice and to seek humility. The future belonged to those who observed the laws of God by doing justice and walking humbly.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

The early church was not filled with well-born and influential people. Not many of them were wise or powerful as humankind counts wisdom and power. But God chose the lowborn and despised, to drive home the point that all human good comes from God. God chose those who count for nothing to show the world the things that really count.

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus taught a revolutionary faith. He found strength in weakness, wealth in poverty, joy in sorrow, greatness in humility. His faith was strong enough to turn any situation into an experience of blessedness. His faith was deep enough to find something good in every circumstance.

Next Week:
5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Universal Prayers

- 1 May the poor be given the riches of contentment. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 2 May the sorrowful be given the joy of comfort. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 3 May the lowly be given the honours of loyalty. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 4 May the peace makers be given the prize of victory. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 5 May the persecuted be given the seal of holiness. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 6 May the merciful be given the gift of forgiveness. Let us pray to the Lord.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

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| Tuesday | Mass | 8am |
| Wednesday | No Mass | - |
| Thursday | Mass | 8am |
| Friday | Mass | 8am |

CONFESSIONS

Thursday 2nd Feb 5pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesday 1st Feb 8.30am - 9.30am

Mass Intentions

Sunday 29th February Claire Tibbles

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

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.



PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES

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| Tuesday 31 st January | Choir Practice | 7:30pm St Thomas Aquinas Church |
| 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 |
| 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 |



**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!

2023 Lenten Programme

"Triumph" is an 88 page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) 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.

50 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.

Be quick, they will sell quickly.

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.



Reminder Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9am-12noon. The office is unattended on Monday and messages left may not be answered before Tuesday morning. Thank you.

Conversations



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

Autumn Music Festival and also an internationally acclaimed violinist. Tea and coffee will be served. All welcome.

Vinnies News

Thank you for your generous donations. In the past month, we have had a number of new clients who have never in their lives before had to seek help. The rental crisis and cost of living is really taking its toll in our district. We currently have a need for the following items, which may be placed in the trolley near the checkouts at Coles, Bowral:

Pasta & pasta sauce, coffee (not huge jars), canned fruit, packets of jelly, long life milk & long life custard, toothpaste, liquid washing detergent. Please help if you are able.

Children's Liturgy

Are you interested in joining the roster to oversee Children's Liturgy once a term at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass? An overview of the lesson and all worksheets are provided. If interested please contact Renee McFayden on

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