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February 5 — 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



To understand this text, it is important to place it alongside the Beatitudes that immediately precede it (you could read these together first). In that text, the virtues to be cultivated by followers of Jesus are outlined, but the danger with taking the Beatitudes on their own is that faith can become contented peacefulness and somewhat inward-looking. To avoid this risk, Matthew follows the Beatitudes with this text, which teaches disciples about the task of Christians in the world. They have been given the gifts; they are the salt of the earth. But if they just see their blessedness and rest there, they risk becoming 'tasteless' and good only to be 'trampled underfoot'. Instead, the disciples are urged to place their light high on a hill and to let it shine for all to see. They are witnesses to God's living presence, not just for the nation of Israel but for all the world. In seeing the

way that Christians live and act—their 'good works'—others will be drawn to God through their active witness to faith. Others will come to give praise to God in heaven. This is an amazing responsibility, and Jesus acknowledges that some salt may lose its taste and some lights be hidden. The challenge for Christians, new and old, is not to take the gift of faith for granted and let it become tasteless; not to keep the light confined to private moments but to allow others to see the difference faith makes so that they can know the presence and power of God.

(the summit)

V Domenica del Tempo Ordinario (ANNO A)

Se metto un grosso cucchiaino di sale nella zuppa, sarà immangiabile. Ce ne vuole solo un pizzico, che basta ad insaporirla. O, senza utilizzare un'immagine, anche se non ci sono che pochi uomini a sopportare con buon umore, bontà e indulgenza le debolezze del loro prossimo (e le loro, in più!), a non essere solo preoccupati di imporsi, di perseguire i propri scopi e i propri interessi, questo pugno di uomini ha la possibilità di cambiare il proprio ambiente, contribuendo a che il nostro mondo resti umano. Il nostro mondo sarebbe povero, inumano e freddo se non ci fossero uomini che danno prova di questa cordialità e di questa generosità spontanee. Essere il sale della terra: siamo abbastanza fiduciosi per credere al carattere contagioso della bontà? O ci accontentiamo di temere il potere contagioso del male? Un pizzico di sale basta a dare gusto a tutto un piatto. Ognuno di noi, anche se si sente isolato, ha la fortuna di poter cambiare il clima che lo circonda! Gesù ci crede capaci: voi siete il sale della terra, voi siete la luce del mondo! Lo siamo? *(LaChiesa)*



"A celebration was held at St Francis Catholic Church in the city center of Melbourne on Saturday 28th January with a solemn Eucharist led by the Salesian Archbishop of Perth, Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB, during which five new Salesian priests were ordained before the members of the Provincial Council, a large number of Salesian sisters, priests and Brothers together with many families and friends that filled the church to its capacity".
(infoans.org)

One of these priests was Fr. Jeff Miller (pictured with his mother Carmel Miller, a St. Matthew's parishioner). Fr Jeff is the brother of Anna Proud, brother-in-law of Brad, and, uncle of Zac, Jeff, and Tim.

Fr Jeff has been assigned to the Salesian Community in St Marys, Sydney.

The St. Matthew's Parish would like to congratulate Fr. Jeff on his ordination.

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, John Privitera, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Mark.

Recently deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Pope Benedict XVI, Pietro Mobruci, Pietro Paolo Falcone, Pina Troise, Franceschina Bonadio

Anniversaries: Rosa Lattanzio, Maria Barbera, Gemma and Lawrence Fleri, Antonio Comito, Maria Barbera, Giuseppe and Maria Impeduglia, Maria Catalano, Sharnie Liyanage, Mildred Wickramarathna, Agatha Lawrence, Millie and Blossom Weerasinghe, David Morrison, Sebastiano Barresi, Rita Schiavello

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses (Feb 11/12)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Manovella

Sunday 9.00 am: C. Schiavello

Sunday 10.30 am: C. DiGiulio

Bus driver: B. Tajhano

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: **Novena mass: 6.00 pm**

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

Feast of the candlemas



On Thursday the 2nd of February Fr. Michele Cagna (pictured) celebrated the Candlemas Day (also know as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) with St. Matthew's parishioners.

"... marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. This Christian festival commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel. On this day, Christians take candles to be blessed in church ...". *(alimentarium.org)*

Joke of the week

A known hypochondriac, Mrs. Jones regularly visited her doctor to complain about various imaginary illnesses,. He always palmed her off with a mild sedative, which kept her happy for a couple of weeks.

One day she came in to his surgery complaining of chest pains. He prescribed the usual sedative but this time her pain was genuine and the following day she died of a heart attack. The doctor was so distraught by his error that he immediately drooped dead from shock.

Later that week, Mrs. Jones and the doctor were buried in adjacent plots at the local cemetery.

The morning after the funerals, the doctor heard a tapping sound on his coffin.

A muffled voice called out: 'Doctor, this is \Mrs Jones. Do you have anything for worms?'

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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