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## January 21 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### III DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO o della Parola di Dio (ANNO B)

Con la Lettera apostolica in forma di Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", Papa Francesco ha stabilito che "la III Domenica del Tempo ordinario sia dedicata alla celebrazione, riflessione e divulgazione della Parola di Dio".

Nel Vangelo di Marco è la prima predica di Gesù.

È brevissima, ma offre una sintesi felicissima dei temi fondamentali di tutta la sua predicazione: il compimento del tempo, il regno di Dio, la conversione, la fede al vangelo. Poi vi è la chiamata dei primi discepoli: è il paradigma concreto di ogni sequela.

Ci sono due indicativi teologici che sono la ragione dei due successivi imperativi antropologici: è suonata l'ora messianica, l'attesa è finita poiché il regno di Dio si è fatto vicino, è ormai presente nella storia, perciò non è più possibile rimandare la decisione, occorre convertirsi, cambiare cioè la testa e la direzione del cammino passando a credere al vangelo.

Conversione e fede non sono due azioni che si succedono, ma due momenti del medesimo movimento: quello negativo del distacco, quello positivo di fondare la vita sul vangelo, cioè credere, mettendosi a seguire Gesù, appunto come Simone e Andrea, Giacomo e Giovanni.

Vangelo è il termine greco che significa lieta notizia nuova, e una bella notizia evidentemente porta gioia. Il regno di Dio è l'espressione riassuntiva di tutta la gioia. Gesù è questo regno arrivato: la gioia è qui a portata di mano. Chi decide di seguire Gesù è sicuro di arrivarci anche lui.

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#### Rosters

Lectors please be advised that rosters for 2024 are available in the foyer of the church before and after weekend masses, or, from the Parish Office.

#### Joke of the week

Having become forgetful in their old age, a couple tried to improve their memory by attending special classes where they were taught to remember things by means of word association.

The husband was telling his neighbour how helpful the classes had been.

'Who was the instructor?' asked the neighbour.

'Oh, uh, what was the name now?' mused the husband.

'What's that flower that smells nice and has thorns?'

'A rose?'

'That's it!' exclaimed the husband. He then turned towards the house and called, 'Hey Rose, what's the name of the guy in charge of the memory class?'

(The book of senior jokes)

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Tony and Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, May Galea, Helmet Kolb, John Bussutil, Margaret Bartolo, Vicenzina, Mark, Barbera Rees.

**Upcoming funerals:** Gaetano Dell'Avo, Tuesday 23rd January, 11.00 am. Rosary followed by the requiem mass.

Antonietta Ciavarella, Thursday 25th January at 11.00 am. Rosary followed by the requiem mass.

**Recently deceased:** Antonietta Ciavarella, Gaetano Dell'Avo, Nola Morelli, Antonino Zaccaria, Tommaso Zuccarelli, Giuseppina Miglino, Emmuel De Bono, Pamela Taylor (England), Rosa Callea, Mariano Randello, Nenita Po Sy, Laura Galdo Galceran, Constantino Lamonaca, Rita Paladino, Concetta Ioffrida, Peter Bebbere, Sabato Giannella, Peter Proud, Robert Richard Robinson. Robert, Donal & Gerald Lawlor, Rosita McDonough.

**Anniversaries:** Vincenzo and Loretta Di Curzio, Nabih and Frangia Challita, Gaetano Montali, Alex Attard, Costantino and Maria Lamonaca, Nicolussi Family, Stefani Family, Gino Provenzano, Pietro Falcone, Angelino Oro Markis. Michael Di Guglielino, Willie Robinson, Teresa Edwards, Elio Treglia, Giovanna Brullo

#### Mass times

##### Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

**Weekend:** Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

#### Mass times

**St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)**

**Weekday:** Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

**Weekend:** Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm  
 Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

#### Rosters for weekend masses (Jan 27/28)

##### Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: B. Proud

Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake

10.30 am: M. Costa

**Bus driver:** J. Butera

#### Diversity's Blessings

In his prayer intention for January 2024 Pope Francis draws our attention to the different ways in which we experience our faith. He prays that we might see our differences as a blessing and not something to regret. He describes the different paths along which our faith takes us as charisms. This Greek word refers to our activity within the Church both as a gift and a calling within the whole community. The charisms refer to the responsibilities we have within the Church as ministers, readers, and other activities within the church, and also as preachers and spreaders of the Gospel. Some of these gifts are public, others are hidden, such as being a good listener. For all of us, to speak of our faith and to commend it to others by our lives and our words is a gift and a calling. Pope Francis also speaks of the differences between the rites of celebrating the Eucharist and other Sacraments as a blessing to be celebrated. He has in mind the ancient rites that have descended from worship in Rome, Alexandria, Antioch and Constantinople, and through them to other parts of the world. They are not rivals but complementary. In our own time we have seen more adaptation to the culture of different nations. In nations where dance is a traditional and powerful way for people to express themselves in prayer to God, they form part of the prayer life of the church. When it comes to shoes and to our life as one size does not fit all.

(Australian Catholics 2024)

#### Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volontà in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perché diventiamo una famiglia più fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

#### St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

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

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