

Dear brothers and sisters,

## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

In September 2019 Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Letter called *Apperuit Illis* instituting the Sunday of the Word of God, which we in Australia celebrate on the first Sunday in February. You can easily find *Apperuit Illis* online. It begins:



“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” (Lk 24:45). This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before his Ascension. Jesus appeared to the assembled disciples, broke bread with them and opened their minds to the understanding of the sacred Scriptures. To them, amid their fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the paschal mystery... He then promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would give them strength to be witnesses of this saving mystery (cf. Lk 24:49).

The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (Commentary on the Book of Isaiah, Prologue: PL 24,17B).

One of the primary ways we honour the Scriptures is to listen attentively to the word of God as it is proclaimed Sunday by Sunday and asking ourselves how it applies to our lives. As a community we are blessed to have readers who prepare their proclamation of God’s word. We also have time to silently reflect and meditate on what we have heard. The homily is an explanation of some aspect of the readings taking into account the mystery being celebrated and the needs of the listeners (GIRM 65-66).

It is important for each of us to make scripture part of our life. Sandhurst Diocese in Victoria has an excellent online guide <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/352-praying-with-scripture>. I believe we also need to form Bible study and prayer groups to encourage us to know and love the Scriptures. We need to have and use a personal bible that is easy to read and has aids to understanding the text. I recommend the NRSV Catholic Prayer Bible or the Christian Community Bible. You can order these through the parish office. This way we hope to get the best price through a bulk order.

## BUSHFIRES AND COVID RESTRICTIONS

Our hearts go out to the people who have suffered the trauma of losing their homes in the dreadful bushfires not far from us. Archbishop Timothy has written a Pastoral Letter to encourage us at this time bushfire and pandemic. It is available at the entrance to the church. In our community we have responded well to the government restrictions in response to COVID19. However, we cannot be complacent. This past week of lockdown was unexpected, but God we responded responsibly. This week numbers inside the church are limited to 150 and masks are to be worn. As well, we need to sanitise our hands, avoid physical contact through shaking hands etc and maintain social distancing. We will continue to sanitise the church building after each mass or service.—*Blessings, Greg*



### Transition Out of Lockdown

**Effective from Friday 5th Feb at 6:01pm to Sunday 14th Feb at 12.01am**

Last Sunday the Perth Metropolitan area and the Peel and South West regions entered a snap five-days lockdown due to a COVID case. With no further COVID case detected on Friday, we are able to resume celebrating Masses again this weekend with the following instructions:

- Only up to a maximum of 150 people allowed in the Church. Once the limit is reached, you may wish to stay outside.
- Mask must be worn at all times—NO MASK NO ENTRY (Children under 12 years of age are exempted from wearing a face mask).
- Mandatory Contact Registers – by registering through WA Safe App or complete the paper slip provided.
- Hand sanitising upon entering.

**Please note.** The faithful are dispensed from the usual Sunday obligation.

Let’s do this together to ensure that our worship space and community areas are safe places for our whole community, especially our very elderly and vulnerable community members.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PREP)  
PREP class start this Wednesday 10th Feb  
at 4.15pm in the Parish Centre

**PREP Enrolment Day** was cancelled due to the lockdown last week. Any new families who wish to enrol their children for religious instruction and also to prepare the children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, please contact parish office on 9276 8500 or email Sue Goodwin at [prep@infantjesusparish.org](mailto:prep@infantjesusparish.org)



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Have you considered serving as a proclaimer (reader) at Mass???

We are in urgent need of proclaimers to build our team.

All you need is a desire to serve and a commitment to preparation. You will be well supported through training, practice, mentoring and ongoing support. Your availability is built into the roster. If you wish to know more, please speak to Marina MacLean on 9276 8500.



ASH WEDNESDAY  
17 FEBRUARY

MASSES AT  
7am, 9am and 7pm

## Vatican modifies distribution of Ash Wednesday

Ahead of the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday 17 Feb, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship released an instruction on the procedures for the priests around the world to follow for the distribution of ashes in the midst of the COVID 19 health crisis. After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". The priest then "cleanses his hands, puts on a facemask and sprinkles the ashes on each persons head without saying anything". A COVID-Safe practice for Ash Wednesday.



## Look to Jesus

### 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter

*Look to Jesus* will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will invite you to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.



The daily reflections will only require a few minutes to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead you into a deeper reflection on your daily life. As we 'look to Jesus' – in our families, workplaces and the community – we will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond. Get your copy now from Church piety stall or parish office for \$4.50 per copy.

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## In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am  
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm  
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm  
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am  
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm  
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

## Our Parish Team

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## New Junior Altar Servers

Last Sunday, we welcome four newly trained altar servers: Elizabeth D'Castro, Manual Ambooken, Lia and Ria Mathew. Congratulations all! May you all be blessed by your service to God and the church as you assist at Mass.



## BUSHFIRES SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES—FOSTERING HOPE



If you know of anyone who has lost everything in the fires or who are staying in an evacuation centre who have babies or children/ young teens, Fostering Hope will provide all essentials free of charge.

Please direct them to make contact via the Fostering Hope website. Fostering Hope is operating throughout the lockdown.

<https://www.fosteringhopeaustralia.org.au/>

## National Safer Internet Day Tuesday 9th February 2021

On Safer Internet Day, the world comes together with a shared vision of making online experiences better for everyone. As such, the Perth Catholic Arcdiocese Safeguarding Office in partnership with parishes and agencies, will play a part in improving the online experiences for our children, youth and adults at risk. More information go to [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) or see flyer on the notice board in the church foyer.



## PILGRIM STATUE



This week in the home of Mr & Mrs J. Boog  
2 Horsley Way Noranda. Mob: 0429 020 782

## PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Recently deceased:** Audrey Albuquerque (Sonia) and Gioffre Giuseppe;

**Deceased:** Paul Dunning;

**Anniversaries:** Antonio Della Gatta;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Sharon Rosielle, Margaret Tindall, Alan Summersett, John Bowley, Michael Dear and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted."*

## POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2021



January—Human fraternity  
*May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.*

February—Violence against women

*We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*

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