

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 111(112):4-9

*R./ A light rises in the darkness
for the upright.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave,

there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



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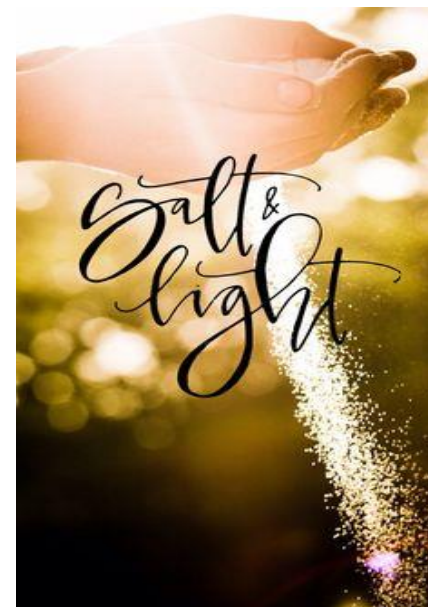
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

8th / 9th February 2020



Focus of the Readings

Both the First and Gospel readings focus on "living for others". Jesus uses two metaphors to describe his disciples: salt and light. In this portion of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not instruct his disciples to become salt of the earth or light for the world. He tells them that they already are so, because of their relationship with him. Just as Christ is the revelation (light) of God, so the Christian is to be a revelation of Christ (light) for the world. The light of the Christian (our relationship with Christ) is shown to the world by the good works that will draw others to God.

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 6.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.15 am
Saturday 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE:
Monday 9.15 am

RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month.
6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.
11.00AM: Patrick George Hempenstall
12.30PM: Olive O'Mahony
Rita Wanjiku Ndungu

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9583 6161.

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PRAYING FOR

Lucy Abrami, Nixon Bumatay,
John O'Sullivan, Joan Martin,
Alan Noone, Roselyn Kendrick, Maureen Ryan,
Bryan Hogan, Kevin Cripps, Minnie Westby, *and all those who have died recently.*



We also remember the anniversaries of
Dolores Aviles, Pacifico Chan, Fred Duscher,
Jan Healy, DoTrung Cu, Lorna Tyrrell, Teresa Maglica, Anthony Brennan, Ivana Pracepa, Harriet & Paul Papolie, Dunstant Muller, Carlyle Muller, Dorothy Longmuir.

OLA SOCIAL GOLF: Friday, 14th February
Twilight Golf & Dinner. More Players Needed & Non-golfers. Also Welcome for Dinner if golf is not your game. See Entry sheet on table in foyer-3.30pm start. Enquiries: via the parish office on 9583 6161.

GENTLE EXERCISE AND TAI CHI: Gentle Exercise classes will be held on Wednesday 10.15am – 11.15am in Exodus Hall. Tai Chi will be held on Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm. If you are looking for a beginner class for Tai Chi, please contact Anastasia on 0422 652 866.

COUNSELLING SERVICE: Counselling is provided by AnneMaree Eddy, Psychologist. Please contact the parish office for appointments, 9583 6161.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: On some Sundays during each term there is a Children's Liturgy of the Word offered during 11am Mass for children in prep to grade 3. An extra volunteer would be greatly appreciated. All lesson notes etc are provided. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested. A current WWCC must be provided. Many Thanks, Maureen Duke.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) head to: <http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.htm> Navigate using the right-hand column.




GENERATION X RESEARCH PROJECT INFORMATION: Christina Westmore-Peyton, a Doctoral student at the University of Divinity, is undertaking a research project investigating Generation X (those born 1965-1980) and their relationship to the Catholic Church. They may or may not be Church attenders now, or may have become completely disaffiliated from the Church. The people that Christina would like to interview grew up in a family where both parents were active Catholics, and regularly took their children to Mass. They would have been to Catholic schools for most of their schooling. She wants to find out about their spiritual and religious journey. For further information contact Christina on: 0407 689 022 or via email: christinawestmore@bigpond.com

MINISTRY FORMATION: A meeting for Special Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass and to the Sick: This Wednesday 12th February at 9.45am or 7.30pm. A meeting for Proclaimers of the Word: Wednesday 12th February 10.15am or 8pm. All who assist in these ministries are strongly encouraged to attend either the morning or the evening session(s).

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRIMARY SCHOOL: The first tour of the school will be held on the 25th February at 9.15am. For further information, please contact the school on 95849488

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS: The programme we will be following this year this year is *Be Opened* ... to be led by the Spirit... to listen... to the living water... to see... to believe... to death...to new life. There are a variety of times and venues. Please add your name. Please add your name and contact details to which ever suits you.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Des and Kathleen Kealy who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. 7 decades of Memories, 840 months of Happiness, 3,652 weeks of Love, 25,567 days of Wisdom, 613,608 hours of Laughter, 3 remarkable Children, "One Amazing Couple."

To Light a Candle...

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for you to burn out of me all pride, selfishness and impurity. May it be a flame for you to bring warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbours, and all those who meet me. Through the prayers of Mary, virgin and mother, I place in your care those I come to remember, (especially.....).
I cannot stay long here with you in your church: in leaving this candle, I wish to give you something of myself. Help me to continue my prayer into everything I do this day. Amen.



RISE: HOME AWAITS: Join youth groups, schools and communities around Melbourne as they come together for Rise: Home Awaits. A one-day event for young people aged from Year 7 to 25 years to discover and deepen in Christ and to celebrate their faith. More information on church noticeboard and in the foyer.

