

Second Reading (ctd)

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more important parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER

DUC IN ALTUM.

The youth of the parish are invited to be part of the next generation of leaders in the Diocese of Parramatta.



The first Leaders Summit will be held on Saturday, 29th January 2022, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.

For more information and to sign up go to:

<https://parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/>

29 JANUARY	Leaders Summit
5 MARCH	Anchored Retreat
28 MAY	Leaders Summit
1 JULY - 3 JULY	LIFTED Retreat
24 SEPTEMBER	Leaders Summit
5 NOVEMBER	Anchored Retreat
20 NOVEMBER	WYD Parramatta Leaders Commissioning

PARISH PLANNED GATHERING POSTPONED

Due to the current covid situation, our parish planned gathering scheduled on 6th February 2022 will not go ahead. We will communicate to you when the meeting will be held. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. FR MICHAEL AND OLOW PARISH COUNCIL.

WE PRAY FOR SISTER PATRICIA HARRISON AND CAROL SWANE RECENTLY DECEASED, AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF DANIELLE CROSSMAN. WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNWELL. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS PRAYERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 4735 1041 AND WE WILL COMMENCE A PRAYER LIST.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis is inviting us all to have some input into the Synod on Synodality set down for 2023.

Submissions are due on **27 February 2022**. It can all be done online at:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

You are encouraged to gather a group together to take part in this consultation.

Click on the link then go to the heading Diocesan Consultation Phase, where you will find Listening and Discernment guides for the three dimensions that the Synod is focusing on: Communion, Participation and Mission. You can do one or more and each takes about 1.5 hours. It is also possible to do individual responses. For more information on "synodality", see <https://thewell.org.au/> on the Diocese of Parramatta website.

Contact Jim Potts 0421 125 722 or Kay Walker 0430 193 000 for more information.



Become an SRE—a Special Religious Education Teacher.

Recruiting to begin Term 1, 2022. Special Religious Educators (SREs) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who:

- 1. Teach and share the Catholic faith with children who attend government schools.**
- 2. Have the passion for sharing the gift of faith.**
- 3. Have an hour per week to prepare & share their time and talents with the students.**

In our Parish we go into 3 state schools during school hours.

New volunteers (SREs) will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and can start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries : please call SRE Parish Co-Ordinator Mary on 0408 212 437.

PARISH MINISTRIES IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS.

We give thanks for the many parishioners who have faithfully served in a variety of ministries for many years. We are in need for new people to step up.

— **Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers at the Altar.**

Please consider prayerfully if you are able to commit to one of these very important ministries. There is a Liturgical Formation Course commencing in February for training in the above areas. Application forms in the Foyer or please contact Michele at the Parish Office for more information before 4th Feb 2022.

We are particularly in need of some Church cleaners. We are looking for a commitment of 1 per month. Please contact Michele Norbury or Connie Bennett who will be forming the roster. 4735 1041

Support Mass for You at Home

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au

Vinnies Support Centres

Vinnies are still available to those in need. For assistance, call the Support Centres in Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

WRAP WITH LOVE/KNITTERS.

Meets Thursday's 9am—12 pm in the parish hall.

Donations of 8ply wool gratefully accepted.

New members very welcome.

Contact: Judy Prendergast 0407 101 254 and Julia Hayes 0452 665 844

Young People of the Diocese—We are with You!

'I am with you always' Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people.

The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

WEEKDAY MASS BOOKS:

Due to Covid we are no longer allowed to share books. If you wish to purchase a book please place \$20.00 into the envelope marked **Mass Book**.

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