

The Living Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

21 January 2024

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
(R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who
stray,
he guides the humble in the right
path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

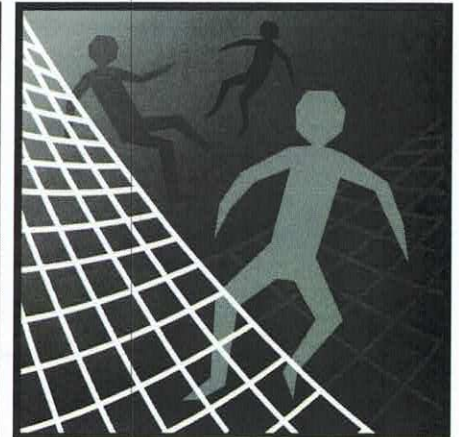
Gospel Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Communion Antiphon: John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Cr. Liturgy Help.

GOULBURN MISSION

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9am in the Cathedral SPP on 26th January, and also St Mary's Church Crookwell.

MINISTRY

Ministry Volunteers are needed within the whole Parish. If you would like to Volunteer for any roles please contact the parish office on 0403 631 797 or email us at goulburn@cg.org.au. We would love to hear from you. Below are some of our existing ministries.

Acolyte

Altar servers

Bereavement team

Baptism Team

Sacramental Team

Children's Liturgy

Cleaning

Collection

Faithfull

Counters

Communion for the housebound

Extraordinary Eucharist ministry

Flowers

Gardening

Hospitality

Music

Prayers of the

If you have any suggestions for new ministry, we welcome new ideas. Please contact us at the office to discuss, register your interest, or receive assistance with application.

Australia Day Mass and Morning Tea:

Mass Will be held at 9am at SPP and St Mary's, Crookwell, followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate and enjoy the spirit of Australia in our local Parish Community.

Recently Deceased: Betty Lindner, Beryl Reid, Raymon Finnegan, Kevin King, Rose Liardet, Anthony Smith, Leslie Reko, Rathesh Fernando, Patrick Connell, Donald(Ray)Bowden, Dorell Hogan, Eileen Van Duran.

Anniversaries: Phillip Anable, Theresia Cracium, Deceased members of the Coffey, Anable and Cracium families, Sandra Collins, Pat Miller, Pat Larcombe, Ellen Writer, Lorna Lyons, Nita Price, Ruby Thorn, Jean Crawford, John Yeadon, Lorraine Snow, Pat Bower, John Probert, Wayne Bensley, Maxine and Frank Probert, Patrick Fisher, Kevin Bogg, Geoffry Bogg, Rev Fr Joseph Staunton, William Sharp, Debbie Schirk, Paul Heffernan, Clare Jasek

Prayers: A. Taylor Jr, Ojwang Family, Antipas Ojiwang,

DATES FOR THE DIARYJAN 26: Australia Day Mass **9am:** SPP and Crookwell.Feb 10: Women's Morning tea **10.am** Tatts.FEB 10: Men's Breakfast **7.30-9am** Tatts

FEB 11: Sr Rosemary Farewell - Crookwell.

FEB 14: Crookwell sacramental program enrolment

FEB 15 Goulburn sacramental program enrolment

FEB 23: Steel City Strings **5pm** Cello quartet in SPPFEB 29: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne **7pm** in SPP**Notices****CHILDREN'S RCIA**

Please contact Sr Janet Glass or Diane Green at goulburn@cg.org.au, on 0403 631 797 at the office.

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT DATES 2024**Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

Crookwell enrolment: 14th February, 6pm

Goulburn enrolment: 15th February, 6pm

Confirmation

Crookwell Not this Year

Goulburn: 8th August

Women's Morning TeaTattersall's at 10.00 am, Saturday the 10th February.

To confirm your attendance, please contact:

Chanel Burke on 0410 640 034

Men's bi monthly breakfastTattersall's: February 10th 7.30 -9 am.

Guest speaker Fr. Trenton Van Reesch

To confirm you attendance please call

Michael Lamarra on 0419 019 304

POSITION AVAILABLE

A COOK is needed for the Sisters of St Joseph.

Monday to Friday: 9am to 2pm.

For a full job Description

please contact Sr Karen Muir at

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Applications close on the 2nd of February 2024