

# St Mark's Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

27 January 2019

## Gospel Reflection



In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do

know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Teachers and students return to our schools this week and we offer this blessing to them all:

Lord God,  
your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth  
and teachers us your ways.

### Look upon these students.

Let them enjoy learning and take delight in new discoveries.

Help them to persevere in their studies and  
give them the desire to learn all things well.

### Look upon these teachers.

Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and  
endeavour always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike

may follow Jesus Christ,  
The way, the truth,  
and the life,  
for ever and ever  
Amen.



## Vatican app connects Catholics in prayer

Pope Francis opened the new app using an iPad during his Angelus address on Sunday and encouraged young Catholics, in particular, to download the smartphone app to pray the "Rosary of Peace" ahead of World Youth Day.

"Click to Pray" allows users to post prayer intentions and view other prayer requests in six languages. After posting on the social network, one can track how many Catholics around the world have prayed for their request.

The Android and iOS app includes the Pope's monthly prayer intentions, all of the mysteries of the rosary, and daily prayers for morning, afternoon, and night. In each of these sections, users can click a box to indicate that they have completed the prayer and view how many others also prayed. Source: CNA.



Pope Francis launches the new prayer app (Vatican News screenshot)

## St Bakhita's Day Friday 8 February

Parishioners are invited to the Ethical Sourcing Expo as part of the St Bakhita's Day at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall.

"As a mother of a large family, I have always tried to shop by looking for the best dollar value. Now, knowing more about the exploitation of many workers, I want to make sure that the products I purchase are made under ethical working conditions. Viewing my purchases as a faith decision is now more important than simply getting something cheaply."

We can all make a difference to end slavery by changing to ethical brands for everyday consumer items such as tea, coffee, chocolate and sugar. Parishioners will be able to meet the producers and sample ethical tea and coffee at the Expo.

All welcome to this free event, goodie bag, morning tea and lunch provided. Register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-bakhitas-day-ethical-sourcing-expo-tickets-54391584694>

The 8th of February is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons on the feast day of St Josphine Bakhita (1869-1947) the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Anti-Slavery Task Force is sponsoring this event. For information contact Alison 9307 8464



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Only \$2.00 available from the Church foyer

\*Jesus, the Bomb & J. Robert Oppenheimer

## Today's Liturgy.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 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.

**First Reading:** Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra reads from the book of the Law.

**Responsorial Psalms:** Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12:12-30

One body, many members.

**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

Jesus announces the fulfilment of Isaiah.

**Offertory Antiphon:** Ps 117:16.17

The right hand of the Lord has struck with power the right hand of the Lord has exalted me; I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them.  
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**Next Week:**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C**  
Jer 1:4-5. 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13;  
Lk 4:21-30;

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

## The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

*We welcome into our  
faith community this  
Sunday through the  
Sacrament of Baptism at  
St. Mark's  
Militari Mazza*



*and we congratulate her parents.*

## Can you provide short-term help for long-term memories?

As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night on Tuesday 5th February 2019, 5.30-8pm. Family Spirit, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.



In your love and concern, please pray for the following ill members of our community:

Eileen O'Neill, Nora Bateman, Tina LaForgia, Julius Mendel, Anne Whitfield, Daisy Gill, Francois Tuyau, Giovanni Iacono, Elvira Favorito, Pat Williams,

Bruce Barter, Betty Bidgood, Jeff Bidgood, Evelyn Dann, Meagan Ficarra, Mae Ann Buckley, Pat Castagnone and Lynette Lord and all St Mark's community members unwell at this time.

**Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time:**

Gladys Waldie, Hilda & Ralph Coote, Romilda Xuereb, Eddie Conaghan, Jimmy Conaghan, Frank Hanvey Leonarda & Maurangelo Altomare.

**Recently deceased:** Margaret Louise Mifsud.

We pray for those who have died and offer our prayers to their families.

**Funeral:** Our condolences to the family of Margaret Louise Mifsud on her recent passing. Margaret went to school at St Mark's and she was married here. Margaret was aged 91 years and had eight children. Her funeral will be held at St Mark's on Tuesday 29 January at 10.30am. May her soul rest in peace.

In other years: Saints Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called "pastoral" epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.



AQUINAS ACADEMY

**The Aquinas Academy 2019 Course Overview: Details on each course are on the noticeboard.**

**1: RIDING OUT THE STORM**

**2: WALKING HOME**

**3: FILM LECTIO I 'Romero'**

**3: DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL JUSTICE & GLOBALISATION**

**5: DEVELOPING YOUR OWN SPIRITUALITY**

**6: DEALING WITH ADDICTIONS**

**7: READING GRACIOUSLY**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 26/ 27 JANUARY 2019**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/JEM	Children's Liturgy
Saturday 6.00 PM	C Cheng R Harris	S Uthappa M Griffin	E Pidd	School Holidays
Sunday 9:00 AM	N Rice T Murphy A Williams	Y Lee R Colantonio K Rowntree	M Casey / Holidays	
Sunday 6:00 PM	T De Silva D Jayasuriya	I Boccalatte J Dey	T Boccalatte	

**St Mark's Parish Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil

6.00pm

Sunday

9.00am & 6.00pm

**Weekdays:**

8.00am

Monday

9:30am

Tuesday

7.30am

Wednesday

9.30am

Thursday

8.00am

Friday

12 noon

Saturday

Morning Prayer of the Church 15 minutes prior to weekday Mass

**Reconciliation:**

11.30am

Saturday

**Adoration & Exposition:**

11.00am - 12 noon Saturday

First Friday of the Month from the conclusion of morning Mass



**BAPTISMS:** are on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30am.

During Lent no Baptisms or Weddings are celebrated.

**MARRIAGES:** Parishioners intending marriage are asked to notify the Parish office at least six months prior to your wedding.

**FUNERALS:** Parishioners are asked to contact the parish office.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** If you are new to St Mark's please pick up a Welcome to St Mark's envelope from the Church foyer.

**CATECHISTS SUNDAY: Sunday 3 February 2019**

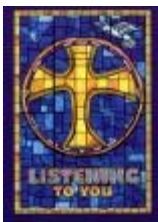
"Dear God, Please send us a Catechists. We will work hard, pay attention, and do really good drawings. We miss hearing stories about Jesus. Do you think we will have a new teacher soon?"

To become a Catechist or helper contact the Parish office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 2 / 3 FEBRUARY 2019**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/JEM	Children's Liturgy
Saturday 6.00 PM	T Pattenden J Pattenden	M Hanvey S Looi	R Zoccali	New Roster TBA
Sunday 9:00 AM	N Goodman J Maniscalco M Cividin	S Williams A Bateman M Jimenez	B Lorizio / L Russell	
Sunday 6:00 PM	J Freeman R Casey	J Price Sr Antonia	M Casey	



**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office**

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office phone (02) 9390 5812.

*Thank You*

we have had many volunteers complete the CAS Safeguarding & Ministerial Office

online induction training.

If you are still to do the training please visit the parish website and click on the BLUE button and follow the instructions.

Training is to be completed by 31 January 2019.

Safeguarding Training for  
St Mark's Parish Volunteers  
CLICK HERE TO START

**St Mark's Catholic Parish**

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm

**Parish Priest:** Very Rev Fr Michael L McLean PP EV

**Priest in Residence:** Fr Denis Minns OP

**Pastoral Associate:** Sr Antonia Nedu ISR (Mon & Tues)

**Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:** Ms Celine Cheng

**School Principal:** Ms Rachel Bourke **School General Tel:** (02) 9181 3042

**Parish Administration:** Ms Vicki Anderson (Mon to Fri)





## DECODE THE PROPHECY

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Scriptures  
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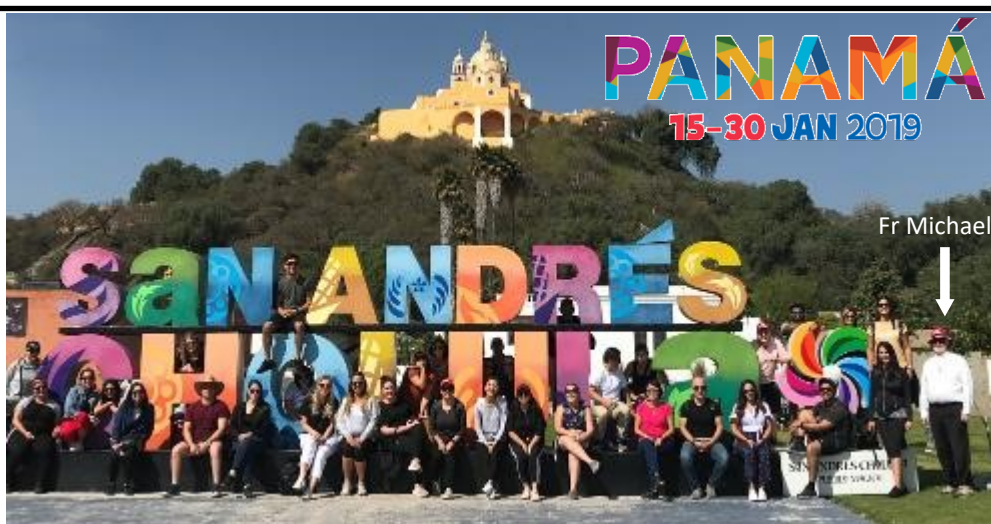
**St Thomas Aquinas** was born in c.1225 and was one of the many children of the Count of Aquino. He was educated by Benedictine Monks, but eventually joined the mendicant Dominican friars in 1244, much to the shock and anger of his family. His brothers kidnapped and imprisoned Thomas in an attempt to change his mind, but after a year he was released. He went on to study under St Albert the Great and took a degree of master in theology. He devoted his life to teaching, preaching and especially writing; his philosophical and theological works have become integral to the thinking of the church. He experienced a divine revelation which led him to abandon his writings, claiming that they were but straw in the wind when compared to the reality of the divine glory. He died four months later due to poor health. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1567.



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**PANAMÁ**  
15-30 JAN 2019



Fr Michael