



# *St Mark's Parish Newsletter*

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.  
24th January, 2010.**

*Entrance Antiphon:*

**Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.**

*A reading from the prophet Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe [and the Levites who were instructing the people] said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to their eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unity because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

*Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21*

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 Nazara, 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 the 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.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Communion Antiphon:*

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



*Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, not even a series of actions, but in one's entire life.*



**Australia Day  
Mass  
Tuesday  
January 26th  
9am**

**Choir Rehearsal: 8.30 am.**

*Lent.*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Mass on the 17th February. If you would like to offer your home for a weekly meeting throughout Lent please contact the parish office. The parish will use the Archdiocesan Lenten Reflection resource.

***Beginning Theology:***



13 parishioners have completed their studies in “Beginning Theology”. A new course will commence this year—please contact Kathie Ober at the parish office for more information.

***Daily Mass this week:***

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<i>No Mass</i>	9am English 6pm Vietnamese <i>Australia Day</i>	8am English	6 pm Vietnamese Thomas Aquinas	8am English	<b>No Mass.</b>

***Please remember in your prayers—***

***Recently Deceased:***

***Anniversaries: Leith McDougall, Basilides Melgar, Peggy Dawson, John Spratt, Bridget Campbell, John Adams, Maria Alvarez, Keenan Hesse.***

## Parish Directory.

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### MASS TIMES - Next WEEK END

*Vigil Mass (Saturday):*

English 6.00 pm

Vietnamese 7.15 pm

*Sunday:*

Vietnamese 7.30 am

English 9.30 am

**Reconciliation (English and Vietnamese) for the coming week:**

*By appointment—20 minutes after the morning weekday Mass or 20 minutes before the evening Mass. Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 pm.*

**Baptismal Enrolment Session:**

**February 7th after the 9.30 am Mass.**

## *Parish Roster for Weekend 30th/31st January.*

### **Saturday 6.00 pm—**

Reader: Vicky Nguyen

Announcer: Marie Robinson

Communion Ministers: Susan Mollee

Pat Stringer

Margaret Murphy

### **Sunday 9.30 am**

Reader: Joy Spratt

Announcer: Monica Chester

Communion Ministers: Pat Gorman

Leo Fuiono

Anna Teni

### **Church Cleaning:**

*Week Commencing 25th January:*

Norah Hall, Caroline Vercoe.

*Week Commencing 1st February:*

Samoan Group

### **Counting:**

*24th January:*

F & J Kilmister & M Powell

*31st January:*

Melanie Van Staveren & Delia Nidermayr.

### **Readings for Next Week's Mass:**

Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:12; Lk 4:21-30

*Readings & Rosters available from website.*

***Planned Giving figures return next week!***

### **PIETY STALL HOURS**

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am