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MASS TIMES

MONDAY

(ROSARY prior to Mass)

7.00am & 10.00am

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

(ROSARY prior to Mass)

7.00am & 10.00am

SATURDAY

9.00am; 6.00pm (Vigil)

SUNDAY

7.30am; 9.30am; 11.00am;
12.15pm (Polish); 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION

9.30am Saturday

NOVENA to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

Monday after 10.00am Mass

NOVENA to ST. ANTHONY

Tuesday after 10.00am Mass

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thursdays at 9.00am

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - January 27, 2019

Readings for this week:

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30; Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

Reflection on the Gospel

by Greg Sunter

This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will feature throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance.

Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden.

The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah – bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'.

Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own 'mission statement' is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people.

This is what we too are called to do.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019 ENROLMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN STATE SCHOOLS

Parents of Children in State Schools who wish to enroll into the Sacramental Program for 2019 are invited to enroll at St Mary's Parish Office on 5222 1977 ASAP as Confirmation Classes commence on February 20.

PARISH PANTRY OPENING HOURS - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1pm to 3 pm

DVD'S AND CD'S FOR SALE - Several popular DVD's and CD's are available for sale in the Parish Office.

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD IS NOW ONLINE

The Parish Website now features an online Bulletin Board. Go to the website and select the "Bulletin Board & News" page or go directly to:

[www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/
bulletin_board_news.html](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/bulletin_board_news.html)

ST MARY'S PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall will open on **Sundays only** from 10.30am - 12.15pm until Monday Feb 4, 2019 when normal opening times will resume.

Normal hours Mon-Fri 10.30am - 1.00pm. Not open Saturdays.
Sundays 10.30am - 12.15pm.

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Kathleen Beasley, Claude Saroch

Lorna Read, Linda Oliveros,

Angela Buckle, Peter McFarlane



St. John of God Hospital Chapel Mass: Thursday - 11.30am

Radio Mass: Sunday 7am on Light FM, 89.9 and 10am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - February 3, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>AV Computer</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>
6.00pm	Rebecca Hay	Gael Perry Kevin Mark	Gael & Richard Perry, Rhonda Sullivan
7.30am	Paul O'Toole	Barry Leith Nola Schwidlewski	Barry Leith, Gary McIvvena, Nola Schwidlewski, John Caulfield
9.30am	Anjali Joseph	Jennifer Guinane Joan Vlahovic	Damian Moynihan, Ann Salerno, Keith Vriens, Philip Redfern
11.00am	Maria Monea Rebecca Hay	Robert Schmidt Rosemary Gador	Irena Godlewski, Angelito Mercado, Maureen Zampatti, Shirley Carroll, Rosa Marino, Lina Sidoti
		<u>NO Children's Liturgy of the Word:</u> Ange & Tom	
5.30pm	Kevin Kleijn	Linda Stacchino Gerard Raven	Elizabeth Fleming, John Morton, Marita Fitzpatrick

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