



If you had to tell someone the good news about Jesus, what would you say?

Answering Jesus' Call
 Disciples were called by Jesus to bring people to God. Write or draw some of the ways that we can bring people to God in our everyday lives.

Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below...

fish teach people Follow you and I will to for

SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, PATRON SAINT OF AUTHORS, DEAFNESS, JOURNALISTS, WRITERS. Feast Day: January 24

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a centre for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success. At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world." In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Reflection
 Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

OLOL PARISH MINISTRIES & COORDINATORS

Liturgy: Y. Fenech & S. Sta. Maria	Home Visits & Holy Com.: A. Tilley	Altar Servers: S. Rajan
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Care & Support Group: A. Tilley		Mowing Roster:



HOLY MASS

Weekend

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Weekday

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am (Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am)
- Tuesday: 7:30pm (Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary: 30 minutes before weekday Masses

SACRAMENTS

- Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am (2 months advance notice)
- Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

PRESBYTERY

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
- Bookkeeper: **Emalyn Rivera**

OFFICE HOURS

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

OLOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Principal: Ross Williams Tel: (03) 9729 3411

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Chair: Michael Di Paola

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- Chair: Michael Dennis

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VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 JANUARY 2024

'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'

YEAR B/2



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

RESPONSE

Teach me your ways,
O Lord.

ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!
The kingdom of God is near; believe the Good News!
ALLELUIA!

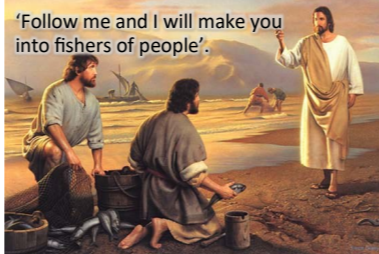
THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR: BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!

In the First Reading, Jonah takes the word of God to the people in Nineveh. They hear it, are inspired to change their evil ways, and God shows them his mercy. God's love and forgiveness are at the heart of the Psalm, as we pray for better understanding of the ways in which the Lord invites us to live our lives.

St Paul issues a challenge to the Christian community in Corinth in this week's Second Reading. At the centre of this, though, is an encouragement to us to free our minds and hearts from reliance on the things of this world, and to place our hope in the reign of God. The Gospel speaks of the opening of the hearts and minds of the first apostles as they leave behind everything they know in order to follow Jesus.

This week, perhaps we can give ourself the gift of a little extra time with scripture to pray that the Lord will open our mind and heart, so we can see more clearly where our path with him lies.

Source: Excerpted from the Scripture reflection courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK available at www.australiancatholics.com.au. Image from <https://www.awedbyjesuschrist.com/>



'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of people.'

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON

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: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah.
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
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.
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.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
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.
The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTI-PHON

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.



POPE: WAR IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

Pope Francis made a strong appeal for peace during the Angelus on Sunday, calling modern warfare "a crime against humanity" that sows death among civilians and destroys cities.

The Pope urged people to pray for all who are suffering due to "the cruelty of war," especially in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel.

"Let's not forget this: War itself is a crime against humanity. People need peace. The world needs peace." He added that all of humanity is in need of "an education to stop every war."

"Let us always pray for this grace: to educate for peace," he said. Full report at www.cathnews.com



CARITAS AUSTRALIA RESPONDS TO GAZA FAMINE WARNING

After 100 days of conflict in the Israel-Hamas war, the entire population of Gaza faces a growing risk of famine, says Caritas Australia.

Since the conflict began, more than 23,000 Palestinians and 1200 Israelis have been killed, with over two-thirds of the casualties being women and children. At least 70 per cent of all housing in Gaza has been damaged or destroyed and only 13 of its 36 hospitals remain partially functioning. The Gaza Strip also remains under an electricity blackout.

"Food deprivation in Gaza has reached extreme levels with the entire population at imminent risk of famine," said Sally Thomas, humanitarian emergencies lead at Caritas Australia.

Ms Thomas said the "need across the region is extensive, with the ongoing compassion and support of the international community set to become increasingly essential as conflict displaces people in other areas of the Middle East."

To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/gaza.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES 11 FEBRUARY 2024

- PROCESSION AND ROSARY AT 4PM
- THANKSGIVING MASS AT 5PM
- AWARDING OF GOLDEN JUBILEE AS OLOL PARISHIONER
- AWARDING OF MARRIAGE JUBILEE FOR 25TH, 30TH, 40TH, 50TH AND UP

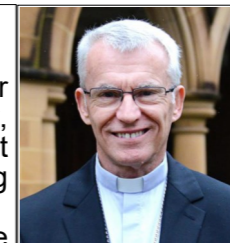
Light supper will follow. Please bring a plate to share.

9-DAY NOVENA; 2-10 FEBRUARY
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Our sincere condolences and prayers to Henry and Ema Rivera and family at the passing of their father Roger in the Philippines.
- ANNIVERSARY:** Shui Peter Lam, Maria Vroomen, Frank Atkinson, Peter Zanelli, Brian John Feruglio, Anthony Penzo, Veronica Goldfinch, Patricia McLoughlin.
- SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Mary McKiterick.

NEW SYNOD OF BISHOPS ROLE FOR ARCHBISHOP COSTELLOE



Pope Francis has appointed Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB as a consultant of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops.

The appointment, announced on January 10, is in conjunction with Archbishop Costelloe's concurrent appointments as a Member of the Preparatory Commission and as one of the nine President Delegates to the Synod.

The next phase of the Synod – an assembly of clergy and lay people from around the world – is set to be hosted by the Vatican in October.

Archbishop Costelloe, the president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, was among those who took part in the first assembly of the Synod that was convened in Rome in October 2023.

Full text at www.cathnews.com

LORD'S PRAYER COULD BE AXED FROM VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT



For more than 100 years, Victorian MPs have started each parliamentary sitting day

with the Lord's Prayer. But this could soon change, with the new premier conceding the tradition does not reflect the state's growing cultural diversity.

"We are seeing greater cultural diversity. I think it's important that we do look at reflecting that in our parliamentary practices," Jacinta Allan told reporters on Monday.

Ms Allan made the comments after two Labor MPs last week said they would sit out the prayer – which has been said at the start of each sitting day since 1918 – due to Pope Francis' comments condemning surrogacy.

Baptist minister and social justice advocate Tim Costello has urged the Victorian Government to think carefully before doing away with the tradition.

"Given 30 years ago there was Christian consensus and now it's fragmented, it is entirely appropriate to ask whether Parliament needs to be more inclusive. But I also think secular people often are a little naive," he says.

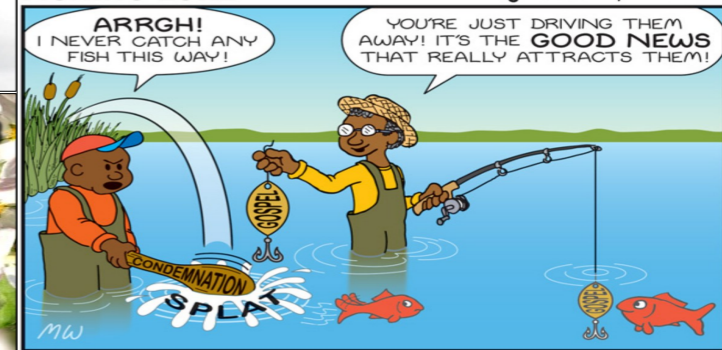
"They would be surprised to know that Muslims, Jews and Hindus, they're not offended by the Lord's Prayer. What offends them is a secular Australia that doesn't have a belief in transcendence, a belief in a higher power, something beyond us." Full text at www.cathnews.com

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 24 January - St Francis de Sales
- 25 January - The Conversion of St Paul
- 27 January - St Angela Merici, Sts Timothy and Titus

FISHING LURE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." - MATTHEW 4:19 NV