

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) 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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 18)

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

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

**LECTOR:** 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. **R.**

**LECTOR:** The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

**LECTOR:** The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Or

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.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**NEXT WEEK** (4th Sunday of Year C) Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13; Luke 4:21-30

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## Repentance clears the way for hope



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through the dry crust so that something can take root, grow and produce fruit. Once we let God break through our self-absorption and start to surrender our lives to God in concrete ways, we begin to experience the hope of a new life of joy and peace that we can have with God. In this way, repentance clears the way for hope to emerge.

In today's gospel, John is talking to a people who now realise their spiritual poverty and see that not only do they need to change how they live, but they want to change and can change. In response, John's advice to the crowds is profoundly practical. There are identifiable changes in how people can go about their work and daily lives that will turn them back to God's way. We can see here that the repentance that God desires applies to even the most mundane features of our lives. The works of mercy that John describes are not just products but features of authentic repentance.

And this is the glory of the baptism through the Holy Spirit referred to by John. John's baptism relied on the individual's willpower to turn and conform their lives to God's will. However, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, pours into us the grace of God. This gift of God's grace slowly transforms us into new creatures that are fully capable of lives oriented towards love and justice in communion with God and our neighbour.

Today's gospel follows John the Baptist's preparation of the people of Israel for the coming of the Messiah. John's mission is to communicate as clearly as possible that God's people are in feeble spiritual health. John knows that God's chosen one is coming to offer a new way of knowing and relating to God. So, John exhorts them to repentance so that they will turn towards God with their whole hearts and respond to God's coming decisive action in the world.

Repentance can be a painful prospect when we must confront ourselves for the selfish people that we often are. Repentance also comes with the pain of discarding those desires and actions that we know hurt ourselves or others but that we hunger to keep enjoying. But, as we can see in the crowd's response, the baptiser's words don't cause people to be fearful or despairing. Instead, John's exhortations stir up genuine expectation within their hearts. John's promise of God's just judgement and the call to repentance is a sign to the Jewish people that the time of God's salvation and intervention in the world is at hand.

The promise that God is going to act decisively in the world is now being fulfilled. Instead of fear, the crowds know the hope of being gathered, like wheat, into God's dwelling place.

The same can be true for us. The act of repentance often feels like taking a pickaxe to the hard soil of our own hearts, digging

**CURRENT PARISH NEWS**  
**WEEK START SUN JAN 23, 2022**  
**3 ORDINARY TIME**



**YEAR C**

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**Sat 6pm**

**Sun @ 6.30am, 8.30am**

**MASS ON AUSTRALIA DAY ~ 9am tbc**

**Reconciliation Sat 5.30pm or by appt.**

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**FYI Regina Caeli** delivers newsletters to those who find themselves isolated and unable to visit parish.

**Children's Church will resume Sun Feb 6, 8.30am Mass for Term 1. We look forward to all joining us.**



**Children's Church**

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**Church Volunteers**  
**We hope you have had some time to consider how you can assist. A sheet is available in the foyer for your details. Top of our priority list at the moment is a need for SACRISTANS. All guidance is provided wherever you assist.**

Volunteers are important to smooth running of any parish. Now is no different but alas more important for all to take the baton & help sustain the parish. In time of transition we need to work together & find the joy of volunteering & ask all accept one volunteer role in the parish no matter how small. At present these jobs are being done by a few & an injection of help is essential.

- Many jobs need help including:
- Sacristans
  - Yard maintenance: mowing, pruning, etc
  - Garden bed: weeding / watering
  - Washing of altar cloths
  - Flower persons
  - Communion to the those isolated at home
  - Church cleaning
  - Hall tidy duties
  - Musicians & Singers
  - Readers
  - People to take up the plate
  - Altar servers
  - Children's Church helpers
  - Any other ways you think you can help
  - Helping at Mass in other ways

*The more volunteers we have the less the timeslots required per person. Jobs are not complicated and all parishioners are qualified. If you can see your way clear, we would appreciate your help. Let us know at the office how, when you can assist. Which Box have you ticked? ✓*

**It is timely to remind all to be sure to contact the parish office for all enquiries in any Sacrament and/or if there is need to organise funeral for your loved ones.**

**Now more than ever, we must be vigilant in maintaining clean parish buildings and surrounds. We remind all of need to sanitise space on exit of all areas always.**



**Coming Jan 2022**  
 Jan 22 Meeting with Sr Kari & Fr Kevin Smith  
 Jan 23 Ordinary Time  
 Jan 25 Feast of the conversion of St Paul  
 Jan 26 Australia Day Mass, 9am (time TBC)

**RECENTLY DECEASED: MAY MAHONY, (PARISHIONER)**  
**DR JOHN RUTHERFORD, PADDY LOGAN**  
**MASS INTENTIONS** Bob & Marie Ward, Anne-Marie Ward, Peter Ward, Rick Randell & members of extended Ward family; Jack & Joy McNamara, Diane McNamara, Jack, Pat & Mick O'Connor, Ivan, Nancy & Stephen Garrett, Gloria & Anne Marie McMahon, Leo & Gay Ryan;  
**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Claire Cotter, Brian & Thera Harding, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, **John Mulcahy**, Michael Mulcahy, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, David Parker, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, **Marie Taylor**, Nathaniel



This weekend we welcome to Regina Caeli, Sr Kari Hatherell osu, from the Archdiocese and again Fr Kevin Smith. Fr Kevin is the interim Administrator of Regina Caeli. Sr Kari is the Transition Project Officer and assigned to Regina Caeli to assist with a smooth transition

for our parish. Change always comes with some degree of apprehension and challenges, however we like to hope we can navigate them together & with increased commitment. Your support, enthusiasm, suggestions and prayers are much appreciated and valued.



Our first parish meeting is this Sunday after 8.30am Mass in the parish hall. There will be opportunity to meet Fr Kevin and Sr Kari, to start to get to know them and answer your concerns and questions. Along the way there will be other such occasions where we are able to come together and pave a new journey for our parish. Any parishioners who are unable to attend and have questions may contact the parish office and we will endeavour to hopefully allay any concerns.

*'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the middle of them.'*  
 Matthew 18-20

**PROCESSIONAL** B HURD **GATHER YOUR PEOPLE**  
**Refrain: Gather your people, O Lord. Gather your people, O Lord. One bread, one body, one spirit of love. Gather your people, O Lord.**



**V1** Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.  
**OFFERTORY** J BERTHIER **UBI CARITAS (REFRAIN X 2)**  
**Ubi Caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est. Living charity and steadfast love, Living charity; shows the heart of God.**

**COMMUNION** SEBASTIAN TEMPLE **INSTRUMENTAL**

**PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS**  
**V1** Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt; true faith in you.  
**V2** Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.  
**V3** Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.  
**V4** Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**RECESSIONAL** FEL **THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS**  
**V1** We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
**Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**  
**V3** We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, We will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride: **Chorus**



Australia is many things to many people. May our prayer be to allow ourselves to embrace a more united Australia, learning from the past but working for the future. Let's celebrate the possibility of who we may become together. Join us for Mass at 9am Wed Jan 26.

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