



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

| OUR PARISH MASSES | | | | | |
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| Weekday | | | | Saturday | 27 th January |
| 23 rd | Jan | Tues | 9.00am Mass | 4.30pm | Reconciliation |
| 24 th | Jan | Wed | 9.00am Mass – St Francis de Sales 6.30pm Rosary | 5.00pm | Mass |
| 25 th | Jan | Thurs | 9.00am Mass – The Conversion of St Paul | Sunday | 28th January |
| 26 th | Jan | Fri | 9.00am Mass – Australia Day | 7.00am | Mass |
| | | | | 9.00am | Mass |

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 21st January 2024



Repentance

In his first words recorded in Mark's gospel, Jesus makes two statements and issues two commands. 'The time of fulfilment' is not ordinary time; it is the moment when God acts decisively to accomplish human salvation. 'The

kingdom of God' is not a place but refers to God's rule and is a manifestation of God's sovereignty as it is about to be revealed in Jesus' deeds of power. Because all this is at hand, Jesus issues two commands: 'Repent and believe.'

What does it mean to 'repent'? The Greek word *metanoeo* (literally, 'to know after') means to change one's mind. A person, after seeing the consequences of action, has a change of mind, plans, or intentions. 'After-sight' brings insight that results in changing one's mind and, consequently, one's action. In this sense even God can repent. For example, in the book of Jonah, after the prophet warns the people of Nineveh that God is about to destroy them for their sin, the king proclaims a fast and

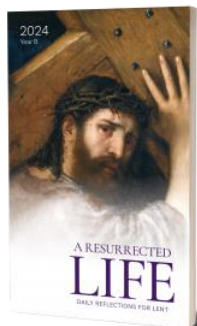
the entire city turns from the evil they have in hand. 'God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: [NRSV = 'changed his mind'] He did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.' (3:10). God relents, that is, God has a change of mind and pursues a different course of action.

In classic religious language 'repentance' is something a sinner does: after seeing the errors of one's ways, the sinner repents. In this sense repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change of conduct (see Luke 3:8) and a concerted effort to live according to what God requires. When Jesus calls people to repent, he calls them to change their minds and conceptions about how it is that God acts and instead to 'believe in the gospel.' To repent here means to see in the gospel - the words and deeds of Jesus - God's definitive saving acts. 'Repent' and 'believe' are two sides of one act - turning one's mind and conforming one's life to the gospel.

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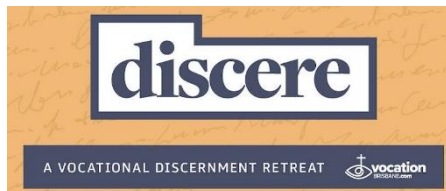
Lent Resource: A Resurrected Life



A Resurrected Life is a new 6-week reflection resource from Evangelisation Brisbane, that can be used during Lent by individuals and groups during the 2024 liturgical year. Each day's reflection is inspired by a text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, followed by

Contemplating the Word, a thought or two on how to put the Word into Practice and concludes with a Prayer. The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they reflect on the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears – in their families, workplaces, and the community – they will be empowered to raise others, to hear and see the Risen Lord so that they may rise with him. Purchase now at: www.lentprogram.com.au.

Discere 2024: A Vocational Discernment Retreat



You are invited to attend Discere – a free, one-day retreat to start the new year with prayer and discernment

about where God is calling you in 2024 and beyond. Discere is an opportunity for young single Catholic men and women (18–35 years) to intentionally pause and ask the question "where is God calling me?" in a peaceful, supportive, and safe environment. There will be time for prayer, reflection, and group sharing, as well as opportunities to hear from priests, religious and married spouses about their discernment journeys. The team from Vocation Brisbane will also provide information about the different Catholic vocations (Ordained, Religious/Consecrated, Single & Married Life), plus help shed light on what 'discernment' actually means and give practical tips about how to discern in your everyday life. If you have any questions about Discere 2024, please reach out to our Vocation Brisbane team on 3324 3003 or email: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Mk 1:17.
 Jesus’ call to “follow me” is a call to all Christians. The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Accessed via <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The kingdom of God is near:
 believe the Good News!
 Alleluia!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O’Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring, Kylie Herbert, Tony Ryan, Elisapeti Pati, Amanda Harding, Margo Jane Higgins, Cameron Auld, Trent Andrews, Bill McAuslan, Peter Tolhurst.

Reborn in Eternal Life 22nd – 28th January

Ann Vinning (England), Peter Paul McHugh, Joseph Tarbeeg, Raymon Reynolds, Rodney Miller, Thomas Olickal, O J Thomas, Mary Leoni Sorensen, David Chew, Cecil Hamilton

Reading – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28th Jan. 2024

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| 1 st Reading | Deut 18:15-20 |
| 2 nd Reading | 1 Cor 7:32-35 |
| Gospel | Mk 1:21-28 |



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

Bookings for January are now closed. The next Baptisms will be 18th February 2024. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Recently Deceased Louis Galea.



Loop System The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the ‘T’ to obtain a better sound.

WEEK 3 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK – 21st JANUARY 2024

| Flowers | Divine Mercy | | Cleaning | Divine Mercy | | Yard | Divine Mercy | |
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| 1 st | 5pm | Darsha Ross | 2 nd | 5pm | Suzanne Fitzgerald | | 5pm | Christine Freeman |
| | 7am | Robert Bryant | | 7am | Theresa Greig | | 7am | Cameron Auld |
| | 9am | Alefosio Family | | 9am | Vaoiva Family | | 9am | Donna So’oalo |

WEEK 4 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 28th JANUARY 2024

| Flowers | Teresa Grieg | | Cleaning | Almaz Okba | | Yard | n/a | |
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| 1 st | 5pm | Bruce Larter | 2 nd | 5pm | Owen Ross | | 5pm | Julie Aiavao |
| | 7am | Joan Sitcheff | | 7am | Anna Timu | | 7am | Kolio Timu |
| | 9am | Kisa Senio | | 9am | Paulo Lauvao | | 9am | Elaine Walters |

Ministers should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass, or their role will be reassigned on the day.

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Who are the Spiritans?

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit is a Catholic religious congregation founded in France in 1703. Also known as the Spiritans, their mission for over 300 years has been to evangelize the poor and marginalized all over the world. Worldwide, they have more than 2,500 priests, brothers, and lay members. The Spiritans were founded by a young French nobleman – Claude Poullart des Places – who gave up the practice of law to study for the priesthood. He founded a community

for young men who wished to become priests and dedicated to the Holy Spirit. About 150 years later, also in France, Francis Libermann, a converted Jew, started another religious family: the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The two congregations, both dedicated to the evangelization and service of the poor, later became one: The Congregation of the Holy Spirit under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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