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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**(YEAR B) 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 24:4-9

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mark 1:15

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

**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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### [MASS TIMES AND LINKS THIS WEEK](#)

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan at St Brigid's at 8.30 am**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BODJA>

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan at 5 pm at St Aloysius church in Yarra Glen.** For bookings phone Debbie on 0448 664 731

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan at St Brigid's at 9.15 am**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan at St Brigid's at 8.30 am**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOHNB>

### [LAWN MOWING & MAINTENANCE](#)

Please contact the office if you can give even a little of your time to help keep our grounds neat and tidy. We would like to put together a list of volunteers who can stay in contact by email to co-ordinate getting the job done as required.

### [HELLO FROM OLD FRIENDS](#)

A big hello from some special friends to all in our Parish. Best wishes and prayers come from Lizzy Jansen, Henny and Coen, Lyn, Sr Colleen, Sr Patricia, Marie and Tony

### [SOME THOUGHTS FROM DEBBIE](#)

Last night, as usual, I participated in the very strict routine of my nearly-famous fat old dog's bedtime process. While waiting for him to sniff every blade of grass in the front yard, I spent time looking at the stars. We really are so blessed to be living where we can actually see stars. Away from the city, our sky is dark enough to gain a hint of the sheer number that are mostly invisible to the naked eye, and even the relatively small number that are visible to us on a clear night is mind-boggling. In that quiet moment, I felt drawn to sincerely thank the Lord for the wonders we encounter in each new moment, some through the miracle of

technology, many through the senses he has given each of us, when we choose to kick them in to gear. I also felt drawn to thank him sincerely for the miracles I can't see. As I stood in the quiet of my nearly sleeping neighbourhood, I could hear the occasional irritated squawk of a huge gaggle of nesting cockatoos. I could only guess what was going on beyond my sight. No doubt some thoughtless intruder had decided to push his luck by straying too close. I wouldn't want to push a sleepy cockatoo too far, up close experience tells me that wouldn't be a good idea! And even though his breath stinks, and he has questionable appetites for food and more food, I celebrated the fact that my fat old dog has knowing eyes and the ability to offer a waggy tail and some company when a family member needs a little sympathy and some TLC. Somehow, hearing and vision impaired, he knows when it is needed.

The natural world is amazing, and our responsibility. We follow the examples of St Francis, who had a formidable love for the natural world, and the encouragement of his namesake, Pope Francis, in reminding ourselves that we are 'stewards of creation', a commission bestowed upon us in the Book of Genesis. The tiniest insect through to the biggest whale needs our careful management for its very survival. So do the people who share our world. My unborn grandchild is beginning to make her mark on the world already. Only weeks from birth, her mum tells me when she is awake, when she is somersaulting, when she stretches. We have had enough ultrasounds to check her progress, to know, even now, that she is a little girl, with a personality and a routine that those who are tuned in can recognise and celebrate. We cannot see her, but she is certainly our responsibility, and our joy, even now, before we properly meet her and hear her voice. Our day to day decisions affect others, and our planet. We cannot live for ourselves alone. It is good to be reminded of this God-given responsibility occasionally, for the perspective we need to fully accept such a commission. Governments should do their bit, but we are each born to shoulder that responsibility on behalf of all voiceless creatures.

Miracles are literally everywhere, and the

closest miracle to each of us is the miracle of 'I, who am'. Last week I mused over the miracle of 'God, who is' and encouraged you to consider what that tiny phrase opens up in contemplation. God is. This week I mention the miracle of 'me'. Worth a thought! We are each born with inbuilt talents, and with enormous potential. Potential is great word, and an even-better reality. What could be is not something that anyone else writes for us. It is the stuff of dreams and ours to work towards, some very successfully, others, sadly, not so successfully. Who I am is partly written by circumstance and opportunity, partly by the interest I take in pushing myself to grow to my potential. We are God-appointed stewards of all creation, including those wonderful people entrusted to our care, and we are God-appointed stewards of the miracle that is ourselves. This week, my encouragement is to take the time to do a stock take on the responsibility that became yours as God loved you into being. Hear his words "I love you. I know you. I have faith in you". Strive for the potential that today brings for you, empowered by the infinite love, knowledge and faith that God has in you, his much-loved miracle. One step at a time, we walk in God's company, and in the company of each other towards our potential. We are never alone.



## POSITION VACANT

### **HICCI Transport Worker (Paid Position)**

HICCI is a network of Christian Churches in the Healesville, Yarra Glen and surrounding areas providing practical support for local people in times of difficulty. We are seeking to fill a new position in our Volunteer Social Transport Program 6 hours/1 day per week. The position involves attending to day to day tasks of coordinating transport for clients with

our volunteers.

Computer skills, initiative, ability to work as part of a team, attention to detail and a strong empathy to client's needs are essential. Position Description available from the HICCI office, 231 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville,

P: 5911 6000 or E: [president@hicci.org.au](mailto:president@hicci.org.au)

Applications close 31 January 2021.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

### WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Babies Emmett, Noah Glen Christie, Tedi and Santi; Roman, Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Megan, Bernie Jansen, Andrew Sharp, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Fiona, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Dorothy Fraser, Glen, Fred Bullas, Fred Coullas, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Wood, Bill Howie, Jennie, Michael, Margo & Stephen Youngberry, Marie Hammond, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, James Cooney, Robert, Mary & Gerard Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Lawrie Field, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Richard Adams, Mitchell & Wynn Wilson, Carina Warton, Anne Bateman, Veronica Ireland, Lauren, Brooke, Anthony, Michelle, Judy, Laura Baosde Pinto

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN JANUARY

Henny Puschmann (08.01.07), John Gentle (14.01.84), Giuseppe Panozzo (14.01.83), Maria Jansen (14.01.08), Stephen Sotko Snr (20.01.09), Kathy Heath (21.01.07), Stephen Sotko Jnr (28.01.06), Garry Sweeney (21.01.17), Ethel Lalor, Philip Plant, Bern Porter, Judy Robertson.