

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

*Special Collection Next Week*

**The Day of The Unborn Child Appeal**

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YEAR OF JUBILEE  
**PILGRIMS OF HOPE**



## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.



# Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

25/26 January 2025

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day*

THIS TEXT IS BEING FULFILLED TODAY.

The Sacred Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass recall incidents from the past and point to the future but most especially they affirm the presence of God among us now. This day we are called to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to all who are bound up in any way. Today we are called to be the Body of Christ in our world. The Sacred Scriptures have meaning when we can say with Jesus: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

### PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people—since he stood higher than all the people—Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah—His Excellency—and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

**The word of the Lord**

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

**The word of the Lord**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18:8-10,15

**Response:**

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

1. 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**

2. 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**

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

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



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Ph: (08) 8431 6932  
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**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**  
Tues to Fri 8:45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Wednesday after Mass

**St. Joseph's Primary School**  
Principal - Adrian Grbin  
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**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**  
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

**ROSTERS— 1st/2nd Feb 2025**  
**The PRESENTATION of the LORD**

Time	Commentator/Readers
<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
<b>9:30am</b>	Antonetta Bartley Henry D'Assumpcao Thilini Silva
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Antonetta Bartley Jessie Yesudas P
<b>Count team</b>	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
<b>Altar and Flowers</b>	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

*All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass*

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	18/19 JAN 2025
Open Plate	\$951.35
Planned Giving	\$478.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,429.35</b>

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund :\$836.70

**CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025**  
**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
**TRANMERE PARISH**

**RECONCILIATION**  
Workshops—  

- Monday 3rd March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 17th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

**Celebration— Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm**

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST**  
Workshops—  

- Monday 12th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 2nd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

**Rehearsal—Sunday 15th June after parish mass**  
**Celebration— Sunday 22nd June 11:00am**  
**Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan**

If you have children who would like to join the sacramental program, please contact the Parish Office.  
Tel: 8431 6932  
Email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

**LUNAR NEW YEAR MASS**  
**2nd Feb 2025**


The next Chinese Mass will be on Sunday 2nd Feb 2025 at St. Joseph's Church Tranmere. Our celebrant is the Vicar General Fr Dean. Mass will start at 12:30pm followed by shared lunch at Parish Hall. Please invite your family and friends to come to this festive celebration. For more information, please contact Louisa 0422 079 534 (by text first).



**Please remember in your prayers**  
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.  
For the Repose of the Soul:  
Death Anniversary:  
**Lydarin Apansu**  
**Francis Chinh**  
**Berenice Foley**  
*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:**  
*We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.*

**If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.**

 **Pope Francis @pontifex**  
In the midst of the confusion and vanity of human words, we need the Word Of God. Scripture is the only true compass for our journey, and it alone is capable of leading us back to the true meaning of life amid so much woundedness and confusion.

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**Australia Day Mass**  
**Sunday January 26 at 11am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral**  
For more than 60 years a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to celebrate and give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Saturday February 8 at 10am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral**  
Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on a Tuesday therefore, it will be celebrated on the Saturday prior. All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)


**Visit of a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis**  
Over the weekend of February 1 to 2 a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be present at St Rose of Lima Church, Kapunda. Blessed Carlo can be considered the first millennial saint and will be canonised later this year as part of the celebrations for the Year of Jubilee. There will be Mass at 9.30am on Saturday February 1 - the church will be open until 5pm. Reconciliation will be available. Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am on Sunday February 2, again followed by the opportunity to venerate the relic until 5pm. This is part of a Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles which Blessed Carlo put together between the ages of 11 and 15. If groups or individuals are planning to visit, for planning purposes, please contact the Northern Light parish - P: 8566 2064, E: [nlparish@adam.com.au](mailto:nlparish@adam.com.au) or [www.northernlightparish.com.au](http://www.northernlightparish.com.au)

**LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE**  
Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion  
**LOVE THE NEXT GENERATION**  
**Saturday 8th of February 2025**  
10am - 12noon  
**Pennington Gardens**  
Opposite St Peters Cathedral, North Adelaide

**\$5 Donation Parking** Adelaide Oval parking  
**Free Tickets** trybooking.com/CVHLE  
Enter from Pennington Tce [loveadelaide.org.au](http://loveadelaide.org.au)

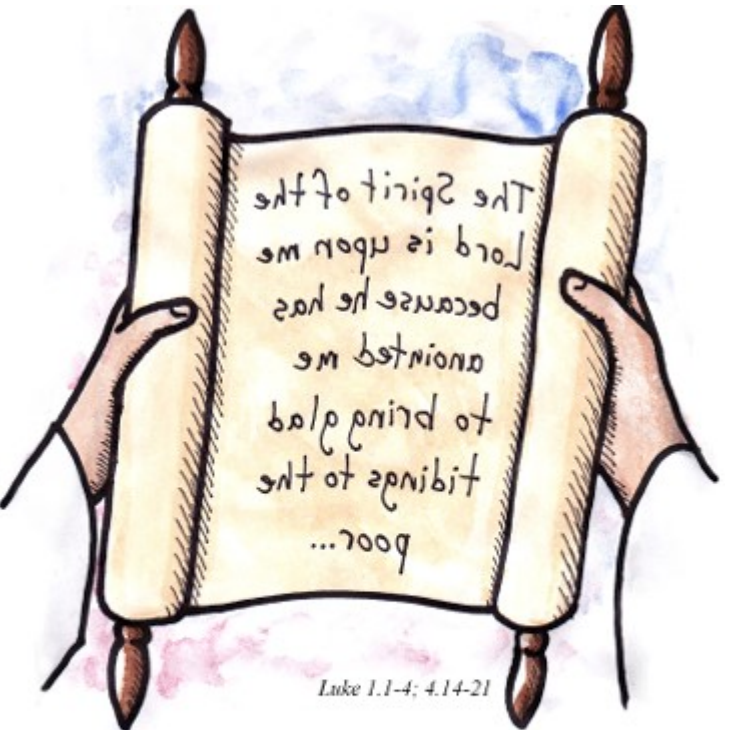
**Gates Open 9am**  
Don't forget to bring a drink bottle; and remember to slip, slop and slap!

**PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT**  
NO megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals & police and walk peacefully with love.  
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**The Kids' Bulletin**




*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus stood in the synagogue and read from the book of the prophet Isaiah. What did it say? Look at this page in the mirror to find out!*

**The Church is a Body**

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.

 Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?

 Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?

Answer to Word-Find: We are one body in Christ.  
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