

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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22 JANUARY 2017

LIGHT OVER GALILEE OF THE NATIONS

As Jesus begins his public ministry, Matthew sees it as the fulfilment of the oracle of the prophet Isaiah. The evangelist uses this Scripture to explain the person and message of Jesus. He makes ample use of 'fulfilment prophecies' especially in his Infancy Narratives. Here the evangelist presents Jesus' preaching in Galilee as a 'great light' for people who live in darkness. Just as the light of the star guided the Magi at his birth, so his proclamation of the kingdom is like a light that has arisen in Galilee populated by both Jews and pagans.

Galilee, the region of northern Palestine, came under the Assyrians in 722 BC. Many of the inhabitants were exiled to Nineveh, and pagan foreigners were brought in to settle in the land. The region experienced more foreign influence than Judea, and its inhabitants intermarried with the pagans. The prophet Isaiah referred to it as *gelil haggoyim* – 'Galilee of the Gentiles' (Is 8:23) – precisely because of pagan elements. The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali refer to the area west of Lake Galilee where the descendants of the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali settled.

The Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem considered Galileans to be of impure race and of suspect orthodoxy. They thought that no prophet would arise from Galilee and concluded that Jesus, who was a Galilean, could not be a prophet or the Messiah (Jn 7:52). But the Synoptics present Jesus beginning his prophetic mission in Galilee; for Matthew, Jesus' presence there marks the new dawn of hope.

FIRST READING

Isa 8:23–9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 26:1, 4,13–14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; /
whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold
of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, /
for this I long, / to live in the house of the
Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour
the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his
temple. **R.**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness /
in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold
firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:10–13,17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

St Clement of Rome Church

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Child Safety Policy "May our Children Flourish"

We have started the process to make sure our Parish is compliant with the Victorian Child Safety Standards. More than being compliant, the Child Safety Standards calls us to a renewal and commitment to respecting the dignity and sacredness of children and of each other. Please: Take time to be familiar with the information in the foyer. All Volunteers and interested parishioners are invited to attend **one of two** workshops on:

Saturday 28 January 2017.
 Saturday 18 February 2017

Place: Clifton Centre
 Time: 11.00am
 Lunch will be provided.

A formal audit will take place on 31 January 2017 after which a report will be made available for all.

Sacramental Program 2017

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Final date for enrolment: 27 January 2017
 Contact: Cecilia: cecilia.tan@cam.org.au or download the documents from the Parish website.

RECONCILIATION: TERM 1

Last Date for enrolment: 30 January 2017
 Classes commence: Tuesday, 31 January 2017 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Clifton Centre.
 Parents' Information Session: Tuesday 7 February 2017 @ 7.30pm
 Commissioning Mass: Saturday 11 February 2017 @ 5.30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 1 April 2017 @ 9.00am

CONFIRMATION: TERM 2

Last Date for enrolment: 1 April 2017
 Classes commence: Tuesday, 18 April 2017 @ 4.30pm -5.30pm in the Clifton Centre
 Parents' Information Session: Tuesday 18 April 2017 @ 7.30pm
 Commissioning Mass: Saturday 22 April 2017
 Confirmation: 6 August, 2017 @ 2.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FIRST EUCHARIST: TERM 3

Last Date for enrolment: 1 July 2017
 Classes commence: Tuesday, 18 July 2017 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Clifton Centre
 Parents' Information Evening: Tuesday 18 July 2017 @ 7.30pm
 Commissioning Mass: Saturday, 22 July @ 5.30pm
 Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 10.00am
 First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$150 per sacrament per child. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased: Ludovico Palmieri, Ester Giliberti

Death Anniversaries: Daniel Mancin, Antonio Cenci, Stefan Minutoli, Carmela Digiglio, Ennio Tadesco

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Tue 24th Jan @ 9.15am—Mass (Italian)
 Wed 25th Jan @ 9.15am—Mass
 Thurs 26th Jan @ 9.15am—Mass
 Fri 27th Jan @ 9.15am—Mass
 Sat 28th Jan @ 11am—Workshop on Child Safety—Clifton Centre

Collections Last Weekend
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 2,029
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,015
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

Visita Pastorale del Vescovo di Concordia-Pordenone DOMENICA 29 GENNAIO 2017



Sua Eccellenza
Mons. Giuseppe Pellegrini

Siete tutti invitati a partecipare

11.00am: Celebrazione della Santa Messa nella Chiesa di San Clemente, Egan Drive, Bulleen

12.30pm: Pranzo di benvenuto al Club Fogolar Furlan, 1 Matisl Street, Thornbury Costo del pranzo, \$60 tutto incluso

Si prega di prentoare il pranzo presso il Club: 94840477

Per ulterior informazioni telefonare a Ugo Romanin: 9850 1819



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 silence, prayers,
 music & the
 presence of God

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27 January 17
 FRIDAY 6-7 PM
 ST PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
 431 Waterdale Road

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
21/22 January	<i>Sacristan</i> Rita Gagliardi	<i>Francis & Gloria Ng</i>
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> Rocco Gagliardi	Christine Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i> Paul Sammut	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Special Ministers</i> Maree Marsi	Trish Atherton
	May Teh	Anne Fusca
	Martin Teh	Gabriella Grande
		Eleanora Mascitti
		Sylvia Mascitti
		David Mitchell
		Pam Mitchell
28/29 January	<i>Sacristan</i> Rita Gagliardi	<i>Francis & Gloria Ng</i>
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> Paul Sammut	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i> May Teh	David Mitchell
	<i>Special Ministers</i> Warwick Wright	Pam Mitchell
	John Bruce	Gloria Ng
	Linda Cultrera	Maria Papalia
		Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan
		Trish Atherton
		Grace Canatelli

Assistant Pastoral Associate

We welcome Mariangela Prib to our community. Mariangela comes to us with a variety of gifts and talents. Her main duties will include but not confined to:

- Baptism Preparation of families
- Preparation of the Weekend liturgies
- The RCIA Program
- And being the contact person for the Italian speaking congregation of the parish.

HEALING & HOPE

PREPARING FOR LENT & EASTER

SATURDAY 11 February 2017
 10am—2.30pm
 Catholic Leadership Centre
 East Melbourne

Please check the Notice Board for details.