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Ezra reads from the book of the Law.

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.



Third Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 22nd/23rd

Caroline Doherty

Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

**Christmas Readings** 

Safe Guarding Officer: Sharon Waller

January Year C 2022

### In a nutshell

Today we read the beginning of Luke's gospel, followed by Jesus' announcement of his mission in the synagogue of his home town, Nazareth.

He chooses to read words from Isaiah's prophecy and makes them his own. He has been anointed and sent by God to bring good news to the poor, proclaiming the Lord's year of favour.

This prophecy is being fulfilled today as it was in Nazareth.

# **AUSTRALIA** DAY

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

We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, Lord of our families, Lord of our homes, Lord of our schools, Lord of our towns, Lord of our cities, Lord of Australia and Lord of all of heaven and earth.

We thank you for our nation and we pray that revival and transformation would come to Australia and you would grant us the gift of repentance and bring healing to the land.

We pray for our national leaders, state leaders, local government leaders and church leaders and we bless them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We pray for a great proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in Australia. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever would believe in Him would have everlasting life".

In declaring Jesus Christ as Lord of Australia and our individual lives we dedicate 2022 to Jesus for His glory.



O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are **Entrance antiphon:** majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Response to the psalm:	Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.
Gospel acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Saturday Vigil January	<b>Readers</b> Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil & Radmila Lewis	Ministers of CommunionVigil 5pmSr. Gabriel (Coordinator)JanuaryPaula O'Connor		
Sunday 7.00 am January February	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost & Linda Rath Charlie Robinson & Gerry Walker	Sunday 7.00 amPeter Frost (Coordinator)JanuaryGary KeatingFebruaryPeter Frost		
Sunday 9.30 am 23rd January	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Diane Karas Sharron Critchley	Sunday 9.30 am JanuaryAdele Cornale (Coordinator) Pila OvelarSacristy & Altar		
<b>Church Cleaners</b> Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros		
Money Counters—Parish Office January 23rd : Group 3 January 30th: Group 4 February 6th : Group 1 February 13th: Group 2		<mark>Piety Stall</mark> (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller		
	Sacramontal Datas 20	022 for your calendar.		
First Reconciliation—Wednesday 30th March—5pm & 7pm Confirmation—Tuesday 14th June—5pm & 7pm: (which bishop is not known at present) First Communion—Masses are being planned for Sunday 11 September.				
Mass Offerings	: Your prayers are re	equested for the following:		
Recently Deceas Other Deceased:	<b>(Ireland),Clare Reilly,</b> Luke Davies. Sr Elaine Whittaker, Bi	on, Aishling Murphy( Ireland), Eileann Murphy (mother of Brother Phil Reilly msc),and Ill Jack, Jack & Alma Saidey, and Jack Olde, Joan O'Keefe, Margaret Wordon.		
Anniversaries: Sick:	Also, June Ferguson, J	<b>family and friends who have Covid-19.</b> June Clements, Mariana Wagei, Melinda Craig, Sweeney, Rowan Tierney, Alison Elliott,		
	•	rish Information		
Mass Times	, , ,	m, Sunday 7.00 am, and 9.30 am—NO 6.00 pm		
Morning Tea Weekday Masses		m Family Mass (when Covid allows us safely again) only— 9.30 am — during January		
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Satu	rday Vigil Mass		
Sacrament of Ano	-	nd Thursday of each Month		
Baptisms	By appointment, on the <i>after</i> 9.30am Family Ma	first and third Sundays of each month, ass.		

Marriages	Saturdays, by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance.	
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)	

## St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

#### Dear Parishioners,

Unfortunately given the current situation with the pandemic we have decided to postpone our St Brigid's feast day celebrations on Saturday 5th February.

**Congratulations, January 14th:** Frank Dineen MSC and Bill Brady MSC. Golden Jubilee of Profession. **Wednesday 26th January** - Australia Day Mass at 9.30am - all welcome(Parish office closed today) **Funeral:** Next Friday 28th January at 1pm, there will be a requiem mass for Kim Eves who was a devoted parishioner for many years here at St Brigid's Coogee. We Pray for Kim and her family . May she rest in peace.

**Position vacant:** Province Bookkeeper, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Coogee. 3 days per week ideally Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. For further information contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055.

# Reflection

In Genesis we read the words Abraham heard God say, "Go out from your country and your kindred and your father's house, to the land I will show you." And then in Ezekiel, "I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land."

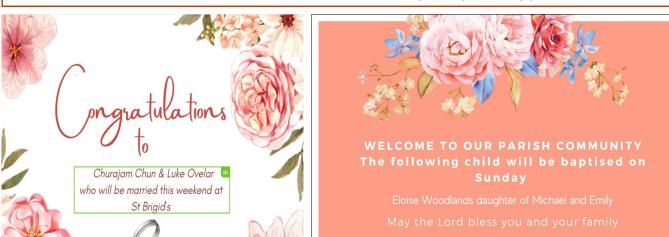
A visit to the supermarket, a look around the church any weekend, reinforces these words from the Old Testament. We have been gathered from many nations and countries. We say that we are many and we are one ...the one being among other things, the faith we share. The Catholic Church in Australia has been enriched and broadened by the religious customs of the Irish, Italian, Maltese, Tongan, Filipinos and Vietnamese, to name a few.

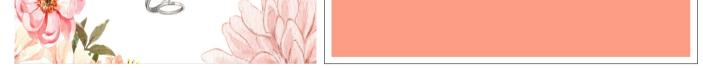
We are a young nation and our Australian way of being Church is still young. We are still being formed. But as time passes, some religious perceptions and loved customs lose their meaning in a new country and a different environment. I suspect that this Australian church of the future will owe much to the aboriginal spirituality of the land.

God has written a sacred story across our land – Uluru's red heart, crumpled brown earth, now and again rivers, green paddocks, ancient purple mountains, cities that hug the coastline and blink-and-you're-through-them towns. Our religious and spiritual journeys are set against a backdrop of Australian landscape.

Whether you are drawn to the sea, a river, the bush or the outback, whether your favourite places have been ravaged by flood, fire or drought, these are the places and spaces where God has written and painted your story. Maybe this Australia Day we could spend a few minutes reflecting on the way our story of place has shaped and given meaning to the way we personally relate to God.

Judith Lynch – previously published in CathNews







#### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sex Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you - or anyone you know have

been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or <u>safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</u>.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **St Brigid's Parish Coogee, Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.**