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Year of

## DISCIPLESHIP

### SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The blessing found in the first reading (Nm 6:22-27) may be one of the oldest pieces of poetry in the Bible. It is introduced by a brief statement that gives the content of the blessing both Mosaic and divine legitimation. Although it is the priests who ultimately bless the people, it is Moses who receives the blessing from God and who delivers it to Aaron and his sons. Moses and Aaron and Aaron's sons play important mediatorial roles. The blessing itself is quite crisp and direct. There is little difference in the petitions. They all ask for some dimension of peace, the fundamental characteristic of Jewish blessing, the condition of absolute wellbeing.

The psalm (Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8) begins with a slight adaptation of the first words of the blessing used by Aaron and the priests who descended from him. The use of this blessing in a congregational prayer suggests that the favours once promised to the priestly family are now sought for the entire people. The good fortune of this nation will testify to God's salvific activity. The psalm moves from an acknowledgment of God's rule over one particular people to an announcement of God's universal governance. Fulfilling the promise made to Abram (Gen 12:2-3), this one nation becomes the source of blessing for all. The psalm ends with a prayer that God continue to bless the people so that all nations will continue to revere God.

The focus of Paul's teaching (Gal 4:4-7) is Christ's mission to the world. He contrasts servitude under the law with freedom in Christ. He uses the social custom of legal guardianship to show how the law functioned until 'the designated time had come'. With the coming of the only Son of God, Christians are no longer minors bound to the tutelage of the law. They are legal heirs, adopted children of God. According to Paul, the law was a necessary guardian that carefully watched over minors until they were mature enough to take care of themselves. It was binding in order to teach; it restricted in order to instruct.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January



#### For educators

**We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.**



Though it is inferior to the spirit of Christ, the law was faithful and trustworthy.

The gospel for today (Lk 2:16-21) is essentially the same as that of the Christmas Mass at Dawn. However, the inclusion of the circumcision and naming of Jesus shifts the focus away from the shepherds onto the child and his parents. Circumcision was the ritual that initiated the males into the community of Israel. It was enjoined by God on Abraham and all of his descendants, and from that time forward it was considered a sign of the covenant (Gen 17:9-11). At this time, the child was also named. Jesus, the name given by the angel when Mary was told that she would bear a child, means saviour (cf. Matt 1:21). Mary ponders all of these things, waiting to see what it all might mean.

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**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER  
AND PRAY FOR  
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI**

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## NEW ASSISTANT PARISH PRIEST FR BRONEK PIETRUSEWICZ SDS

He was appointed as our new Assistant Parish Priest to help Fr Greg at Gosford Parish. Fr Bronek will begin his ministry in our parish 1st February 2023.



We are sure you will welcome him warmly when he arrives, and please pray for him as he continues his Priestly journey with us at St Patrick's.

## SALVATORIAN AT ST PATRICK'S 20YRS ON JANUARY 29, WE WILL CELEBRATE WITH A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY MASS SUNDAY 29, JANUARY AT 9:30AM MASS

Please join us for this wonderful celebration when many of the Salvatorian priests will celebrate with us.

Including Fr Zygmunt (Zyggy) Wloczek SDS our first Salvatorian priest and Fr George Kolodziej SDS who assisted Fr Zyggy. Fr George is the current Australian Superior to the Australian Salvatorians.

## DEVOTION TO JP II EVERY SATURDAY AT 9AM

Please write your private intentions on the special envelopes front of the relics. There is a container just to the side where you can place your written intentions. These intentions will be read during the following Saturday's devotion.

## FR GREG WILL BE AWAY FR GREG WILL BE AWAY 16-20 JANUARY

When he goes again to East Timor to promote Vocations to Salvatorian Order. Please keep him in your prayers during that time.

## WE SAY GOODBYE TO FR GREG'S MUM FR GREG'S MUM JADWIGA IS RETURNING TO POLAND

What a pleasure it has been to meet up with Jadwiga again, we wish her safe travels and pray that she can return again in the not too distant future.

Jadwiga is traveling to Perth to spend a short time with Fr Greg's sister before returning home to Poland and then back to work in Luxembourg.

## POPE EMERITUS, BENEDICT XVI PASSES AWAY



Pope Francis led tributes to his predecessor on Saturday, after Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died in a monastery in the Vatican at the age of 95.

"We are moved as we recall him as such a noble person, so kind and we feel such gratitude in our hearts, gratitude to God for giving him to the church, and to the world," Francis said in Saint Peter's Basilica while leading traditional vespers ceremony ahead of New Year's Day.

"Gratitude to him for all the good he accomplished and above all for his witness of faith and prayer, especially in these last years of his life. Only God knows the value of his sacrifices for the good of the church," Francis added.

Benedict, who was the first pontiff in almost 600 years to resign his position, rather than hold office for life, passed away on Saturday.

"With sorrow I inform you that the Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, passed away today at 9:34 in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican," the Director of the Press Office of the Holy See, Matteo Bruni said.

Francis went to see Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI soon after he passed away last Saturday morning.

The funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was held on Thursday in St. Peter's Square in the Vatican City at 9:30 a.m. local time. The funeral was led by Pope Francis.

The former pope's body laid in state in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican from Monday for the faithful to bid farewell. As per the wish of Pope Emeritus, his funeral was "simple".

On Friday at the 12:00pm Mass Fr Greg and Fr Wilson offered the Mass for the soul and in thanksgiving for POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT. Please pray for the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

## ST MICHAEL AND ST FAUSTINA. A TALK ABOUT ST MICHAEL & ST FAUSTINA

BY FR PETER PRUSAKIEWICZ CSMA

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Terrigal - Thursday 12 January 5.30 pm Mass, Homily & Adoration

Fr Peter, a priest from the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel from Poland is a well-travelled international speaker for over twenty years and has spoken about St Michael and the Holy Angels and St Faustina at many conferences, retreats and parish missions all over the world.

Fr Peter will be coming to Terrigal parish to talk about St Michael and St Faustina.

There will be Mass at 5.30pm, Homily, Eucharistic Adoration and an individual blessing with a relic of St Faustina.

There will also be some items for sale from the St Michael Shrine in Gargano



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**CF. MAL 3:1; 1 CHR 29:12**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

## FIRST READING

**IS 60:1-6**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. SEE V.11**

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

## SECOND READING

**EPH 3:2-3. 5-6**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**MT 2:2**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!7**

## GOSPEL

**MT 2:1-12**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**We have come from the East to worship the king.**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**CF. MT 2:2**

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## THIS WEEK

<b>Mon</b>	<b>The Baptism of The Lord</b> Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Weekday of Ordinary Time</b> Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Weekday of Ordinary Time</b> Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am*
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Weekday of Ordinary Time</b> Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Weekday of Ordinary Time</b> Mass at St Patrick's 12 noon*
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Weekday of Ordinary Time</b> Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*
<b>Vigil</b>	Family Mass at St Pat's 5:00pm
<b>Vigil</b>	Mass at Somersby 5:00 pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass at St Patrick's 7:30 am Mass at St Patrick's 9:30 am*

\* Designates Mass is Live-streamed

## ROSTER - JANUARY 15, 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30pm	
DATE	14.01.23	15.01.23	15.01.23	15.01.23	Function	14.01.23
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Bernie Pannell	Ron Begg	Tom Croll	Sam O'Connor	<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Michael Xuereb
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hilary Pope Sam Giddings	John McCrae Alan Pont	Peter Cho Peter McLean	Mark Bennett Joseph Nicholls	<b>Sanctuary Setup</b>	Nai Herford
<b>Commentator</b>	Maisie Tenev	Chris Golden	Emily Rudd	Jaimi Andrews	<b>Commentator</b>	Michael Monaghan
<b>Lectors</b>	Nicole Murphy Maisie Tenev	Sheila Evans Chris Golden	John Konopka Neil Murphy	Nate Simpson Jessica Russell	<b>Lectors</b>	Dakota Xuereb Sarah Xuereb
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist</b>	Nicole Murphy	Joy McHugh	Katie Moss	Elvira Bennett	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Michael Monaghan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lachlan Murphy	Amelia Eager	Shiho Iwasaki Helen Shiju	Vito De Toffol Remi De Toffol Luca De Toffol Xavier Werder	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Dylan Xuereb
					<b>Flowers</b>	Nai Herford
<b>COUNTERS</b> 16/01/23 Eunice Dal Busco David Slingsby Joyce Byrne 23/01/23 Trudi Hiep Lyn Beglin Neryl Tyrrell	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> P/Up 09/01 Aimee Sands Ret'n by 13/01 <b>COFFEE SHOP</b> 14/01 Raelene O'Connor Bethany O'Connor Tiffany O'Connor	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Thu, Jan 12 Maree Nolan Anna Neale Pauline Nesbitt Ros Moriarty Margaret Pratt	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b> 15/01 <b>No Children's Liturgy during school holidays.</b>	<b>PARISH BUS</b> 15/01 <b>Driver:</b> Jorge Osorio <b>Helper:</b> Pauline Nesbitt	<b>FRIDAY HOSPITAL</b> 20/01 Patricia McCaskie John McCrae Bigi Kongola Coleen Martin Denise Nicholson Sandra Petith Gary Wills	<b>SUNDAY HOSPITAL</b> 22/01 Bigi Kongola Marie Cradock

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## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

### Holy See – World Day of Peace

1st: Is 49:3, 5-6  
Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10  
2nd: 1 Cor 1:1-3  
Gos: Jn 1:29-34

St Patrick's year of

## DISCIPLESHIP



## MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 07/01	9:00am Gosford	ALL JPPI INTENTIONS
Sat 07/01	5:00pm Gosford	HOLY SOULS
Sat 07/01	5:00pm Somersby	Personal intentions of McIntyre FAMILY
Sun 08/01	7:30 am Gosford	Personal Intentions of CHRISTOPHER
Sun 08/01	9:30 am Gosford & on line	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 08/01	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrance LAURA & RIC MCGUIRE
Mon 09/01	9:00am Gosford	+ Recently Deceased JOSEPH BAYNIE
Tue 10/01	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance MARIA DABSKI
Wed 11/01	11:30am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEILSON

Date	Mass	Intention
Thu 12/01	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Recently Deceased JOSEPH BAYNIE
Fri 13/01	12:00pm Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance RONALD FREEMAN & FRIQUET FAMILY
Sat 14/01	9:00am Gosford & on line	JPPI INTERCESSIONS
Sat 14/01	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary of Death NILDA RIVET & OSCAR INCHAUSTTI
Sat 14/01	5:30pm Somersby	Personal Intentions of McINTYRE FAMILY
Sun 15/01	7:30am Gosford	Personal Intentions of McINTYRE FAMILY
Sun 15/01	9:30am Gosford & on line	For Healing HELEN WATT
Sun 15/01	6:00pm Gosford	+ Recently Deceased BARBARA WATT

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