



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Violence Against Women

*We pray for women who are victims of violence,
that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*

Sunday Reflection

The *Word of God Sunday*, instituted by Pope Francis is celebrated in Australia every first Sunday in February starting this year. In his Apostolic Letter [*Aperuit illis*](#), Pope Francis, stresses our relationship with the Scriptures or the Word of God, and Jesus Christ, the Word of God himself. He says, *"Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of His Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."*

As we celebrate the Word of God Sunday, we are all reminded and encouraged to study and spread the Word of God and hoping that all of us – as individuals and as a community, will grow more in the knowledge and love of the Scriptures. By doing so, "the force and power of the Word of God, can serve the Church as her support and vigour, and the children of the Church as strength for their faith, food for the soul, and a pure and lasting fount of spiritual life."

Indeed, one does not need to be so good and brilliant to understand that reading, studying, and meditating on the Word of God leads us to know, love, and follow Christ more closely. In today's first reading, we hear the story of Job who amidst all the experiences of loss, pain, suffering, and misery possible, never gave up his faith and hope in God. In the second reading, we hear of Paul encouraging the people in Corinth, that more than his mission to preach the Gospel and teach the truth, is his desire to become a slave of everyone in love so as to win many as he could for Christ. Finally, in our Gospel reading, we hear of Jesus casting out devils and curing many from their diseases and after which, going off to pray and communicate with His Father.

Let us set aside moments to reflect on the great importance of the word of God for our everyday living. Taking some initiatives to make it more accessible to all we encounter and serve, may it increase our gratitude for so great a gift, and help us strive daily to embody and bear witness to its teachings.

Blessings,

Deacon Roger Delmonte

First Reading

Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

Life is a drudgery.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.
or

(R.) Alleluia!

Second Reading

1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Paul is compelled to preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:29-39

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law.

First Friday Adoration on 5 February 2021

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. ***The hour from 7 to 8 p.m. will be dedicated to praying for Vocations.*** All are welcome to join with the Lord in silent, meditative and reflective prayer.

Boundless (Young Adults Community) is back!

We will have fellowship, reflect on 2020 and discuss our plans for 2021.

When : Monday 8 February 2021

Time : 7:00-8:30pm

Where: Nulty Room (Our Lady of the Rosary)

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**Vox Episcopi – The Voice of the Bishop
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo**

Message for BBNeighbourhoods 2 February 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope that my first vox episcopi message for 2021 finds you well rested after a somewhat hectic year and that, notwithstanding the COVID restrictions over the Christmas and New Years periods, you have been able to connect with family, loved ones, and friends.

I am deeply grateful for the many kind messages of condolence that I received when my mother, Caterina, passed away on 29 December 2020. I found your kindness and thoughtfulness at that moment of sorrow to be most consoling. I am also grateful to our clergy who offered Masses for the repose of my mother's soul. The distress of not being able to attend my mother's funeral, which was held in Queensland where the border was closed, was lightened by the solidarity of you, the people and clergy of our Diocese. I thank God for you and pray the Lord's blessing will come to you in abundance throughout 2021.

My 2020-2021 Pastoral Letter to the Diocese, "Jesus Christ, our beginning and end," which I issued on 29 November 2020, is proving to be very well received. I have been told by priests and people from around our community of the Church that it has been thought provoking and engaging. That is what I was hoping to achieve. In some instances, groups of the faithful have gathered to read, reflect, and discuss the Pastoral Letter and then spend some time in prayer. I am delighted that it has been of use and that sisters and brothers from our community are finding creative ways to treat the Pastoral Letter.

To this end, I hope that you will appreciate the soon-to-be released Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten Program 2021 titled, "Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega." I have asked Evangelisation Broken Bay (EBB) to draw upon my six priorities outlined in my Pastoral Letter and prepare a Lenten method for us to probe the mystery of faith during Lent 2021. I hope that you will find it of benefit. I am thankful to our EBB Team for their work and commitment to the project.

With COVID restrictions having been eased by the NSW Government in recent days, I have issued a COVID-19 Restrictions Update for our community of the Church. While we will have greater access and movement for various celebrations and functions in our churches and halls, I would still call upon you to exercise prudence and charity when we gather. The Government has asked that mask wearing indoors be mandatory. Please respect this Government requirement, especially in our churches when we gather for prayer and worship. Above all, let's encourage one another by showing respect and care for every member of the community, in church or beyond. I appeal to you as my sisters and brothers in Christ, and as good, responsible, and praiseworthy citizens.

May the week ahead be one of grace and peace for you and your families.

+Anthony

The New Seminarian – Aditya Sugiarto

Dear friends,

I am Aditya Sugiarto (Adi). I am the new seminarian for the Diocese of Broken Bay. First of all, I would like to thank all of you for the warm reception over the past two weeks. My intention for the next year or so, is to learn from all of you and get to know each one of you better. To start, I thought it would be a good idea to introduce myself briefly and also offer a glimpse of my journey thus far. You will find that my life journey and discernment is filled with roller coaster rides, U-turns & 3-point turns. But isn't that what makes life interesting?

I was born in Jakarta, Indonesia and I am the eldest of three children. I moved to Singapore in 1998. I spent approximately four years in Singapore before moving off to Shanghai, China for high school. I came back to Singapore to serve my 2-year mandatory military service. Upon the completion of my time in the defence force, I came to Canberra to study at the Australian National University. I spent 5 years there, obtaining the Bachelor of Commerce and a Masters in Business Information Systems. Then I joined the seminary for the Archdiocese of Sydney in January 2014. Subsequently, I left formation at the end of my fourth year to further my discernment outside the context of the seminary. During my 2.5 years away, I travelled extensively and worked as a junior consultant at a private wealth management firm in Singapore. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working professionally and grateful for the many opportunities learning about risks, financial markets and various wealth solutions. On July 2020, I returned to the seminary for one semester and I am now two academic subjects away from attaining my theological degree.



“Why the priesthood?” That’s a fairly common question that people have asked me. Some of my friends think I am mad. But “Hey, why not?” would be a fairly natural response for me. After years of discernment, I realize both now and in retrospect, the concept and works of the ministerial priesthood resonate well with me and continually over time, have attained greater resonance. After all, the good God will not prepare us for something that does not sit in well with us. God does not want us to feel ‘dis-ease’ in our lives! He is the God of Freedom! Thus, the “what & why” questions in our journey of faith and discernment will find their beautiful unfolding and foundation once we identify who Christ is for us, individually. For me, I know that He has to be the love of my life.

Most wealth managers would recommend their clients to diversify their portfolios and not “put all eggs in one basket”. But with Christ, He would suggest the opposite when it comes to our walk of faith. That is to say, we have to go all in!

So, in this coming year, I invite all of you to journey together with me and to courageously open the doors of our hearts to Christ, to know Him personally and discover that “pearl of great price” (Matthew 13:45-46).

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Aditya

Safer Internet Day 2021, 9 February (Tuesday)

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the role we can all play in creating a safe online space. We can all start the chat about online safety. Visit www.esafety.gov.au/SID to find out how to start the chat at work, at home and in your community. Safeguarding children and young people online require adults to know what they are accessing and any risks associated.

Congratulations to Alan & Barbara Cunneen who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to St Leo's Catholic College on the rededication of their college and the reconsecration of their chapel. We wish you all the best for the future that lies ahead. God bless the academe, their family and friends.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.

We remember those who died recently – Paul Hutchinson, Sr Dorothy Costigan CSB, Arthur Fogarty

Anniversaries – Darren Egelhoff, Nancy Richards, Noel Christensen

Our Gratitude to those who generously donated money for the card system without being asked. God bless you a hundredfold.

Online Parish Giving

In light of the extraordinary circumstances we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

1st Collection is for the support of the clergy in the parish and beyond. Each priest in a parish draws a personal stipend from the first collection for living expenses, food and housekeeping. Funds are also directed to: priests where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend; and for Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy).

2nd Collection is for the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission. For example: Liturgical needs, salaries, utilities, resources, maintenance of the churches, parish sacramental formation and pastoral programs.

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MASS SCHEDULE

from 27 January 2012 until further notice

03/01/21 Public Health Orders, NSW regarding places of worship: Everyone attending the service are required to sign in using QR Code, and face masks are mandatory in the church.

Weekday Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:

Mon to Sat 7:00 a.m.

(Please note, from 10 Feb 2021, no more Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral.)

From 21/12/20 at the Cathedral, only **97** people allowed at any one time.

Queen of Peace Church:

Tue, Thu, Fri 8:45 a.m.

Sat 7:30 a.m.

From 21/12/20 at Queen of Peace Church, only **64** people allowed at any one time.

Weekend Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday 9:30 a.m.,

11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

(From 21 February 2021, the Sunday Mass at MQP resume.

Please note: There will be no more 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral.)

Filipino Mass 3:30 p.m.

(Every 2nd Sunday of each month.)

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Queen of Peace Church:

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Vigil

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

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Ash Wednesday Masses 17 February 2021

OLOR Cathedral:

7:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

8:00 p.m.

From 21/12/20 at the Cathedral, only **97** people allowed at any one time.

Queen of Peace Church:

8:45 a.m.

From 21/12/20 at Queen of Peace Church, only **64** people allowed at any one time.

McQuoin Park Chapel:

11:00 a.m. **for Residents only**

McQuoin Park Chapel Mass for Residents only

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (beginning 10 February 2021)

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

Available only at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Courtyard Saturdays from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

Private Prayer Our Cathedral *Chapel* is open for private prayer. **It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code for every visit. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the Chapel.**

If a Priest is needed in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.