

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95.

RESPONSE:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. *R*
2. O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the God who made us, for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. *R*
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work'. *R*

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord abides for ever; that word is the good news which was preached to you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 6 Oct (St Bruno, Pr)

Jonah 1:1-17; 2:1-10; Jonah 2:3-5.8; Luke 10:25-37
St Bruno emphasized the profound connection between work and love, saying "By your work you show what you love and what you know" and "No act is charitable if it is not just."

Tue 7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary

Acts 1:12-14; Resp: Luke 1:46-55; Luke 1:26-38
"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee! No creature has ever said anything that was more pleasing to me, nor will anyone ever be able to find or say to me anything that pleases me more." – Our Lady to St Mechtilde

Wed 8 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86; Luke 11:1-4
You may be "anxious and worried about many things", like Martha. For guidance, allow yourself some quiet or alone time of self-reflection to listen to God's voice deep within your being.

Thu 9 Oct (St John Henry Newman)

Malachi 3:13-20; Psalm 1; Luke 11:5-13
"Dear Lord... shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul... Let me thus praise You in the way You love best..." – St John Henry Newman

Fri 10 Oct St Daniel Comboni, B

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9; Luke 11:15-26
St Daniel Comboni had a deep love for Africa, and like Pope Leo XIV was committed to missionary work. He said: "If I had a thousand lives, I would give a thousand lives to the mission."

Sat 11 Oct (St John XXIII, P)

Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97; Luke 11:27-28
"Authority is mainly a moral power; therefore, it must first call upon the conscience, that is, upon the duty that each person has to contribute willingly to the common good." – Pope John XXIII

Sun 12 Oct 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98; Luke 17:11-19
Gratitude is something we have to work at every day. No matter how hard we try, we take things for granted. So often we act like the nine who never returned to give thanks. We can change that.

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
Pr=Priest; B=Bishop; P=Pope

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'... who
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Prophets'

Letter writing is something of a dying art since the arrival of e-mails, WhatsApp and phone calls. There was a time when letters were the main means of communication. There is still something special about a letter – it takes more effort and thought to accurately express ideas and feelings in the written word. The story is told of a family whose son was a sailor. They developed the wonderful practice of writing him a letter each week. The letter pad was left open on the kitchen table and each member of the family could write something in passing. The son knew from the handwriting who had written what and could piece the whole story together.

Scripture is a lot like that – many human authors have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to send us a 'letter' of their experiences of God. Of course, sometimes we need to spend time pondering it to discern the Holy Spirit's prompting, believing as we do that Scripture is inspired. To say, as the Creed does, that the Spirit has "spoken through the prophets", is to affirm that the ultimate author is the Holy Spirit – it is the Spirit who speaks.

In the Old Testament period, God chose prophets (some initially unwilling – read the beginning of Jeremiah for example). The prophets, inspired by the Holy Spirit, revealed God's word and will to the people of Israel. Their message was often one of repentance, warning of the consequences of unfaithfulness and foretelling future events, especially the coming of the Messiah. But it would be a

mistake to make assumptions about this. We see this in the way Jesus was not the sort of Messiah (a powerful political leader) that the people of his time expected, from their reading of the prophets.

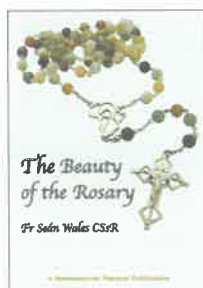
Ultimately, all the Old Testament prophets' words found their complete fulfilment in Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh. Everything about Jesus – his life, his teaching, his actions, his death, resurrection and ascension – 'speak' of who God is. Jesus is the ultimate revelation because he is the Word of God in person. In him, we realise that all the Old Testament prophets were preparing the way for Christ.

The Holy Spirit continues to speak through scripture, through Church teaching, through the Liturgy and our personal prayer. The Spirit does not tell us anything new. The touchstone of whether something comes from God is whether it is in line with Christ's life and teaching and in line with what we have believed for 2000 years. But our understanding of scripture, of Jesus' life and will for us can and needs to continually grow deeper.

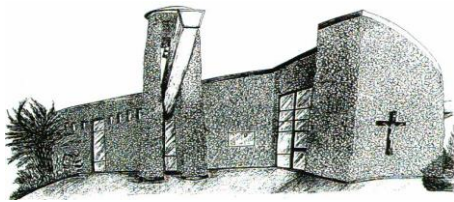
We too are called to be prophets, but we don't prophesy from roof tops or street corners, and we don't write papyrus manuscripts. No, we tell forth who God is by the lives we live. Our actions, our words, how we treat and listen to others, every part and fibre of our lives speak what it means to be a Christian. Others meet Christ in us. This is what it means to become 'prophets' by our baptism.

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*Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive, as a
Parish, to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ,
Reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.*

Prayer of the Church (Divine Office):

15 minutes before weekday Masses.

Prayer Circle:

Contact Cay Loader 0314664474 / 0789216797

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our long-term Seriously Sick
whose names are on the noticeboards, and or our
currently –

Seriously Sick:

Tashnim Dos Santos, Michael Tunley, Fr Chris
Neville, Merlyn Oakes, Andy Rossell & Cathy Barr.

CONFESSIONS: Please note that Fr Mike is
available for Personal Confessions on Saturday
afternoons from **16.00 - 17.00.**

ONLINE MASS: Live-streamed on Facebook
at the **Sunday 9:00am Mass**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:

Sat 04 Oct 9.00am

Kay Askew's Healing [Bluff CWL]

Sat 04 Oct 5.30pm

Steve Unger R.I.P. [Gaë]

Jody Meth's Birthday [Family]

Sun 05 Oct 7.00am

Rufaro Chanyuka's Birthday [Family]

Repose of the Soul of Gertrude [Sister of
Dominican Sr Anna-Maria]

Wesley Figg R.I.P. [Figg Family]

Sun 05 Oct 9.00am

All Parishioners

Mon 06 Oct 8.00am

Keira Emmanuel's Birthday [Family]

David Singh R.I.P. [Family]

Tue 07 Oct 5.30pm

Jacqui Knutsen R.I.P. [Lilly & Betty]

Wed 08 Oct 8.00am

Michelle Keir's Birthday [Family]

Maryse Cochrane R.I.P. [Family]

Blake Green's Birthday [Mum & Gran]

Thu 09 Oct 5.30pm

Gavin Marillier's Birthday [Family]

Simone Kalidin's Birthday [Family]

Fri 10 Oct 8.00am

Bessie Frankson's & Micah Hlangu's Birthdays
[Family]

Curt Parsons R.I.P. [Parsons Family]

Sat 11 Oct 5.30pm

SFX 2025 Teenage Confirmants, their Families
and Sponsors [Catechists]

Sun 12 Oct 7.00am

All Parishioners

Sun 12 Oct 9.00am

Victor, Theresa & Anthony Himunchul R.I.P.
[Family]

Angelo James R.I.P. [Maree & Lavelle]

Venitia Pechey R.I.P. [Family]

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Sat 04 Oct

5.30pm Mass - TCC 2025 Solemn Prayers

Sun 05 Oct

7.00am Mass – RCIA 2026 Rite of Acceptance
& Welcoming – Church

10.30am Umhlangano weNhliziyo kaJesu

(Sacred Heart Sodality) – Room 9

10.30am Junior Catechism – Hall Complex

10.30am Grade 4 GIFT Program – Boardroom

5.00pm Senior Catechism – Hall Complex

Tue 07 Sep

6.30pm SSVP Meeting – Hall

Wed 08 Oct

8.30am St Monica's Prayer Group – Church

Thu 09 Oct

6.30pm General Choir Practice – Church

7.00pm RCIA 2026 Topic: The People of God
– Hall

Fri 10 Oct

7.00pm Senior Youth – Hall

Sat 11 Oct

5.30pm Teenage Confirmation Mass with Bishop
Zondi

Sun 12 Oct

9.00am Mass – Presentation of Parents for Infant
Baptism

NOTICES:

ST ANNE'S PARISH CHESTERVILLE: In order to
assist them with the building of their new parish
church, we would like to ask parishioners to assist
with the purchase of a window. or two, or part
thereof. The windows are of various sizes and
costs. Please see the sheet with options on the
noticeboards, and contact our parish office with
your details if you would like to participate.

**MUSICIAN URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR
SUNDAY 9AM MASS CHOIR:** Please contact
Desiree Manuel 0730660055 if you can assist.

**PUBLIC ROSARY @ ST GERAN CAR PARK,
TREASURE BEACH:** Saturday 11 October at
Noon. Please bring your rosary and be there by
11.50am, Contact Monica 0727954457.

2026 SPRINGS OF CARMEL BIBLE DIARIES:

(COST : R130 EACH) **Only 25 left to order**

To order, please write your name down on one of
the sheets provided at the church entrance, and
include your contact number and how many copies
you wish to order. Make full payment by the end of
November in cash at the Repository, or by EFT into
the parish account using **BIBLE (and your name)**
as a reference. Email the Proof of Payment to
either of the parish office email addresses.

RETRouvaille / HELP YOUR MARRIAGE: The
next program for 2025 starts with Phase 1 on the
weekend of Oct 31 to Nov 2. Please see the
posters on the noticeboards.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Will take
place at Emmanuel Cathedral on Saturday 18
October commencing at 10am, celebrated by His
Grace, Archbishop Mandla Jwara CMM. The
Archdiocese invites all parishes to attend. In
keeping with one of the key aspects of the Jubilee
Year being acts of charity, you are also encouraged
to bring non-perishable items with you to the
celebration. If you are unable to attend, the parish
will have a trolley at the church entrance next
weekend and the following weekend, where your
contribution may be dropped off. All collected
goods will be given to the Sisters of Charity and the
Napier Centre for Healing.

Responsorial Psalm Response:

(Sat 5.30pm & Sun 9.00am)

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harden not your hearts.***

