



# THE GOOD OIL

**16 JANUARY 2022**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

## Readings This Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

Resp Psalm

**Ps 95:1-3, 7-10**

*Proclaim his marvelous  
deeds to all the nations*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading **1 Cor 12:4-11**

Gospel **John 2:1-11**

## Masses This Week

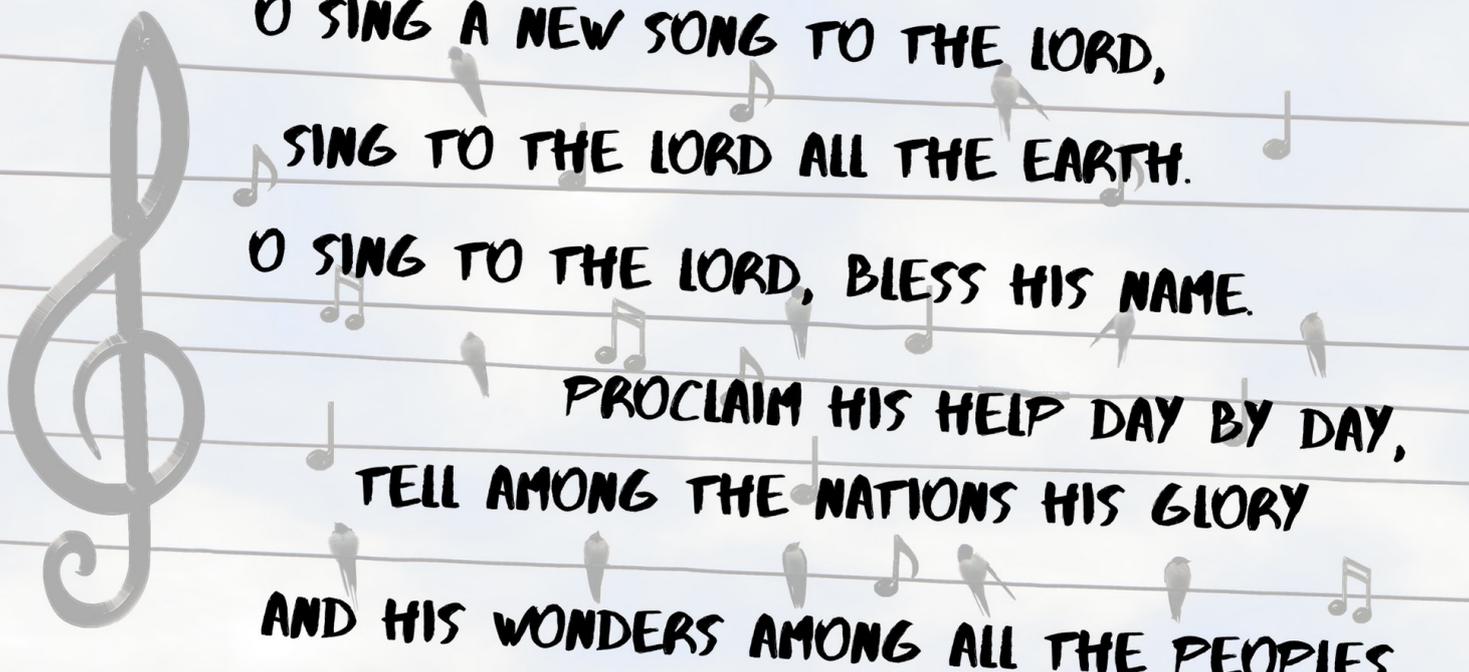
Sat 6pm **Vigil Mass**  
Sun 9am & 6pm **Mass**

Mon **No Mass**  
Tue– Fri 9am **Mass**

**Reconciliation**  
5.30-5.50pm Saturday  
or any time by  
appointment

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**O SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD,  
SING TO THE LORD ALL THE EARTH.  
O SING TO THE LORD, BLESS HIS NAME.  
PROCLAIM HIS HELP DAY BY DAY,  
TELL AMONG THE NATIONS HIS GLORY  
AND HIS WONDERS AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES.**

PSALM 95:1-3

### • PARISH COLLECTIONS •

**1st collection:** supports the Parish Priest, presbytery upkeep, food, utilities, support of the Archdiocese, care of elderly priests.

**2nd collection:** maintenance & upkeep of Parish buildings & grounds, pastoral works, Parish administration, insurance, utilities, salaries, priest car expenses & Charitable Works Fund shortfall.

THERE ARE SOME, maybe more than we think, who seem to think that, in order to be a 'good' Catholic they always have to be denying themselves, always 'making sacrifices'. If they go out to have a good time, they come back afterwards with guilty feelings. If they think they are really enjoying life, there must be something wrong. They are being 'too worldly'.

Yet, in today's Gospel we read a story about Jesus and his mother and his disciples taking part in a friend's wedding party. Do we feel that Jesus should have just attended the wedding ceremony (the 'religious part') and kept away from the festivities? (Or do we have a problem with Mary enjoying a glass or two of wine?)

Not only that, when the wine runs out, Jesus is the one who sees that there is a plentiful supply. In fact, he provides them with so much that they could not possibly have drunk it all.

One clear message of today's readings is that our Christian religion is a religion of joy. The genuine Christian really knows how to enjoy life.

### **Giving life**

Today's Gospel comes from John ... In chapter 10 Jesus says: "I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness." To be a Christian is to experience a real sense of liberation – to experience a new life, a new sense of happiness, a new peace, a new relationship with people.

### **A revelation**

During the recent Christmas season and up to now, we have been seeing God revealing himself through Jesus in several ways.

First ... as a refugee and homeless poor person lying in an animal's feeding box, God is revealing himself in his solidarity with the poor and needy of the world. The first to visit him are the poor and social outcasts, the shepherds. They recognise their God and worship him with joy.

Second, God reveals himself to foreigners, strangers, believers in other religions and no religion, coming from remote parts of the world. This happens on the feast of the Epiphany when 'wise men' who come from 'a far country' worship and offer precious gifts. The atmosphere is one of joy and gladness.

Third, God reveals himself when Jesus is baptised in the river Jordan and is filled with the Spirit of God. Of this young carpenter, at this stage still a non-entity in the crowd, it is said: "This is my beloved Son – listen to him." To listen to this young man, Jesus, is to listen to God himself.

And now, today, for a fourth time, in John's gospel, God reveals himself when Jesus performs his first 'sign'.

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**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** The Parish Office will be closed until the end of January 2022. For sick calls or funerals, please leave a message on voicemail (follow the prompts) when you ring.

**Normal office hours resume Tuesday 1 February 2022**

**COFFEE CONVERSATIONS FOR THE SYNOD.** The Synod of Bishops consultation has now commenced and parishioners are invited to gather in small groups to discuss one or more of the topics for the Synod. This is a low key discussion with responses invited to the National Team by 27 Feb. More info: Sr Jo Brady RSJ Plenary Council/Synod Liaison Support Officer at [jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org) or ring 02 9390 5100.

**BECOME A CATECHIST OR HELPER IN 2022.** Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper. Find out more: [ccd.sydneycatholic.org/](http://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/)

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## *Memorial Mass*



***"Memorial 30 day Mass for  
Emanuele Monardo."***

*10:30am, Sunday 16th January,  
and Morning Tea after Mass.*

*St Benedict's Church,  
2 Fagans Road Arcadia.*

*May God bless you all. Sincerely,  
Teresa Monardo & Family.*

## PRAYER MINISTRY **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:**

### Those who are sick

Angelica Owczarek, Moonki Nam, Margaret Cusack, Victor Fernandez, Alan Griffith, Victoria Cook, Barbaro family, Jac Smits, Murreal O'Connor, Karen Kuek Ah Lan, Colleen Sanderson Valda Newman.

### The recently deceased

#### **Victor Galea**

(Father and Father-in-law of Therese and John Fitzgerald)

### Those with anniversaries around this time.

Due to privacy laws, if you would like the name of a family member or friend printed in the Good Oil, please contact the Parish Office

## RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION SERIES CONTINUES WITH DR MARY HEALY — LIVE ONLINE, SAT 12 FEB, 10 – 11:30 AM.

You are invited to attend Dr Mary Healy's live online address to the faithful of Sydney on the topic 'Why Make Disciples? What Scripture tells us about calling and forming disciples.' Dr Mary Healy is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, as well as an accomplished author and international speaker. Places limited. Registrations essential via [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

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The women bring unique perspectives to the Gospel that are both theologically rich and grounded in their own life experiences. Listen here: [anchor.fm/awp](http://anchor.fm/awp)

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