



# The Voice

21st September 2014      Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A      Psalter Week 1

## ORDINARY TIME

### OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

- **Recently deceased:**  
John Joseph Gatt,  
Sr. Cecilia Mahoney, R.S.J.  
Pat Powell.
- **Anniversaries:**  
Ron Dixon, Dorn Schumacher,  
John Robert Wood,  
Elaine Heath, Beryl Murray,  
Fr. John Conway,  
Fr. Ashley Jones,  
Fr. Noel Carroll,  
Audrey Armstrong.
- **Remembrances:**  
Arthur, Muriel and John  
Brown.
- **And the sick:**  
Doris Tancred, Sr. Leo Taylor,  
Fr. Bill Meacham, Beryl Allen,  
Mary Harrison, Denis Glacken,  
Lola Proctor, Grace Williams,  
Michael Wheeler,  
Alan Harland, Renee Glase,  
Margaret Woodward.  
Brother Michael Knights,  
Mary McCumstie.  
Evangeline Cusay,

## The Mission Event

Today we have among us Bruce Downes and the rest of the “Catholic Guy” team. We welcome them among us. And could I also, on your behalf, thank the marvellous committee that has made all this come together?

Actually, our mission event fits in very well with today’s readings. The first reading is from Third-Isaiah, a prophet or group of prophets working in Judah after the return from Exile. It is a call to repentance.

“Repentance,” for many Christians, is only for big sinners; in this way of thinking, most of us do not need to repent. We settle down into a sort of pious mediocrity; we do not sense a call to better and higher things. Or, if this call is sometimes heard, the urge to respond is smothered, because, after all, *there is still plenty of time.*

In one of his TV shows or at a retreat, The Venerable Fulton Sheen has the chief devil ask the apprentice devils how best a soul can be trapped into hell. After many attempts, the right answer comes up: ‘Say to him, “There’s plenty of time.”’

The prophet is making the same point today: ‘Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.’ How fitting is the response that we make today to the responsorial psalm: ‘The Lord is near to all who call him.’

The Lord is near: the time for decision is now. That can be at any time of life. The parable in the gospel has workers being called into the vineyard at daybreak, the third hour, the sixth hour, the ninth hour and the eleventh. The same wage is offered to all: you can’t have more of eternal life because you have been in the vineyard since daybreak, nor is it reasonable to envy those who have been employed only since the eleventh hour. Indeed, it would be most unwise to put off to the eleventh hour the decision to accept employment ; that opportunity might never come; if one is called at daybreak, at daybreak one must go.

The same is true, however, if the call comes later. A mission event like this gives one the chance, either to recognise that a call is coming now for the first time, or that a call is being heard now for the first time, which hitherto has been drowned out by the cares and responsibilities (and other distractions) of human life.

So we as a parish are in a precious time of grace. May we all profit from it. Thanks again to the team, to our organising committee, and to all who have worked and prayer to make the event a success.

‘Seek the Lord while he is still to be found.’

FR JOHN HILL, P.P.

### Psalm Response

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### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. *Alleluia!*

## Around the Parish



**Baptism:** We pray for and welcome into our Faith community Roisin Susan O'Reilly who was baptized last Sunday.

**Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 26/9/14:** Warren Sparrow, Judy French, Don Anderson, Maria Wickens.

**Children's Liturgy Roster 28/9/14:** Frances Giunta (L) Marian Mondal (L) Ted Meyer (H).

**Morning Tea/Coffee Roster 28/9/14:** 'El Shaddai' Prayer Group.

**Catechists Meeting** Thursday 25th September, 9am in Leo Mahon room.

**Liturgy Team Meeting** Thursday 25th September, 7.30pm in the Parish office.

**Family Ministry Meeting** Thursday 25th September, 1pm in the Riley room, Ethel Cox Centre.

**Mary Mac's Garage Sale:** October 11th. Contact Christine on 0417 671 973 for information or details on how you may help.

**Mary Mac's Garage Sale Cake Stall:** Would you help us out by baking a delicious cake or slice for the stall? Slices should be cut into 6 pieces and glad-wrapped. If gluten free please mark as such. Please take to Mary Mac's Friday, 10th October before midday or Saturday morning before 8am. Contact: Claudia 0416 072 757 if you have a query.

**Planned Giving Envelopes and Tax Receipts:** Parishioners would you please collect!

**St. Vincent de Paul Members and Volunteers** monthly Mass next Saturday, 27th September 9am.

**100 Game Marathon** will be held on Saturday, 4th October (October long weekend). Games start 2.30pm and go to 5.30pm, then we have a break including free BBQ and catering, then 7.30pm – 10.30pm. We operate it as 2x50 game sessions and sell the tickets for each session separately. Pets and pads available. Prizes all \$100 and \$150, game 50 is \$1,000 and game 100 is \$2,000 unlimited.

## The Just Word

### Justice in Mining:

Mining ventures are a bundle of structural activities – assessing a resource; planned exploitation; calculating environmental impacts; part of this bundle of structural activities must be judged on its merits, good or bad, benefit or cost.

Mining has brought identifiable benefits – coal and iron ore for energy and steel making; gold and minerals for wealth and electronics. However, we would be ignoring *our sense of place on this earth* if we did not judge as

bad some activities structured into mining – negative social, biological and economic impacts.

Environmentally, a functioning habitat is the structure nature has developed to preserve the earth's biological riches and productive farming lands. It is a time tested set of conditions that allow for niches in nature to grow for particular species to flourish; that gives the soil and water for farmers. But what has taken millions of years to evolve can quickly be destroyed when

mining moves in. To preserve a few remnant off-sets amounts to structured *death by a thousand cuts*. Often in the past year, Pope Francis has pleaded with humanity to protect earth as our common home and named those who want loose regulations as voicing the *tyranny of money*. Regulation, constant and hefty fines make for a structural way of preserving earth's riches.

*Columban Mission Institute.*

## From the Diocese and beyond

**The Imitation of Christ:** This classic of Catholic spirituality is the second most translated, published and read Christian book – after the Bible. It has been foundational in many people's spiritual lives, and key to the Jesuit spirituality which formed Pope Francis. Bishop David Walker is going to lead us through this important book over four Wednesday mornings from 8th October. This will be at the historic Holy Cross Church, 10 Humphreys Rd. Sth. Kincumber from 10am-11.30am, or start with morning Mass at 9.15am. Copies of the book are available from MacKillop bookshop next to Kincumber Post Office. You can buy it as an e-book for as little as \$1 or copies will be available at the sessions. You won't need to have read the book in advance, as Bishop David will

give an introduction on the first week. Contact Kincumber parish on 4369 1211 for details.

**"Longing": A weekend Silent Retreat** at Peter Canisius House, Pymble. From 10th October 7pm -12th October 3pm. Come and experience how much God longs for us and how He too wants to satisfy our deep longing, through the Word of God. There will be guided talks, a time for personal reflection and opportunities for spiritual guidance \$190. Contact Verbum Dei Missionaries 9313 7099 or email [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com)

**The Gospel of St. Mark:** A 4 week program presented by Bishop David Walker on readings of St. Mark just prior to Advent to become more familiar with this Gospel. This is the shortest and most fast paced of

all Gospels with a mysterious ending. Join us and discover the texts in a new way. Over 4 Tuesdays, 28th October and 4th/18th/25th November. Parish Centre Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 239 The Entrance Rd. The Entrance. RSVP Friday 24th October. To register call Colleen/Leanne on 9847 0448 or 4332 9825. Email [registrations#@dbb.org.au](mailto:registrations#@dbb.org.au)

**Central Coast Hymnfest** Sunday 12th October, 2pm. Terrigal Uniting Church, 380 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal. Bible Society invites you to join with us for an afternoon of singing favourite hymns featuring the Gosford Salvation Army Band. A collection will be taken for Bible Society to help support literacy work in Pakistan.

# What Catholics Do (Part I)

Cecilia P. Regan

The most important thing we do as Catholics is come together every week for Eucharist (also called the Mass) to celebrate, offer praise, remember what God has done for us, and give thanks. The fathers of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) called the Eucharist “the source and summit of our faith.” We hope to help Catholics recognize that truth, and we invite everyone into a deeper relationship with God through understanding our worshipping community.

This three-part series of articles is designed to lay out the very basic facts about the Mass in a systematic way that may be useful for all parishioners, catechumenate teams, and catechists working with children and adults.

## What is the Mass?

*The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (2004) defines the sacrament of Eucharist clearly:

During the celebration of the Mass, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the proclamation of Jesus’ words by the priest, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, which is offered in an unbloody manner in sacrifice for us and in praise to the Father. The assembly actively participates in prayers, hymns, psalms, responses, and an inner-self offering along with Christ to the Father. All who are properly prepared can receive Holy Communion, by which Jesus gradually transforms the receivers into himself and which leads them to Gospel witness in the world. (511)

Simply put, Mass is a ritual prayer of thanksgiving (“eucharist,” from the Greek, means “thanksgiving”) and a commemoration of the Last Supper: a meal, a sacrifice, and a commissioning. All we do as Catholics revolves around this truth and reality.

## The church building

The church building is where we gather to celebrate Mass and most other sacraments. When you examine a church building, you can see that the architecture, sacred furnishings, art, colours, signs, and symbols all point to God and reflect the faith of the people who built it. Many churches have spires, bell towers, and vaulted ceilings, drawing our eyes to heaven.

Notice the doors of your church. By their design, do they tell you that you are entering a holy place? As our greeters welcome us, we

make the transition from the secular world into the holy presence of God. We pass through the gathering space, called the narthex, before entering the main space, or nave, of the church. The vesting sacristy, where the priests, deacons, and altar servers vest or put on special garments (vestments) for Mass, is often located off the narthex.

The windows of our churches speak volumes about our life in Christ. In many churches, the stained glass tells the stories of our redemption. Long ago, when people could not read, the Bible stories depicted in the windows helped them remember what God has done. The tradition continues.

The sanctuary is the sacred space, usually raised up, that is the centre of the church’s public worship. From the sanctuary we hear of God’s love for us as the word of God is proclaimed at the ambo or pulpit. The altar table is the primary sign of Christ within the building, where the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. Inside the altar is an altar stone containing the sealed relics of a saint, which remind us of the holy people who shared in the Lord’s sacrifice. The pews where the people sit are directed toward the sanctuary area, sometimes surrounding the altar, so that the action of the Mass is easily accessible to all.

The Mass is often called a sacred meal, and all the accoutrements of a special family meal are present in the sanctuary: crucifix, candles, table linens (altar cloths), flowers, and chairs for the ministers – priest, deacon, altar servers, and lectors (depending on your community’s practice). The bread and wine are essential to the eucharistic celebration. These are the food and drink that become the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

## Special books and vessels

- **Lectionary** – The book containing the Old and New Testament readings proclaimed during Mass
- **Book of the Gospels** – The stories of Jesus found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, usually carried in procession at the beginning of Mass
- **Roman Missal** – The book of the sacred mysteries containing all the prayers and

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Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves — by wise use of their time and talents — in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

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## Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula

Woy Woy, Woy Woy South, Umina, Umina Beach, Ettalong, Ettalong Beach, Koolewong, Blackwall, Booker Bay, St Hubert's Island, Empire Bay, Horsfield Bay, Pearl Beach, Patonga, Woy Woy Bay, Daley's Point, Phegan's Bay and Wondabyne

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**"He must increase, I must decrease"**

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday–Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds); Saturday and Public Holidays 9am; First Friday 4pm (with Anointing of the Sick).

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday after morning Mass; First Friday, 3.30 p.m.; Saturday 11.30am; & 4.30pm; Sunday 7.00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am; 5th Sunday, during 9.15 a.m. Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practising Catholics, at least sixteen years old. If there is at least one godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction, held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am; every Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am).

**PARISH CHOIR**— Practice Wednesday nights in the church, 7 p.m. Enquiries: 4341 3367.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**, 21a Dulkara Rd South Woy Woy 2256. p 024341 0884 f 0243 445049.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP** For information and events contact Sam French 042 244 9539.

**CATHOLICCARE** Counselling and Family Relationships 4356 2600.

**MARY MAC'S PLACE** Volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am–1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact Christine on 4341 0584.

**CASH HOUSIE** every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30 p.m. and finish 10.20 p.m., cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6.00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990818.

## What Catholics Do

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directions (called rubrics) for celebrating Mass

- **Cruets** — Small vessels, usually made of glass, that hold the water and wine poured into the chalice
- **Paten** — The plate that holds the consecrated body of Christ
- **Chalice** — The cup that holds the precious blood
- **Ciborium** — A vessel that may resemble a chalice, except it has a lid and holds the consecrated hosts that will be received by the people. More modern ciboria are shaped like bowls and also have lids.
- **Lavabo** — A small pitcher and bowl used to wash the priest's fingers before the consecration of the Mass

- **Tabernacle** — A box-like container that holds the ciborium with consecrated hosts reserved for private devotion outside of Mass and for bringing communion to the sick. It is normally made of metal or stone and may be in the sanctuary or in another part of the church. A sanctuary lamp, close to the tabernacle, remains lit to remind us that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

In part 2: More on the church building and the role of the assembly. **ML**

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