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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
26/01/2025

Dear Parishioners,

We are at the third Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Gospel reading of this Sunday presents Jesus' "inaugural address" in the synagogue of Nazareth which outlines his theology of total liberation. It focuses our attention on the importance and liberating power of the Word of God as "sacramental," making God present in our midst. **It challenges us to listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, and then put it into practice so as to liberate ourselves and others from all types of bondages.**

Today's First Reading taken from the Book of Nehemiah tells about rebuilding the Temple and restoring the city. Then Ezra leads the people in a "Covenant renewal" ceremony by reading and interpreting the Law. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that "together we are Christ's Body, but each of us is a different part of it." This suggests that, as different parts of Christ's Body, each of us has a share, as instruments in God's hands, in bringing the freeing and saving mission of Christ to our world in our times.

In the gospel, **Jesus claims that he is the One sent "to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed"**. Jesus' mission is still to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his "Good News," accept it and put it into practice. Luke reports that surprise and admiration were the initial reactions of the people who were astonished at the power and eloquence of this son of their soil.

As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we share in the freeing, saving mission of Jesus. But we are captives of sin. We need Christ to set us free. We are often blinded by our bad habits and addictions. **Once we receive true liberation from Christ, we have to share it with those we encounter in our daily lives,** families, neighbourhoods, parishes and workplaces. The Gospel tells us that Jesus performed miracles because he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Let us be ready to become Spirit-filled instruments of Christ's saving freedom.**

While this **Sunday 26 January we celebrate Australia Day**, we are all called to cherish all the good works of the government to uphold the unity and diversity of this great nation and we pray God to bless our nation.

God bless you,

Fr Raju Joseph CMI

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 28 January

5.30pm Boonah

Wednesday 29 January

6.00pm Peak Crossing

Thursday 30 January

08.40am Rosary & Mass, Boonah

Friday 31 January

09.00am Boonah

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 01 February

5.00pm Boonah

Sunday 02 February

07.30am Harrisville

09.30am Boonah

Marriages by appointment - at least six months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment only.

Reconciliation : Saturdays at 4.30pm and by appointment.



We pray with and for those who are sick in our parish and beyond:

Alex Wilson, Suzi Pei Chen Lin, Julie Anne Rook, Edward Hayes, Graham Wright, Thomas Thomas, Joe Przygoda, Yuko Shimamura, Allan Pascoe, Donna Pascoe, Liliana Toohill, David Sadler, Suzy Collyer, Nicole Wimmer, Mary Wittman, Chris Healy, Libby Shields, Marko Babic, Max Gardiner, Bernadette Pinchin, Cate Mitten, Paula Ebrington, Lynne Nunan, Bea Bedard (USA), Lorraine Bakon, Moira Lehmann, Robert Hensen, Hans Mitterlechner, Sandra Skerritt and other sick members of parish families and those beyond our parish boundaries.



Recently Deceased: James Edward Stanfield

JUBILEE YEAR 2025– PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Father in heaven, May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of
our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen .

All Saints Boonah Containers for Change Update

We have been collecting empty bottles, cans and other eligible containers since late 2023 and I am happy to report that to date we have donated \$692.90. I thought I would explain what happens when you put your eligible containers in the special bin we have. When the bin has a reasonable amount I take them home and prepare them for collection. First I separate the glass from the rest. Next I remove all the caps from the plastic bottles for recycling elsewhere, then I remove all the ring pulls from the cans as these are saved for one of our parishioners from Peak Crossing who does something charitable with them. Next I put the glass in double layered white garbage bags for safety and the plastic and paperboard eligible drink containers into single white garbage bags. I count them as I go so I know how much money we are collecting. On each bag I write the Caritas Containers for Change registration number, C10652433 and how much each is worth then add it all up and write it in a book so I can keep track of how much we have donated. Lastly I take it for on at the Boonah Showground on a Monday morning. No money comes to me as it goes straight to Caritas Australia. Thank you all for supporting this, I think we can all be pleased with our efforts.

Many thanks,
Robyn Dort

NOTICE

Archdiocesan Ministries has developed a new Lenten reflection resource for the 2025 Jubilee Year, “Pilgrims of Hope”, called *Start Anew in Christ*. Those who would like to purchase a copy of it please register their name on the sheet kept at the foyer of the Church by next two weeks. It costs \$5.

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We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land on which the Boonah Catholic Parish is located. We acknowledge the Elders of the past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.