

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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March 2nd , 2025 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

YEAR OF HOPE

DEATHS: Patricia Briody

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Mason, Pauline Gartlan, Mary George, Jow Elwood, Essie Buncle, Dick Liddle, Ted Sullivan, Lindsay Hains, Nell Stevens, John Powell, Les Broadbent, John Burke, Nancy Dean, Betty Pym, John Cuthbertson, Monica Smith, Lucy Wildenberg, Walter McDowell, William & Emmiline, Bill Campigli, Monsignor Thomas O'Brien, Irene Belleville & Fred Glare,

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains, Michelle Smith, Danny Doyle, and all those in need of prayer

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Sue Mahony

March 9th: angela Gerrard

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: John Jess

March 9th: Bernadette Franc

Assembly Leaders

March 16th: Genevieve & Clarrie Johnston

Special Minister

March 16th: Gail Hall

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

March 2nd & 9th: Sue Mahony

Church Grounds

March 2nd & 9th: John Jess

Newsletter

March: Carmel Milenkovic – 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES

March 9th: Mass 8.30 1st Sunday of Lent

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

The people of Gaza need support to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza

or phone 1800 024 413

DIOCESAN NEWS

For the Diocesan E-News see the link below:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/news/>

COMING UP:

Mass Ash Wednesday Vigil, Tuesday March 4th 6.30 pm.

Pancake Day

Beaufort St Andrews Uniting Church Wesley Room
Tuesday 4th March from 10.00 am . Cost \$5 .

Beaufort Parish Council Meeting

Parish Centre

Thursday 6th March

International World Day of Prayer

Beaufort Anglican Church

Friday 7th March at 1.30pm

Prayer for Pope Francis

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis,

whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd.

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that,

together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: USCCB.

Pope Francis message for Lent



“Let Us Journey Together in Hope” is Pope Francis’ message for Lent 2025. He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints. To read the message scan or click the QR code.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have
given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit,*

*Reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform
from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*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*

splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

2 MARCH 2025

REMOVE THE PLANK

Who thought that the Gospels and Jesus' words are humourless? Today's Gospel reflects on one of the key issues that touches all of us and does it in an exaggerated and humorous way. It is about judging others. In my criticism of others and judging them, according to Jesus, I ignore the bigger issue: my inability to self-reflect and see the larger personal weaknesses in my own condemning character. Jesus compares the 'splinter' in the other's eye to the huge 'plank' in one's own.

The eye, in Luke's world, was the gateway to the soul and the primary organ of decision making. For a disciple to be critical of others and not recognise the plank in their own eye is to be blocked from authentic soulful and considered living. This plank must be removed by careful and sustained spiritual surgery through closeness to Jesus. This is the ongoing quest for disciples journeying with Jesus.

In the second half of today's Gospel the image turns to the production of sound fruit. This is more about authentic discipleship than about agricultural production. It is again about the heart. Jesus' words encourage Luke's Gospel's audience, and us, to draw on the heart and live from its reservoir of goodness. As with the earlier humorous parable about seeing, we are invited to see deeply and act with integrity so that our hearts can grow in goodness. Authentic conduct will follow. This is the intent behind the Gospel's final piece of wisdom, that 'words flow out of what fills the heart'.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is



sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the