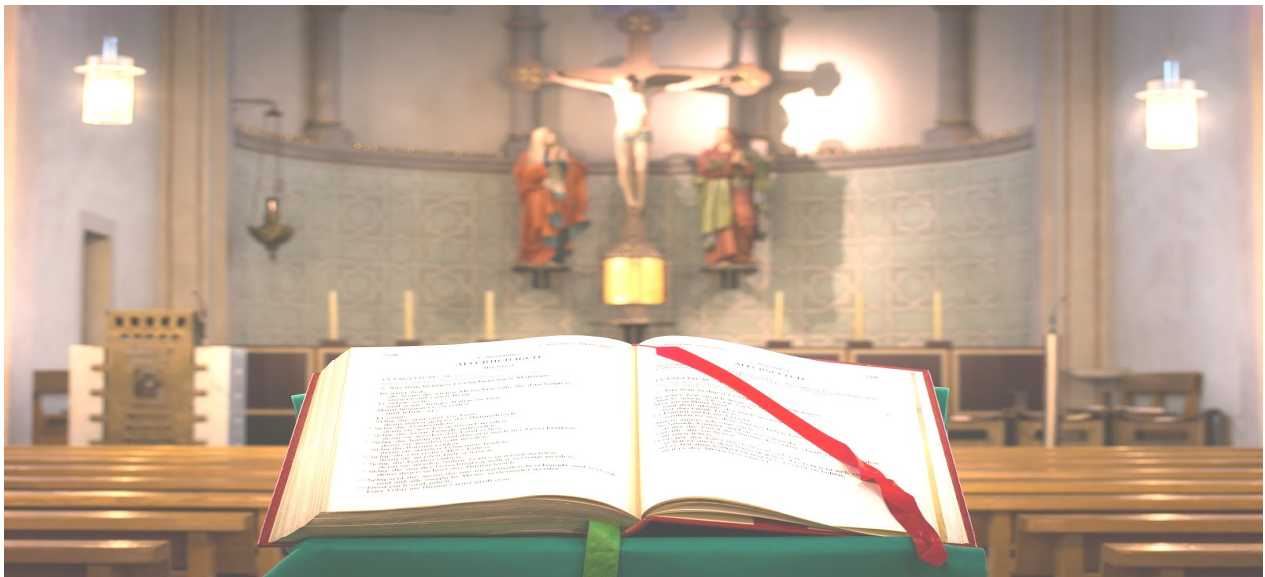


# Camden Haven Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

23 January 2022



**On this 'Sunday of the Word of God', we are invited to deepen our relationship with the Lord through our devotion and dedication to reading and praying with scripture. In each reading, we hear how the Spirit of the Lord revives, liberates, sustains, unites and gives life.**

The law of the Lord is read out by Ezra (**First Reading**), and the people are taught to celebrate it. The joy of the Lord is their stronghold.

The **Psalm** celebrates God's law of love: each line is a litany of the comfort, joy and strength that can be drawn from the Word of God.

Paul teaches that although the Christian community is diverse, with different strengths and perspectives, we are all united in the Spirit of the Lord though our baptism (**Second Reading**).

Jesus, filled with the spirit of the Lord, reads from the word of God and proclaims that Isaiah's prophecy is embodied and fulfilled in him (**Gospel**). Jesus liberates, heals, transforms and brings good news.

As followers of Jesus who are united by the living Spirit of God, this is our calling too. With our lives centred on Scripture, the living word of God, we are not alone as we pray. We belong to a living, transforming community of believers united by our baptism. We share the same joy expressed by the psalmist, and are guided by the word of God that the prophets proclaimed. Let us pray that our lives will be a testament to the liberating, healing teachings that Jesus embodied.

(Australian Catholics, Parish Life)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**READINGS THIS WEEK:** Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10    1 Corinthians 12:12-30    Luke 1:1-5; 4:14-21



**Our parish churches are open to all. Please observe the following:**

- Please do not attend if you are unwell. \* Please wear a mask. \* Please use hand sanitizer.
  - Have your name & contact details recorded.
- To avoid congestion at the church entrance, we strongly urge those who are able to scan the QR code, to do so.

**We appreciate your co-operation in keep us all safe.**

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**



Tuesday 25 January  
Kendall 9.00am

Wednesday 26 January  
Laurieton 8.00am

Thursday 27 January  
Laurieton 8.00am

Friday 28 January  
Laurieton Midday

**WEEKEND SERVICES**

Saturday 29 January  
Laurieton 5.00pm

Sunday 30 January  
Laurieton 7.30am  
Kendall 9.00am

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

4.25pm - 5.00pm  
Saturdays, Laurieton

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,**

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19  
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13  
Luke 4:21-30

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

*Stan Thompson, Eric Chilton,  
Louis Grech, Peter Smurthwaite,  
Michael Harris, Nino Birimac  
and Sister Patricia Smith who  
died recently and for all whose  
anniversary occurs at this time.*

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**LENTEN PROGRAM 2022 "Remember"**

A weekly program based on the Sunday Scripture readings during Lent. The booklet includes short daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

\*\* If you wish to participate in a Lenten Group, please enter your name on the sheet provided at the church entrance to enable us to order the appropriate number of books.

\*\* If you would like to host a Lenten Group, please contact the Parish Office: 6559 8354 to indicate a preferred venue, day and time.



**Australia Day**  
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

**Wednesday 26 January.** Reflect on being Australian, celebrate contemporary Australia and recognise our history. Australia Day is for All Australians, no matter where our personal stories began.

In his New Year's wishes to the world, Pope Francis encouraged us to focus on the good which unites us while acknowledging that the coronavirus pandemic has left many scared and struggling.

*"We are still living in uncertain and difficult times due to the pandemic," Pope Francis said. "Many are frightened about the future and burdened by social problems, personal problems, dangers stemming from the ecological crisis, injustices and by economic imbalances."*

As Christians we know that there is hope in God. So let us pray:

**Dear God,**

***You make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good things along with the hard things, which remind us how much we need and rely on You.***

***May Your Spirit lead us in this New Year, guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire You above all else. Help us to pursue You first in our daily lives.***

***We ask for your wisdom and for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. Make us strong and courageous for the road ahead and let Your gifts flow freely through us so we can be beacons for those who seek and need hope and comforting.***

***We pray for your protection over our families and friends. May Your deep love surround us and keep us safe in these troubled times.***

**Amen**

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