



## The Brisbane Oratory in Formation Parish of Annerley Ekibin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [OF] & Third Sunday After Epiphany [EF]:  
26th/27th January, 2019

### Readings for next Sunday 2nd/3rd February

**1st: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**  
**2nd: I Corinthians 12: 31 - 13-13**  
**Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30**

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### Dear Parishioners,

In this week's gospel, we are reminded that the faith is built on the foundation of historical facts. Aidan Nicols observes that the regular, weekly reference to the fact that the personal, earthly lifetime of Christ ended - as we say every week in the creed - during the term in Palestine of a Roman official whose name is verifiable from numerous sources outside the bible, serves a very important function. St Luke, we hear, was intent upon setting out the historical basis for his "orderly account", and this basis was the reportage of eyewitnesses who had seen, heard, even touched, the Christ of God. "While the humanity of Jesus of Nazareth is finite, like yours and mine, in that humanity an infinite, unlimited reality was invested. The Infinite entered a finite vehicle while not ceasing to be infinite." (A. Nicols op, *Year of the Lord's Favour*, Gracewing, Herefordshire, 2012, 18-19). The outward, historical events of the life of Christ are verifiable, but the inward mysteries they contain open into the Kingdom the Lord Jesus inaugurated, because he embodied in person that very kingdom. Let us grow in that needed assent of faith, this week, and every week, by affirming when we pray the creed at Mass the connection in mystery between the observable, recorded facts of the life of Christ and the Divine mysteries they contain.



*in Christ,*

*Fr Scot Anthony Armstrong*

### Reflection

Blessed Sebastian Valfrè, born in 1629 at Verduno in the southern Alps, of poor farming parents, felt called to the Priesthood at an early age, and began his studies at the age of twelve. At one stage he had to stay up most nights copying out books to pay for his education, which later continued with the Jesuits in Turin. Also at Turin was the Oratory, which had earlier been influential, particularly on the city's youth, but by 1650 was down-at-heel: with only one priest remaining, and he described as 'ragged and eccentric'! But Sebastian joined it on St Philip's Day, 26 May 1651. Three new priests then arrived, so by the time he was ordained priest in February 1652, the Oratory showed signs of new vitality.



Turin had its share of poverty, which Sebastian did much to alleviate, being unafraid to ask the rich for alms to give to the poor, but taking care to be discreet, doing the distribution at night (like St Philip) so as to remain anonymous. His activities took on extra importance during Piedmont's famine (1678 - 1680) and during its war with Louis XIV, when Turin suffered a seventeen-week siege, causing the people great hardship and anxiety - and which Sebastian's prayer was efficacious in bringing to a successful end.

His spiritual and corporal works of mercy went hand in hand, and his reputation spread throughout the city. His blending careful attention to detail with genuine compassion brought penitents to his Confessional from every walk of life, sparking something of a revival of religious observance in Turin. Like St Philip, he had the gift of discernment of spirits, and an ability to read souls. Sebastian Valfrè's life was not one of extravagant and heroic deeds for God, but the sanctification of an existence of regular routine, year in, year out, and of service to God in the circumstances of ordinary life. His cheerful and attractive manner were an example. He had his difficulties which he worked hard to overcome, being, for example, rather petulant and sensitive by nature, and easily offended: he remedied this by trying to be unflinchingly polite even to those who hurt him. He also knew what it was to suffer from spiritual darkness, finding prayer a real struggle at times, and study even more unattractive. But his perseverance, which manifested itself from his earliest years, stood him in good stead. Sebastian died on 30 January 1710. Miracles began even before he could be buried. He was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI in 1834.

BLESSED SEBASTIAN VALFRE, of the Turin Oratory, has his feast day this Wednesday. Grant us, we beseech You, O Lord, that, as You wonderfully raised Your priest Blessed Sebastian, for the salvation of many, so we may persevere in Your love, for the sake of helping souls. Though Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 26th January  
Friday 25th January

Blessing with relic of St Philip Neri after the 8:15am Mass.  
Elizabethan Social Club Australia Day Function at SJF Hall at 10am. Pies & Peas.  
Cost \$7.00. Bookings Joan on 3848 3251 or Philomena on 3349 2809.

Thursday 31st January  
Tuesday 5th February  
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Saturday 16th February

All-night Exposition at St Elizabeth's Chapel resumes tonight.  
Catholic Enquiry Group resumes meeting at the Parish Office at 7:30pm.  
Women's Oratory at MI church at 7:30pm.  
Baptism Preparation for Parents at 9:00am in the School Library (under MI Church).  
Please contact the Parish Office to book.

Monday 4th March

Josephites Associates Meeting at St Fabian's, Yeerongpilly at 10:00am. For further information please phone Judy Harris on 3848 6017.



Envelopes will be in churches on the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd for the Little King's Annual Appeal. Please give generously to help the Little King's Movement provide much needed services to people with disabilities. If at this time you are unable to help financially you may be able to give of your time or talents. If so, please contact the Movement on 3391 1432.

### MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH ALTAR SERVING

\* If there are any boys or young men who wish to be enrolled in the list of Oratory altar servers, and rostered to serve at least one Mass at MI per month, please contact Graham Leach:

0422 629 780. Alternatively, please fill out your contact details on the registration form at the back of the church.

\* Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, following 8:15am Low Mass, there will be an altar serving training session for boys and young men wishing to learn or improve serving the Low Latin Mass. Please notify Graham Leach of your interest – it is not expected that the session will take longer than an hour. If you would like to learn how to serve the Latin Mass but cannot attend this session, please still contact to arrange an alternate one-on-one session before or after one of the parish Mass times at your convenience: 0422 629 780

**The Catholic Enquiry Group** is for those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or who may be interested in becoming a Catholic. The Catholic Enquiry Group will meet on Tuesday evening, February 5th, at 7:30pm at the Parish Office. The topic for this first session for 2019 will be *The Meaning and Purpose of Life*. Please phone Teresa Martin for further information on 0413 763 256.

The January Intentions for the Tuesday Rosary are for "the pure in heart; they will see God! And for the Pope, the Bishops and the Priests through the intercession of Our Lady of Grace." It begins 10 minutes after the 7am Mass in Mary Immaculate Church. All welcome. Enquiries: Legion of Mary on 0421 258 418 (Bill).



**First Friday Devotion on February 1st:** 9am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30am, and Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Mary Immaculate Church.

**First Saturday Devotion on February 2nd:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession (7.15am to 8am), Twenty Minutes Meditation, 8.15am Mass, and Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Holy Rosary are recited 10 minutes after the Mass inside Mary Immaculate Church. (Confession available after the Mass.)

**Please come to the front for the Consecration and the Holy Rosary. Prayer sheets are provided.**

**Pilgrim Statue 2019:** Again this year, parishioners are invited to book the Parish Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in their homes for two weeks. Bookings will be taken from this weekend. The quickest method is to ring Vice-President of the Mystical Rose Praesidium, Albert, on 0421 089 617 with your preferred dates. Alternatively, complete your details on the flyer from the box at the rear of the church. Last year the demand was exceptionally high, so you are encouraged to book early.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

2018 saw Queensland introduce drastic abortion-on-demand laws. Let's make 2019 see the beginning of the end of abortion. You are invited to our free Wine and Cheese Night on Friday, February 8th, at 7:00pm. Wine, cheese and other nibbles, music and conversation, while learning more about how to save lives.

### Sacramental Program for Children

A Parent Information night will be held at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School, cnr Effingham St & Cracknell Rd, Ekibin, at 7pm Tuesday 5 March 2019 for parents of children who will be making their First Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmation next year. Further details closer to the date. Teresa - Sacramental Co-ordinator:

[sacramental\\_annek@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental_annek@bne.catholic.net.au)

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: \$2,333.95**  
**ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS AVERAGE FOR**  
**WEEK: \$1,617.00 Thank you from a grateful Parish.**

**WE PRAY FOR:** Those who are recently deceased: Beverley BROPHY, Maureen NIELSEN, Dr Felice ZACCARI, OAM, John (Jack) BLISS and Don STONE.

**Those who are sick:** Ksenia BORODIN, Rex BOWEN, Verna BOWEN, Joan BRAMMER, Ted BUTTERWORTH, Duncan CARSTENS, Ruth Mary DALY, Shannon EMSLIE, Mark FARRAH, Jane FARRELL, Bryan FITZPATRICK, Joan FLEW, Anne FRANETTOVICH, Gwen GAIR, Vilma GHOUSE, Bronte GREER, Marlene JOHNSTON, Tony LEVICK, Marie MITCHELL, Valerie ORTON, Mila PICKARD, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Rosa Maria SANTOS, Norma TORPEY, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

**All the faithful departed.**

**Rosters for next week****Rosters for next week****MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm Kay Holmes

Sun (MI) 7.30am Michael Cooper, Sol Dobinson

Sun (SJF) 8:30am Nadine Simmons

Sun (MI) 5.00pm Maggie Soares, Ken Meissner

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm: Bert Jacobs, John Lesina, Prem Nair

Sun (MI) 7:30am: Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan,  
Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan**COUNTERS**

Tuesday, 29th January, 2019

**CHURCH CARE**

Laundry (SJF): Pat Smith

**MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH CLEANING**

Many thanks to those who recently volunteered for cleaning duties at MI Church. The new year has brought changes in circumstances for several people on the current roster, who cannot continue, and we are hoping others may be able to assist. If you can offer 1.5 hours per month or every two months, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if this is something with which you may be able to help.

**St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:**Third Sunday After Epiphany  
Wilston 7:30am**PLEASE NOTE:**

There are no changes to Mass times this week.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, 26th January, Away:**

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

**5:30pm Vigil at SJF:** For the seminarians of the Brisbane Oratory and for Oratorian Vocations**5:30pm Vigil at MI:**

For the special intention of the Mathew Family

**Sunday, 27th January, 7:30am Mass at MI:**

For the special intention of the Mathew Family

**9:00am Mass at MI:**

For the welfare of the Brothers and Sisters of the Dominican Order, both living and dead

**5:00pm Mass at MI:**

For the Pope and the Bishops

**Monday, 28th January, 6:30am Mass at SE:**

For the intention of the donor

**7:00pm Mass at MI:**

For Frassati groups and their members

**Tuesday, 29th January, 7:00am Mass at MI:**

For Jesus Youth

**9:00am Mass at MI:** For the Holy Souls in purgatory**Wednesday, 30th January, 6:30am Mass at SJF:**

For the souls of Elson and Eileen Davies

**9:00am Mass at MI:** For the Holy Souls in purgatory, especially deceased members of F.O.S.S.**Thursday, 31st January, 7:00am Mass at MI:**

For the repose of the soul of Paul Bates, recently deceased

**9:00am Mass at MI:**

For the repose of the soul of Regidor L. Avellanoza

**Friday, 1st February, 7:00am Mass at SE:**

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

**9:00am Mass at MI:**

For the repose of the soul of Cecil Shorthouse, anniversary

**Parish Diary & Mass Times: 28th Jan - 3rd February****Monday 28th January**

6:30am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00pm Mass [EF] MI

**Tuesday 29th January**

7:00am Mass [EF] MI

9:00am Mass [OF+] MI

10:30am Requiem Mass MI *John (Jack) Bliss***Wednesday 30th January**

6:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

**Thursday 31st January**

7:00am Mass [OF+] MI

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

5:45pm Exposition SE

**Friday 1st February**

7:00am Mass [OF] SE

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

7:30pm Holy Hour MI

**Saturday 2nd February**

8:15am Mass [EF] MI

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30pm Vigil [OF] SJF

5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI

**Sunday 3rd February**

7:30am Mass [OF] MI

8:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

5:00pm Mass [OF+] MI

OF = Ordinary Form | OF+ = *Ad orientem* | EF = Extraordinary Form]

MI = Mary Immaculate SE = St Elizabeth's SJF = St John Fisher

**CONFESSION TIMES:****Mon 6:45pm (MI)****Wed 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)****Thu 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)****Fri 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)****7:30pm - 8:30pm (MI) During Holy Hour****Sat 7:15am - 8:00am (MI)****Sat 4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)****Sat 5:15pm by request (SJF)****Sun During 9:00am Mass where possible (MI)**

\* The Angelus and the Rosary are prayed half an hour before the early weekday Masses, at SE &amp; SJF.

\* **All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at SE resumes this Thursday, 31st January.**

\* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturdays from 7:15am - 8:00am at MI Church.

\* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 9.40am to 11.30am on every First Friday at Mary Immaculate Church.

\* The Holy Rosary is prayed at Mary Immaculate after the 7am Mass on Tuesdays, at 7.30am on Saturdays and after the 8.15am Mass on every First Saturday.

**Saturday, 2nd February, Private:**

For the repose of the soul of Hugh Grugan, died August 2018

**5:30pm Vigil at SJF:** For the repose of the soul of Frances and Norman Banwell, anniversary**Sunday, 3rd February, 7:30am Mass at MI:**

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

**8:30am Mass at SJF:** For the repose of the soul of Mona Lutvey, anniversary**9:00am Mass at MI:** For the Pope and the Bishops**5:00pm Mass at MI:**

For the repose of the soul of Bernie O'Hara

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen, Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated them-selves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm 18**  
*(Said by all)*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.  
  
The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.  
  
The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.  
  
May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock!

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

**Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Memorial Acclamation: Number Three**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Tolle et Lege has decided to tackle the renowned 'Kristin Lavransdatter' trilogy by Nobel Prize winning author Sigrid Undset over the Summer. Tolle et Leg will reconvene on February 1st, 7:30pm, in the Parish Office. All welcome.



**Tolle et Lege**

**ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?  
OR ARE YOU FROM ELSEWHERE IN BRISBANE BUT  
REGULARLY ATTEND MASS HERE AND WOULD LIKE  
TO BE REGISTERED AS A FRIEND OF THE BRISBANE  
ORATORY? If so, please fill in the form below and place it  
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P.O. Box 3131, Tarragindi. 4121.**

- I am a new parishioner**
- I am from elsewhere but would like to be registered as a friend of the Brisbane Oratory**

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