



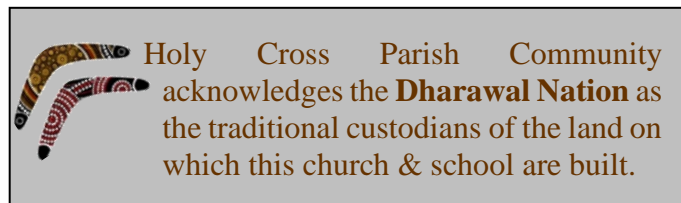
HOLY CROSS PARISH ✦ HELENSBURGH

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▲ 21 January 2024 ▲ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/B



Profession of Faith (Credo) The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us all and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(Bow your head for the following words)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary and became man.

(then continue)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law. The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew. (Greg Sunter)

For Your Calendar

Ash Wednesday:	14 February
Palm Sunday:	24 March
Holy Thursday:	28 March
Good Friday:	29 March
Easter Sunday:	31 March



Australia Day, 26 January

This Friday is Australia Day. In our Mass we celebrate in thanksgiving to God for our Land and pray for God's blessing on our nation and its future. Mass is at 9.00am.

WEEKEND MASS

HOLY CROSS
HELENSBURGH

Sunday 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8-8:20am



Of service and witness to Christ since

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Lent Gospel Group

Lent is approaching already! Come and be a part of a Lenten Gospel Group. Each week through Lent, we will go deeper into the Sunday gospel reading through prayerful reflection. There will be a group after Mass on the Wednesday mornings of Lent. If a group is interested, there might be an opportunity to hold an evening gathering as well. Better still, why not do something different this Lent and invite your friends to your home – as Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered, I am there with you." Booklet and CD is provided for all who take part in the groups.

Proclaiming the Good News to our Children
Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass will soon be starting again. Children have the chance to listen to God's Word from the Scripture readings of the Mass, but in their own space. They then rejoin the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are welcome. BUT, to make this happen, we need a few leaders. We will make sure you have what you need to proclaim and teach God's word. You just need to put up your hand. Children's Liturgy of the Word is two Sundays a month in school term. It isn't difficult. There will be someone with you. It just requires you to say yes.

From the Diocese Come and See...Go and Make: a New Vision for Parishes

Bishop Brian has sent out copies of **Come and See ... Go and Make - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong**. There are copies available on the new table in the church porch. I very much recommend you take a copy today. Fr Paul

As well, you can watch and listen to Bishop Brian speak about Come and See ... Go and Make. Online, go to <http://dow.sh/CSGMvision>

Another video from Bishop Brian is called "It's Who We Are. In this video, Bishop Brian celebrates all that is "Good News" in our diocese, with many of our Clergy, Seminarians, Parishes, Schools, CatholicCare programs and more! To view, please visit the diocesan website <https://www.dow.org.au/about-us/>
You can also find it on FB <https://fb.watch/oOktv0G8-6/>

WEEKDAY LITURGY THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Rosary & Mass – 9am

Thursday: Mass – 9am

Friday: Mass – 9am

ALL WELCOME



Please pray for the sick:

Paul Smith, Bishop Peter Ingham, Pat Brown, Jan Burn, John Green, Hilton King and Luis Veas.

ROSTERS...

ACOLYTE

Jan 28 David Astill

GREETERS

Jan 28 Paul & Nicole Hoffmann

READERS

Jan 28 Matilda & William Jukes

CLEANERS

Jan 27 Michael & Therese Harris & Trish Dalton

ROSARY STATUE

Jan Trisha Dalton

MORNING TEA

Feb 11 Michael & Kerrie Halloran &
Michael & Therese Harris

Preparing the Intercessions for Sunday Mass

Every Sunday, we pray the Universal Prayer, the Prayer of the Faithful. The intercessions need to be prepared each week, and it is much better when the intercession reflect the prayerful needs of our community rather than taking them from a book. Would you help us to pray together for the Church, the world and our own needs by preparing the intercessions for Sunday?



For those who have died:

Alice Wood (2009), Tom Evans (2020),
Jean Grant (2012) & Kathleen Crabbe (2017).