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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 5 - 6 February 2022

FR FRANCIS OTOBO: WHO IS HE?

Though a person of no particular importance, my appointment to the Cathedral has conferred on me a great privilege and given me an opportunity for service which I greatly cherish. For this singular chance for service in your midst, I say may the name of the Lord be blessed. I write this short piece so that you may have some knowledge of who I am and my humble background, while soliciting your unreserved assistance as we journey together in this mission.

I come from a traditional African polygamous non-Christian (formerly) family of fifteen children. Of my father's fifteen children, I am number twelve. Unbelievable! Isn't it? My father's name is Otobo Abah (RIP), and my mother is Alice Orefi Otobo. Forty-seven years ago, precisely on the 4th of October, the Lord blessed my parents with the birth of a baby boy, who at birth, was named Innocent. That was me. Fourteen years later, at my baptism, I chose the name Francis knowing at this time (from catechism classes in preparation for baptism) that 4th October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. I have come to cherish that name from then till now. Hence my full name is Francis Innocent Otobo.

In 1992, after my high school, I applied to my home Diocese for admission to study for the priesthood. My application was duly considered. Following my preparatory spiritual year formation program, I proceeded to St Thomas Aquinas Seminary, Makurdi Nigeria, for my philosophy studies, and thereafter to St Augustine Seminary Jos Nigeria for theological studies. Having finished the necessary studies required for ordination, I was ordained a deacon in February of 2001, and on the 27 of October (same year), I was ordained a priest. A most cherished day for me.

For ten years I served the church in my home Diocese of Otukpo, Nigeria. In 2011, there was a significant shift in my service to the church: the mutual missionary arrangement between the Diocese of Sale and my home Diocese of Otukpo resulted in my being sent out on mission to Australia to serve the church in the Diocese of Sale. I arrived in September, 2011. Since then, I have served in: the Morwell Catholic Parish/Lumen Christi Parish Churchill, St Laurence O'Toole Parish Leongatha, St Michael's Parish Traralgon, and now St Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

My hope and desire here among you is that we shall journey forward as a family, caring for one another, looking out for one another, and together searching for, and welcoming back our other brethren who at the moment are away. This is a task for all of us. Alongside Fr Jithin, Mark Hughes, and Bishop Greg, I am here as your brother/servant, and I will put in my very best in this singular privilege and opportunity that God has offered me to serve you in this capacity. Where my best is not good enough, I solicit your love and understanding, and the spirit of dialogue. Paraphrasing St Augustine's words, I say: for you I am a priest; with you I am a fellow Christian and a brother. Looking forward to working with you all. Together, we shall get there...

God bless you abundantly.

Fr Francis.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed 2 March: Ash Wednesday

Currently there are no restrictions on numbers at Mass. **Masks must be worn and QR Codes are still required to be used at ALL parish Masses.**

SYNOD 2023: Our Common Mission: Walking together enables us all to accept our mission to share the Good News. Do we take this mission seriously? What stops us from being active in mission? **Have your say by February 27, 2022** <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>

DIOCESAN SYNOD CONVERSATIONS: We are hosting three conversations, one for each of the Synod themes of Communion, Participation and Mission. Join one or more conversations
Conversation on **Communion**
Tuesday 8th February at 7.30 pm
Conversation on **Participation**
Thursday 17th February at 1.30 pm
Conversation on **Mission**
Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30 pm
Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BXFJB> or QR code



DIACONATE ORDINATION of Mark Hughes will take place at St Agatha's Parish Church, Cranbourne on **Saturday 12 March at 11am.** If you would like to attend we are considering running a bus to Cranbourne for this special day for the Diocese. There will be a sign up sheet placed in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

PRAY AT HOME SYNODAL LINKS:

Daily Prayer (Madonna Magazine/Australian Jesuits). Daily readings and Scripture reflections. Free subscription. <https://www.pray.com.au/>

Connect@home (Diocese of Bathurst)

A range of resources to assist parishioners with worship and prayer at home, including links prayer and Mass for You At Home. Daily emails include a link to the Scripture readings of the day, together with a short reflection and prayer. You could do this sacred reading on your own, or with members of your household. Subscription is free. Follow the links at **Connect@home** or visit <https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/>

Pray at Home (Australian Catholic Bishops)

A comprehensive listing of Prayer resources and Mass offerings from Dioceses around Australia. <https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome>

31 CLUB REMINDER for 7 - 13 February. Please pray for vocations.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION. The Parish Cells of Evangelisation will re-commence on **Monday 7 February.** The readings for discussion are Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Cor. 15:12,16-20, and Luke 6:17,20-26. New members are always welcome. Contact Marg Goss via the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY 6 February 2022 (5th Sunday Ordinary Time). The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 6 Feb 9.30am: Dorothy Rutherford (RD)

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise for our
Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*

FEAST DAY OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Tuesday, February 8, 2022. St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people who volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

For more information and resources contact: ACRATH - [Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans](http://AustralianCatholicReligiousAgainstTraffickinginHumans)



BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,202.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
5 - 6 February 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 5 February	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 6 February	7.00pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 7 February	NO	MASS
Tuesday 8 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 9 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 10 February	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 11 February	11.00am	Cathedral
Exposition & Reconciliation	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 12 February	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 13 February	7.00pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briargolong Cathedral
<i>Use the QR Reader to record your attendance please <u>at all Masses.</u></i>		<i>Use hand Sanitiser</i>

PRAYER FOR WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Pilgrim God,
you walk alongside us
and speak to us throughout the Scriptures:
in the message of the prophets,
the songs of David
and the vision of Paul.

Your Son, Jesus Christ,
listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live:
in our love of neighbour
our desire for justice,
and in our dying and rising each day.

Send us the Holy Spirit to open
our hearts and minds
so that we may be your witnesses
throughout the world:
in our protection of the vulnerable,
our words and actions
and in our communion with the earth.

Amen

**Prayer for the Synod:
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Dorothy Rutherford, Pamela Troup, George Corey** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Jack O'Brien, Fr David Quinn**. Please pray for those who are sick **Margaret Lee, Brendan Lee, Fr Tao Pham, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Dawn Carroll, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth. 'The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts. 'Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING :

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:
never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Friday following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: **Jeremiah 17: 5-8**
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20**
Gospel: **Luke 6:17, 20-26**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm
Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.