

Shine

23RD JANUARY 2022

3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE
LUKE 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reflection

When Jesus read this scripture in the synagogue, He wasn't just talking about Himself. He was talking about each and every one of us! God's Spirit is with you, He has anointed you. It's our job to bring good news and to proclaim the Lord's favour.

Who can you think of who needs to hear the good news? I'm sure you don't need to think too hard to come up with a name. We all know people who could do with hearing that God loves them and is on their side.

We don't need to be nervous about sharing the message of Jesus, His Spirit is with us always.

ACTIVITY

Scripture Scrolls

Make your own scrolls with scripture to inspire others. You could even use some lolly sticks attached to a strip of paper to make it look authentic.

You could keep them in a bowl in your home for daily inspiration or hand them out when you come across someone who needs to be reminded of the Good News.



Prayer

Let's pray this ancient prayer of the Church to ask the Holy Spirit to be with us as we proclaim the Good News:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

CHALLENGE

How can you live out the call from Isaiah this week?

You could help those in need in your community.

Maybe you could research how you can support a prison ministry or why not find out about different projects helping those who suffer persecution?