

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Grief to grace—Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griefftograce.org

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),
Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).
THIS WEEK'S MASSES
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.
Nursing Home Masses
No visits this week.
Vietnamese Mass
7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.
DEVOTIONS
Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.
Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.
Divine Mercy Prayer:
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.
SACRAMENTS
Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Or by appointment.
Marriages: By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.
Care for the Sick: Any time. Please call the Presbytery.
Baptisms: By appointment. Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass .



... his teaching made a deep impression on them because he taught them with authority.
(Mark 1: 22)

Responsorial Psalm
R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia! Alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

This weeks readings - Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1Corinthians 7:32-35; Gospel - Mark 1:21-28.

Next Weekend: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B.
Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Gospel - Mark 1:29-39.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 28 January 2018

The Archdiocese of Sydney App

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

CatholicCare

Is your family struggling or experiencing a crisis?
Call CatholicCare’s CCareline Team on 13 18 19: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, in-home ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.

Wedding Congratulations

*Hoang Nguyen & Thi Dinh
John Nguyen & Joy Iong*

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Phero Nguyen The Tuong, Pat Cook, Philippe Bucktora
Anniversary: Maria Antonia Pelli, Ipapandi & Michael Omerros, Michel Bucktora, Laval Bucktora.
Deceased: Edwards family, Phillippe Sang Van Nguy
Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino, Jovie Casuso; Reyes & Adelle Lim.

(Please advise the office if these names can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 4/2/18 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 28/1/18 Thom Pham 4/2/18 D Rodrigues

Church Cleaners: 2/2/18: Polish Group Children’s Liturgy: 4th Feb - Ligaya

Weekend Choirs: 4/2 Saturday 6pm - St Anne’s Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10 am - St Felix Choir 6pm - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	28 JANUARY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O’Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Joseph Bui	An Dang	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen	
4 FEBRUARY					
C	Kalisiana Mar	Janice Rodrigues	Jennifer Nguyen	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Thu Ha Kim	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	An Dang	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo	

Reflection

He cured many who were sick

Jesus has announced the kingdom and is now healing sick people and casting out devils from those who are possessed. This is exactly why he has come - to preach a message of hope to a suffering world. Jesus teaches but so often he has to reach out to touch the sick people who are pressing about him for healing. Much of Mark’s Gospel is taken up with his miracles of healing because this is what a wounded world demands. Some are dramatic exorcisms but others, as we hear today, are small, more domestic cures. In Simon’s house he goes to the disciple’s mother-in-law, lying with fever on her bed. He takes her by the hand, helps her up and she is healed and given new hope. But Jesus does not want to be seen just as a wonder-worker. His healing goes deeper. He forgives sin and heals spiritual sickness. And at the end of his life he shares our suffering by identifying with those who are poor and outsiders. He undergoes their fate by being crucified between two criminals. It is only on the cross after he has suffered that Jesus will gain the full recognition of being both Messiah and Son of God.

In a society which highly values those who are young, healthy and rich, the acknowledgement of sickness and even death is not always welcome. But the Bible has no qualms about facing these realities. It tells us outright that we are mortal and gives us permission to lament our suffering just as Job did. Jesus confronts the misery of the world head-on. He makes the healing of sick people central to his ministry. By entering fully into the misery of the world through his cross and resurrection Jesus becomes for us source of healing. Optimism is a feeling that things will get better, but Christian hope is rooted in a person who has triumphed over death.

In the light of that hope we can pray to God for healing in many ways. God works through the skill of the doctors and nurses in modern hospitals. But the Lord works as well in our communities through his presence among us, especially through the sacraments of healing. In baptism we are washed clean, in confirmation we are strengthened in the Spirit and in the sacrament of the sick Christ continues his healing work among us through the laying on of hands. And today, as we come to Mass, we are fed with the bread of life in Holy Communion. But we are also healed, as Peter’s mother-in-law was, by care in our homes through the loving concern of our fellow Christians. Healing is not always dramatic but, as Newman discovered, we are called to walk slowly in hope: “one step enough for me”.

(The Living Word)

Feasts of the week

31 January – St John Bosco, priest. Memorial.

St. John Bosco was the founder of the Salesian Society, named in honor of St. Francis de Sales, and of the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians. His lifework was the welfare of young boys and girls, hence his title, "Apostle of Youth." He had no formal system or theory of education. His methods centered on persuasion, authentic religiosity, and love for young people. He was an enlightened educator and innovator.



2 February - The Presentation of the Lord. Feast.

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today’s liturgy. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

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