

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another .

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.
In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gregorian Schola of Sydney

Would you like to sing, or learn to sing, Gregorian Chant? *The Gregorian Schola of Sydney* resumes rehearsals at 6pm on Thursdays at St Bede's Pyrmont from February 8th. Come along and join us. We need you. Bring your friends also.



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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,

& Saturday - 8.00am.

Friday - 9.00am.

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 .



*... "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages - so
I can preach there also. That is why I have come. "*

(Mark 1: 38)

Responsorial Psalm

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Comm 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.

This weeks readings - Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1Corinthians
9:16-19, 22-23; Gospel - Mark 1:29-39

Next Weekend: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B.
Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1Corinthians 10:31 -
11:1; Gospel - Mark 1:40-45.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 4th February 2018

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The first PPC meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 6th February in the presbytery commencing at 7.00pm.

Cemetery Committee Meeting

There will be a Cemetery Committee Meeting on Tuesday 13th February in the presbytery commencing at 10.00am.

MSJ – 40 year reunion

A 40 year MSJ reunion for the graduating class of 1978 is to be held on Saturday 5th May 2018 at the Revesby Workers Club from 12 midday. For further details, contact Tracey Jungen (Lown) at msjreuunion@gmail.com

Calvary Hospital Remembrance Service

A Remembrance Service will be held in Calvary Hospital's Chapel of the Resurrection, 111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah on SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017 commencing at 2.00pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hospital's adjacent Conference Centre. An invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement to attend this service, especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one. For further information, please contact the Pastoral Care Team on 9553 3111.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Cheble El-Daher; Hend El-Daher; Frances Bevan; Louise Rhea Descombe.

Deceased: John Field; Fabiano Nguyen Thai Sao; Matta Le Thi Thinh; Matta Le Thi Tien

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, Madelyn Nicole, Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Carmel Mascara; George Malouf.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 11/2/18 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Letoe Hansell, Maria Huong Nguyen (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 11/2/18 J Obeid 18/2/18 John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 9/2/18: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 11th Feb - Belinda

Weekend Choirs: 11/2 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. **10 am** - St Felix Choir **6pm** - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	4 FEBRUARY	8am	10am	6pm
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	
11 FEBRUARY					
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Rosa House	Paul Ngoc	
M	Cindy Hoang	Chris Kreltszheim	Tu Nguyen	Phu Nguyen	

Reflection

Jesus heals and prays

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

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Feasts of the week

5 February - St Agatha, virgin, martyr. Memorial.

Died in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century. Venerated in Rome as a virgin martyr on this day since the sixth century and included by name in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon). Remembered in legend for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.



6 February - St Paul Miki & companions, martyrs. Memorial.

Died on 5 February 1597, a group of twenty-six martyrs crucified at Nagasaki (Japan). Most were Japanese and most were laypeople, some still youths. The first of many martyrs in a young Church. Paul Miki, aged thirty-five years at his death, was a Jesuit scholastic from an aristocratic Japanese family. Remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church in his own time and in the centuries that followed to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

10 February - St Scholastica, virgin. Memorial.

Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480. Died near Monte Cassino in the 540s. Like Saint Benedict (11 July), her brother and by tradition her twin, she dedicated herself to God through the monastic life. Remembered for her part in establishing Benedictine monasticism.

