

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
31 January 2021

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Reflection

The authority and healing power of Jesus

Too often we reduce the gospels to a set of nice, pious sayings, and we remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in the society of Jesus' time, possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling, shopping and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care, and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.

Resources used: Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult] will re-commence on

Tuesday 2 February
7:00- 8:00pm

Perhaps you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?



Come and See John 1:39

Blessing of Candles

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday 2 February 2021 9:30am Mass
You are invited to bring your prayer candle to mass. The "blessing of candles ceremony" will take place during the mass. Your candle can be placed on the table in the foyer before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday Monthly

7:30pm – 8:30pm – 5 February

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls. There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.



Enrollments will take place in the foyer after the 10am Mass on 7th and 14th February



We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

In February We are reading:

"The Beekeeper of Aleppo"

by Christy Lefteri

Parish Library – 21st February - 3:00pm

Relax, Review, Reflect
Faith and film

Friday 26 February at 7:30pm

We are watching: "AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD"

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there are limited places. You will need to contact the Parish Office to register on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au



We are experiencing issues with **GRAPEVINE** and **BIGPOND EMAILS**. In the past week when we have sent out emails the **GRAPEVINE** or **BIGPOND** emails have bounced. We will continue to monitor the situation.

2021 Calendar

February

Monday 1	School Returns
Tuesday 2	The Presentation of the Lord <i>Blessing of the Candles</i>
Friday 5	Eucharistic Adoration
Monday 15	Pins & Needles
17	Ash Wednesday
Friday 19	Men's Group
Mon 22- Fri 26	Frs. Kimi and Michael Away

March

Friday 5	Eucharistic Adoration
Monday 8	Canberra Day Holiday
Monday 15	Pins & Needles
Thursday 18	<i>Children receiving the Sacrament of Penance</i>
Friday 19	Men's Group
Sunday 21	Harmony Day
Tuesday 23	Women's Breakfast
Friday 25	10am Mass Anointing of the Sick
Sunday 28	Palm Sunday
Monday 29	Holy Week

ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES

Beginner / Intermediate English Classes

Wednesdays and Thursdays

9:30am – 11:30am

\$3.00 per class

All classes are for adults

Runs during School Terms

Mosaic Baptist Church

18 Dallachy Street Page ACT

More Information: Call 6254 6565

office@mosaicbaptist.org.au

www.mosaicbaptist.org.au

Heart Spirituality

Spiritual storms

In storms that come our way, we should call on Jesus. He alone can calm them. In vain shall we have recourse to human efforts, to the devotedness and affection of our relatives and friends. Their efforts will be of no avail. Jesus alone possesses the means to help us. His Heart is so kind, so compassionate that he will always respond to our call. When we feel our weakness in our temptations, and we are on the point of failing, we should cry out to Jesus: *Domine salva nos, perimus*. O adorable heart, save us, we are perishing.

(Jules Chevalier, *Méditations* 1, p. 213. Issoudun 1891.)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

Our readings today remind us of God's authority.

As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair.

Jesus has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

www.catholicsteward.com

Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.

Recently Deceased:

Anna Luong, [Agnes Pham's niece]

Keith Moreing, [Carol Blyth's father]

John McCormick [Fr. Gerard's brother]

Anniversary:

Armando Arugay,
Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones,
Janelle Sykes, Margaret Hill, Declan Morris,
Rupert Waterford, Jehanne Thelland, Alice Tonna,
Alexander Powell, Robert Thomas, Nola Newton
Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley,
Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker,
Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Kenneth Vella,
Victoria Wilkinson, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell,
Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki,
John Maher, Peter Moor

'If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit' – Gal. 5.25



2021 Lenten Program Experience

Archbishop Prowse invites all to participate
in a new and exciting Lenten experience
involving live-streamed teaching, prayer,
community hubs and discussion.

LIVESTREAMED
Every Thursday at 7.30pm
to 9.00pm during Lent
18th February – 25th March

Reconciliation Week: 4-11 March
Encounter Night: 18 March
Weekly prayer resources

REGISTER and find out more at <http://walkinthepirit.org.au/>

If you are interested in joining a parish group for this event, please contact the parish office.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1st Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

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!

Readings – 7 February 2021

First Reading	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm	Ps 146:1-6
Second Reading	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39

7 February Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mick Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Margaret Luck

7 February Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi
6:00pm	YOUTH

7 February Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	YOUTH

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	1 Feb	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	6 Feb	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	1 Feb	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne
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On a Lighter note



"Yes, this is my yacht. I was in a simplistic mood when I designed it"

"Be on earth the Heart of God"