



4th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All were amazed and asked one another,
"What is this? A new teaching with authority.
He commands even the unclean spirits and
they obey him." - Mk 1:27

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The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**
Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

FOCUS by Denise Tuzes

When I visit the sick, some questions I ask myself are "can I wait with this person?" Am I able to sit in quiet and provide a "non anxious" presence? Do I worry about the right words? Am I constantly thinking of other people I need to visit? How long will this visit take?

If we are non-judgemental in our waiting, this helps to convey our concern and our compassion across to the person we are visiting. The greatest gift we can offer is to spend time with and provide companionship to someone. The act of giving is challenging. We need to be aware of our own limitations. We need to keep some of our energy, our time, our compassion and our love for ourselves, our families and our friends.

We need to find a balance for ministering to the sick and caring for oneself.

To help nourish our visitation ministers and to let you know you are not alone in the church's ministry I ask all visitation ministers to try to attend our monthly gatherings, the first to be held on Thursday 22nd February at 10.30am at Rossolini Place.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus had a way of amazing the crowds. There was something very different about not only what he taught but how he taught it. He brought an authority to what he said that gave it a credibility that was not experienced elsewhere. His words were not only prophetic but rang true to the experience of the people, especially those who were poor, marginalized, victimized, lost, or forgotten. Do Jesus' words ring true to you? The Gospel message transcends time and space and has a profound relevancy in every generation. Jesus is still trying to point us toward our truth and have us see and accept who we are in God. Are you ready to hear this? We are asked to bring credibility to this same Gospel message by how we live our lives.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Let us pray and reflect on this section of the prayer for economic justice, a resource from the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2017-2018.

*We pray for your spirit of generosity in challenging greed and neglect.
Give us your grace to reach out to the lowest paid workers,
families subsisting on meagre incomes, people who are homeless,
the dispossessed First Peoples of this land, so that we may achieve change,
inspired by the Gospel, that leads to human flourishing.*

NOTICES

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Primary School Students: Your preparation resumes on Sunday, 4 February 2018 at 10.30am or Wednesday, 7 February 2018 at 7.00pm, in the parish office. We begin preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). **Secondary School students:** Inquiries are being called for any baptised secondary students who may wish to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist, & Penance. A program of preparation begins 4pm Sunday, 11 February 2018. Older children who wish to be baptised may also be interested in finding out how baptism could happen. For more information, please contact Anne Sheehan at the Parish Office.

INVITATION TO NEW PARISHIONERS: On Thursday, 01 February, 5.30pm at Rossolini Place, our Parish is hosting a “Nibbles & Drinks” Evening as a welcome to new parishioners. If you have joined our worshipping community in the past 12 months we would love to meet you. Please RSVP to parish office.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2018: If you are interested in joining a Lenten Discussion Group, please write your name under your preferred group on the List located at the front door of the Church or contact the Parish Office.

LENTEN REFLECTION **Living Your Baptismal Call** **Sr Melissa Dwyer FDCC**



This year Sr Mel will lead us in our Lenten Reflection. Prior to entering religious life, she had a dream of representing Australia as an Olympic javelin thrower which she had pursued for 15 years. After a volunteer experience of mission with the homeless in Africa she walked away from her aspirations of Olympic gold to pursue her vocation in serving the poor and making Jesus known and loved. Sr Mel spent 5 years teaching in Brisbane, before pursuing her missionary vocation and returning to Malawi, East Africa completing 7 years as Principal of a Canossian Secondary School. Sr Mel currently works for Vocations Brisbane and is the St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland State Spiritual Advisor. She loves sport, loves life, and loves sharing her love for God with young people.

Friday 9th February 5.30pm—7.30pm
Parish Office, Rossolini Place

A light supper will be provided.
A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Please sign up on the forms at the door of the Church or call the Parish Office to RSVP to assist us with seating & catering.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Valentina Capovilla (Melbourne); Luigi “Gino” Troiani; Catherine Brown (Murwillumbah); Aminta Castro.

LITURGIES

4th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 29 January

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 30 January

9.00am St James - LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 31 January

St John Bosco
8.00am Shalom - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 01 February

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 02 February

The Presentation of the Lord
9.00am St Mary's School
- Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 03 February

7.30am St Mary's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

04 February 2018

5th Sunday
Ordinary Time

Year B (II) Psalter Week 1

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'
8.00am Holy Rosary
9.00am St Mary's
12 noon Baffle Creek
5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39



SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

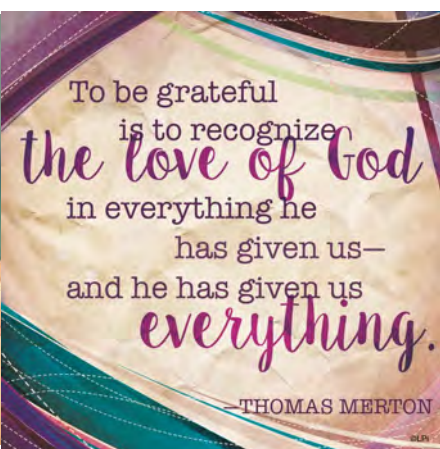
Moses spoke to the Israelites about the reality of true and false prophets. How should we discern today between true and false prophets?

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul offers some practical marriage advice to the Corinthians as they await the return of Christ. What do you think about Paul's marital guidance?

Mark 1:21-28

Mark frequently presents Jesus exorcising "unclean spirits" and speaks of Jesus' "fame" spreading early in his public ministry. What problems might this sudden and widespread fame cause Jesus and the disciples?



**In relationship with Christ,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we serve joyfully as a people
beloved and called by God.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Unlike the scribes, he taught with authority

The gospel reading of last Sunday showed us Mark's skill as a narrator - capturing so much with a few words. He shows this same skill in today's continuation of his gospel's introductory passage. As Jesus spends the Sabbath with the disciples he has invited to join him, the events of the day point to significant characteristics of the ministry Jesus is to undertake.

Capernaum, the hometown of Simon Peter, was to become the headquarters of this Galilean ministry. That Jesus regularly took part in the worship of the synagogue had great significance. He had no intention of setting aside the authentic traditions of old Israel; he came to renew them and being the realisation of all that they foreshadowed. In doing this he identified with the role of Israel's prophets, as expressed in the first reading from Deuteronomy - a text looked upon as messianic in the time of Jesus. The people recognised that the teaching of the scribes - with their repetitious appeal to the authority of other interpreters of the Law - contrasted with the teaching of Jesus. In the tradition of the prophets, his teaching had a ring of authority, as it gave expression to Jesus' own convictions. Already there is intimated a contrast and conflict that is to shape the career of the Saviour.

The authority that so impresses the people is expressed, not only in word, but also in action. For the conflict that is to shape the life of Jesus is far more than a squabble about the interpretation of the Law. Sent by the Father as the world's Saviour, he must do battle with the forces of darkness and evil in the world. In the culture of the times, in which physical and mental illness were commonly associated with the presence of 'unclean spirits', Jesus gives expression to his authority by delivering those under the influence of the forces of evil. He delivers the man in the synagogue with a simple word of authority.

Mark emphasises the reaction of the people to this remarkable display of prophetic authority: 'Here is a teaching that is new, and with authority behind it.' Thus, in describing this eventful Sabbath, Mark alerts us to a subtext that will be present in his telling of the story of Jesus' ministry: Who is this man? Mark's gospel will seek to lead the reader beyond inadequate and superficial views of the Saviour, reflecting the challenge Jesus faced as he presented himself to his audiences. Though filled with vivid expectations of a messianic figure, the hopes of the people were crude and unrealistic. Jesus had to lead his followers to understand that his saving mission went far beyond these crude expectations. He would fulfil the hopes of Israel's faith by showing himself triumphant over all the forces of evil. In a dialogue with demons who recognise the true role of Jesus, Mark introduces a device he will use more than once to point to the answer that must be given to the question that is his subtext.