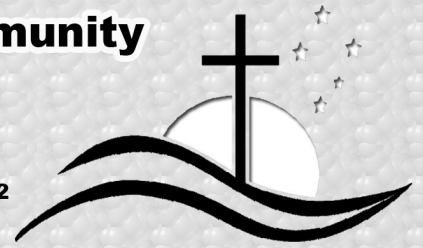




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4th Sunday Ordinary Time (B), Jan 28/29 2012

This Week

SUNDAY 29 Jan
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

MONDAY 30th Jan
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 31st Jan
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 1st Feb
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 2nd Feb
No Mass

FRIDAY 3rd Feb
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine Mercy

SATURDAY 4th Feb
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 5th Feb
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism at 12.30pm

Reflection

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society 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 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'.

by Fr. Chris Hope

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

30th Jan: JPIC meeting at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre

7th Feb: Registration **ASRE**

8th Feb: Cancare Group 7.30pm

14th Feb: 1st day of the ASRE, 4pm

17-18th Feb: Passionist Companions Retreat

21st Feb: Lenten Reflection night at 7.30pm

3rd Mar: Station of the Cross at 7.30pm

6th Mar: Registration for **Sacraments**

7th Mar: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.30pm

Baptism Welcome:

This week we welcome Annelle Magee, Jazlyn Rominger, Joshua Corera, Charmaine Phillips, Bailey Simaris, Jasper Simaris, Keona Heloise and Olivia Dominica who are being presented for Baptism this weekend. We offer them and their families the support of our prayers as they take this step in faith.

Welcome Back to the children, their families and school staff. Every Blessing for the new term.

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Please read this item. You might be able to help!

For many years, the Parish has run a programme of After School Religious Education known briefly as A.S.R.E.

This programme is an aid to parents in their children's faith development and is geared towards children who attend State Schools at Primary level grades 1 to 6.

We have been fortunate over the years to have volunteers who have taught groups of young people for an hour each Tuesday afternoon after school. The Parish Team is most appreciative of all our helpers. These range from young people in senior classes in High School, or who have recently graduated from high school, to parents who have journeyed with their own children through their faith development and are now willing to share their expertise, to experienced teachers who give extra time outside their already busy schedule.

We badly need extra helpers for this year. You may be interested but have doubts about your skill level, or you are not available for the full period of the programme. Why not come and have a chat about it? There will be no obligations attached!

I am available at the Parish Centre (Sr. Joan)

Lenten Reflection: Lent will soon be upon us!! We are planning to have a Lenten reflection evening on Tuesdays during Lent beginning on **Tuesday February 21st at 7.30pm** and then each Tuesday. The programme we would like to use is called '**Living Faith**' a six week

Lenten Program calling us to a living faith through action. Published by the Diocese of Wollongong., it offers Gospel reflections by Dr Michele Connolly rsj accompanied by a lay person's reflection on their own faith story as well as suggested practical action. The stunning artwork is by the indigenous artist, Sally Harrison. We recognise that not everyone can come to the group reflection but may still wish to follow the program with family or friends. To facilitate this are two sign- up sheets in the gathering space and foyer.

1. **For those of you who would like to come to the group reflection**
2. **For anyone who would like to buy a copy of the program for their own use. Costs depends on the quantity we order but it will be about \$5.**

PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE NEED TO ORDER BOOKS IMMEDIATELY.

Stations of the Cross:

Each year during Lent we offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Usually the Parish Team have led the stations with some participation from the people who attend. We are keen to hear from any families and/ or individuals who would like to help with preparing the Stations of the Cross this year. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



Commissioning of new Ministers:

Congratulations and welcome to all our new ministers who are being commissioned this weekend at the different Masses.

Lectors:

Florence Madeira, Barbara Dunlop, Mytien Lam, Sheahan Pereira, Corina Bird and Medgee Gontram

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lina Folino, Alain Mallac, Anne Peters, Jock Allen, Sai Dilinger, Joseph Allas, Charlene Pereira, Josephine Khoshaba, Sanjeewa Sembukutti, Swineetha Disanayake, Hiranya Leitan, Candy Bird, Corina Bird and Premani Leitan.

Viewhills Communion: Each week two people take Communion from **9am Mass** to Viewhills High and Low Care. We would like to hear from any of you who are Eucharistic Ministers if you would be willing to be involved in this ministry. It would mean being on a Roster every 4-5 weeks. Please contact Sr Brigid at the Parish Office between Tuesday-Friday if you think you could commit to this ministry.

2012 Holt Australia Day Award

Congratulations to Mary Aldag who received a 2012 Holt Australia Day Award from our local member, Anthony Byrne, MP. Mary was awarded for her almost 14 years work as a volunteer driver for the City of Casey. Well done Mary. Thanks for the example you give to us



2012 Parish Fund Raising

As the new year gets well underway I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the many ways you've supported the parish. For the first time in quite a few years over **\$22,000** was raised in the past 12 months. This is a fantastic achievement, and it was raised in a variety of ways and by a variety of parishioners. The last fund raiser – the New Year's Dance raised over \$6000. Thanks must go to the organizers: Serge, Louis, Clency, Joe and Bridgette, Alex and Vianney, Ivor and Myrtle for

the tireless way in which they planned and brought to fruition a great night out.

With the plan to renovate the Parish Annexe in 2012, it would be great if we can keep up such fun/fund raising activities for this year. Maybe you have a suggestion for a fund raising activity, maybe you'd like to organize an event. What would be a help is that you come forward soon with your proposals as we need to co ordinate the dates throughout the year. Please contact the parish team of your suggestions or willingness to co ordinate an activity.

Come Away Day Feb 16th 10am-3pm:

Holy Cross Retreat Centre, Serpells Road, Templestowe. BYO lunch and \$20 donation. There is also an evening session on the same day to facilitate people who are working. It begins at 7.30pm and ends at 9.30pm.

St John's Regional College

St John's Regional College is having Year 7, 2013 Information Evening on: Tuesday February 14, 2012 at 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Br Leo Scollen Stadium at the College, (5-11 Caroline St, Dandenong)



For any enquiries please contact 9791 3366

Lord, You are my wealth

(a prayer for a year of recession or plenty)

Lord, be with me throughout this year,
Affirm my hopes, dispel my fear.
Whatever occurs along the way.
Accompany me, Jesus, each passing day.
To all my beliefs, may I remain ever true,
When I'm worried and pained,
let me trust in You
May I treat with care all those I meet,
the boring, the interesting, the untidy, the neat.
Whatever the season, whatever my health,
May I always remember that you are my wealth.

(Fr. Gerard Dowling)

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

Deut 18: 15-20;

1 Cor 7: 32-35;

Mk 1: 21-28

NEXT WEEK:

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7;

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23;

Mk 1: 29-39

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Derek Ryder, Francesca Lucette, Anton Lodwick, Fr Stephano Phan, Demetria Reyes, John P Lawrie, Jude Peter, Bert Geileskey, Lucia Celiz, Peter Tongi, Nazar Rafoo, Nazanine Damini, Lashan Abeyegoonewardene, Nasrin, Pete Jaminola, Patricia Nicholas, Cherie Anderson, Indira Devi, Steven Klepac, Mark Pereira, Carla Jeronimo, Suzanne Michel, Teresa Leong, Lisa-Maree O'Hara, Edward Hale, Jorge Canales, Anne Payet, Shirley Frank, Joan Druett, Joyce Peters, Lillian Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Joseph H. Padamadan, Khoshaba Zaia, Alyzée Dromart

For those who have died

Lilian Akom, Lucette Beaupre, Gerard Beaupre, Jenny Conyers Mckenzie, Vincenzo Orlando, John Dyson, Inza Rafferty, Albert Salindeho, Jackie Van Helmond, Lawrie Muller, Dimithri Gray, Clarence De Sylva, Francesco Paolo Stavato, Frank O'Connor, Adrienne Dugole, Jackie Clayton, Lillian Akom, Andreana Camilleri, Coronacion O. Aquino, Dollie Herbert, Eunice Cooke, Guiseppe Laria, Primo Tabuado.

May they rest in peace



**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:
Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP

Pastoral Associates:
Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Parish Staff:
Bursar: Gillian Velupillay
Secretary: Didi Karkas

Passionist Community

Fr Peter Addicoat CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Tim O'Toole CP
Fr James Fernandez CP

**Sisters of Cross and
Passion**

Sr Anne Cunningham CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP
Sr Joan Smith CP

**St Paul Apostle
North Primary
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Mrs Christine White

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Principal
Mrs Helen Greenhill

**St John's Regional
College - 9791 3366**
Principal
Mr Andrew Walsh



WELCOME BACK



NEW ROSTERS ARE IN THE GATHERING SPACE



PLEASE TAKE YOUR ROSTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Rosters for Next Weekend February 4th– 5th (1st Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	V&C De Zilva J Tarranto	J Bilton M Nadarajah	A Gargano Y Sherwin D Kearney	J Disanayake
Sacristan	M Rolfe	L Lapierre D De Rozairo	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
Readers & Commtr	R Gonsalves, M Pegram, L Sendapperuma	V Vaifale, J Chadwick, C Carayannis	R or M O'Connor, M Anthony, M Martyn	S Fernando, D Candido, C Bird
Gifts	V&C De Zilva, J Sequeira	J Bilton, M Magee	O'Connor Family	M Meerwald
Communion	G Akom, J Stewart, D Turner, D Trindade, J Satyagraha, S Dang, L Folino	P Marion, L&R Alveyn, S&D McGuire, E&M Morales, D Mariette	V&A Clark, T Bugge, L Newman, S Jayamaha, A Gargano, C Boissezon, J Allen	M Dawson, S D'Roza, C Wick- ramasinghe, P Mendonca, M Keating, S Sembukutti, S Disanayake
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Cuppa	<i>(4th Sunday of the Month)</i>			
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: N Raveche	Viewhills: P Shaw-Dennis, J Chadwick		
	Church Prep Team No.6 P. Mallac	Flowers Dina Mariette	Counting J Baskett, B Daly	Rosary Alvis Family

<u>Parish Finances</u>			<u>Sacraments:</u>
Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd	Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges)	\$ 2,298.00 (130 env)	Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a CatholicCARE Course.
Credit Card &	\$2,333.04	\$ 2,333.04	Anointing of the Sick is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.
Direct Debit	(177 pledges)		Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase.
Cash		\$ 311.00	
Parish Total		\$ 4,942.04	
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,048.05	
Thank You			Registration forms in the Parish Centre.