

Frequently in the Scriptures we hear of the city of Capernaum, it was on the north west shore of the sea of Galilee. It is in the synagogue that Mark describes the first public act of Jesus and we hear that Jesus is powerful in both word and deed. On the Sabbath the service in the Synagogue would feature prayers, Scripture readings and teachings. Anyone with sufficient learning would be invited to teach as there was no need for Rabbinic "ordination" in the time of Jesus. The Scribes based their teaching on the Scriptures but we hear that the teaching of Jesus was 'new', so Jesus' style would have been more direct and confident of his own authority because when Jesus spoke about God he was calling God, Abba. While Jesus did heal the possessed man, he shows his authority. The coming of God's kingdom would spell the end of the demon's power and the demon recognises Jesus' identity and his significance for the coming kingdom. The fact that Jesus cures the possessed man by word alone indicates the power of God's incarnate Word, Jesus. You and I are exposed to the power of God's word every time we read or listen to the Scriptures. We can thank the teachings of the Second Vatican Council for the greater significance Catholics now place on the Scriptures. To be denied God's Word would make us a "people who live in darkness". When we live in the darkness of secularism we can be possessed by various demons - uncontrollable urges to participate in addictions or activities that shrink the life out of us and can turn us into bitter, angry, frightened and anxious people. Addictions to drugs, to alcohol, to power, to materialism, to consumerism, to gossip, to vindictive behaviour, all deny us the openness needed to be Christ's disciples. It is worth considering what it is that we need to be liberated from and ask God to free us, so that when we interact with people they encounter a person of peace, a person of love, a person of hope, a person who makes them wonder what it is that makes us different.



Lent begins on Wed. 18th Feb. While **Ash Wed.** is not a Holy Day of Obligation, all of us are encouraged to attend Mass on this day in order to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Parish Lenten Program will be based on the resources from Brisbane. Please form your groups.

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1st Feb. 2015 (B)

4th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Mark 1:21-28

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by

contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat Vigil: Joseph & Marcelle Zarzour

Sun 8am: †Les & May Ellsmore

Sun 9:30am: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

Mon: Special Intention

Tues: Special Intention

Wed: †Mary Maloney

Thur: †Sumitomo

Fri: †Sr Miriam Boland

OUR SICK: *Marie and Edgar Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Moira Butler, Alan Sargeant and Minerva Alimario...*

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – accommodation is available now! For further details please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Parish Office on 9349 1292. (Patricia Low is Manager-Administration)

Happy Birthdays to: Herywati Chandra (1st), Josanna Busuttill & Tony De Bono (4th) and John Moore (5th).

Please pray for **Bishop Geoff Robinson** who is gravely ill. May he be given the grace of healing and the faith and strength to cope with whatever comes his way.

Mon 2nd Feb: Presentation of the Lord/ Candlemas: *Blessing of candles will take place at the 7:30am Mass. Candles are available in the piety stall for home use.*

The Great Adventure: Bible Study, 3rd Sundays of the month, 3:30pm presbytery. First session: [15th Feb.](#)

Catholicism, The Journey with Fr. Robert E. Barron. 4th Sun. at 3:30 pm presbytery. First session: [22nd Feb.](#)

☛ **27th Anniversary Pere Receveur Mass at La Perouse: Sun 15th Feb at 11am.** Everyone is invited to this outdoor Mass. Shade, chairs, sausage sizzle and refreshments provided.

☛ **CYS presents “Dating and Degustation – an event for young men and women between 25-35 to meet new people whilst sharing the exquisite degustation menu provided by Raddison Blu Hotel, Sydney. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased via Try Booking. Numbers are strictly and RSVPs are due by Fri 6th Feb. For other youth events, visit catholic youth services website.**

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) P Tjugito, P Low(R) S Kim, S Boen(C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) G Gates, Volunteer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) A Burton (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R) Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) F & G Hogan(C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Burke, Volunteer (R) P Chen, L Hart (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R) S Pedisich, K Wong (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** G Hogan

This weekend, at the **8am Mass**, we celebrate **CATECHIST SUNDAY**, when we acknowledge the 1800 catechists who so generously give up their time to teach the Catholic Faith to over 25,000 primary and high school students in the 320 public schools situated in the Archdiocese of Sydney. We recognise their response to their baptismal duty to evangelise, the voluntary nature of their sacrifice, and their love for the children in a work which is often difficult and thankless. We would especially like to acknowledge our own Catechists: **Joseph Haggar, Rose Houghton, Ollie Sarmiento, and Enid Webster**, for their untiring work. **New Catechists** are always needed to continue this challenging mission. For those who choose to be a catechist, a catechist accreditation programme is available to help in understanding the Mission, the message to be presented and classroom management. Perhaps some parishioners here present may be interested in taking part in this ministry to be a catechist or help a catechist. If so please contact our Catechist Co-ordinator, Gennie, on 9663 3657, for further details.

We would also like to welcome our newest Catechists, Miye Asayama and Louise Doyle, and thank them for taking up this mission.

Finally, our congratulations to our **Rose**, who will receive from Fr. Jerzy her **Certificate of Commendation**, for **ten years** catechetical service. May God bless her and all our Catechists in their untiring work.

Please join our Catechists, after Mass, for refreshments in the Presbytery.

The Pontiff urges fathers to 'waste time' playing with their offspring in his general audience address.



"At times it seems that fathers do not know well what place to occupy in the family and how to educate the children. And then, in doubt, they abstain, they withdraw and neglect their responsibility, perhaps taking refuge in an improbable relation 'on par' with the children.

“They (children) are orphans, but within the family, because the fathers are often absent, also physically, from home but above all because, when they are home, they do not behave as fathers, they do not have a dialogue with their children. They do not fulfil their educational task. They do not give to their children – with their example accompanied by words – those principles, those values, those rules of life that they need, just as much as they need bread. The educational quality of the paternal presence is all the more necessary the more the father is constrained by work to be far from home.”