

Infant Jesus Parish

Under the care of the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

29 January 2012

First Reading Dt 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers: I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

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

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs

and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:

a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel is a relatively short passage, there's a lot going on within it. Firstly, we are presented with Jesus going to the synagogue



in Capernaum and teaching there. This immediately indicates that Jesus must have been quite well educated – he was obviously able to read from the Torah in Hebrew and then teach about it with an impressive level of authority. In fact at the end of the passage, the people seem more impressed with his teaching than with the act of casting out the unclean spirit! Secondly, in the interaction with the unclean spirit, it knows Jesus and identifies him as the 'Holy One of God'. Jesus sharply tells the spirit to 'Be quiet!' Jesus almost appears to want to silence the spirit before it says any more about who he really is. This is a feature of the gospel of Mark in which the identity of Jesus as the Messiah is kept under wraps but breaks out in unlikely places – known as the Messianic secret.

Whenever an exorcism miracle occurs in the gospels the emphasis is on the reaction to the miracle much more than the action itself. Here, the casting out of the unclean spirit appears to confirm for the people the authority that they sensed in the teaching of Jesus. Liberating the possessed man from the unclean spirit is an illustration of the way in which the people themselves were liberated by Jesus' teaching. It is the message, the teaching, of Jesus that frees people. It is in this way that his understanding of Messiah is revealed. Jesus wants people to come to that knowledge through understanding his message, rather than being impressed by miraculous actions.

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Entrance Antiphon Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

My dear people,

A reminder that next week, Fr. Antony Madathiparambil will return to say the weekend Masses and be the "priest in residence" while Fr. Tadgh and myself are in Sydney for the annual plenary meeting of the friars. Next Sunday, after the 9.30am Mass, we will officially farewell Fr. Antony at a morning tea. This is also a good opportunity to thank him for the work he has done over the time he has spent in our parish, and to wish him and his brethren every blessing in their new "mission" in Bunbury diocese. I hope that you will come and show your support at the morning tea.

Please keep all the friars gathering in Sydney in your prayers and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the decisions which need to be made.

- Fr. Sunny

Infant Jesus Parish Presents



A Night of Joy

A celebration of song with

*The Julian Singers and
The Sudanese Choir*

**Tickets will be on sale
in the foyer after Mass
today.**

FRIDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2012

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Includes wine & cheese prior to the concert and refreshments at the interval

How to Book -

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Phone: 9276 1485 or Parish Office from 23rd January 2012

Please encourage your family and friends to purchase tickets to hear these two very different choral groups and experience the power they have to lift the heart with the magic of song.

Wheelchair Accessible / Hearing Loop available / air-conditioned venue

CAN YOU HELP? In the foyer are fliers for our concert for you to take home. Please help us by taking some and passing them on at work, in your business, your retirement village, to family and friends. Some A4 fliers are also available in case you are able to display these at your place of business. The more people who see the flier, the more guests we will have on the night. A digital copy of the flier is also available from the main page of the website, or you can obtain a copy by emailing the parish office at ijparish@carmelite.com - this might be an easy way for you to let your friends know by email. Your help in getting the word out about our concert would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!



THE ARCHBISHOP ONLINE—Archbishop Barry J. Hickey will feature in a series of good news / talks on both topical and spiritual matters. Online weekly from 22/1/2012. Go to www.thefaith.org.au.

PILATES CLASSES AT MORLEY PARISH

A new pilates class has commenced in the parish centre on Tuesday evenings, from 6 - 7pm. If you are interested, please contact "Body 'N Beauty" on 9377 7447 or email linda@bodynbeauty.net for further information. Free trial classes for all new customers.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

Our Parish Events

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Sean Stapleton;

Anniversaries: Leonie Findaly, Ermindo & Teresa Gherardi, Tony Tomich, Vera Tighe;

Deceased: Paul Dunning;

The Sick of the Parish: Nola & Scott Leckie, Maria Tomich and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"My helper is my God;
I will place my trust in Him."*

FAREWELL TO FR. ANTONY MADATHIPARAMBIL

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

10.30am in the Parish Hall

All are welcome to come along for **Morning Tea** to be held **after the 9.30am Mass** to farewell Fr Antony.

Please bring a plate of **finger food** to share. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be supplied. Anyone who can help with this morning tea please contact the parish office

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2012 ENROLMENT FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Parents of children at non-Catholic schools who wish their children to prepare for any of the Sacraments are advised that two years of religious education classes are a requirement.

Enrolment day for classes will be **Wednesday 8th February, 2012, from 12.30pm—4pm or 6-7pm**, in the parish centre. Please mark this date in your diary if you intend enrolling your child.

Classes will begin on Wednesday 15th February 2012 from 4.30-5.20pm.

Linedancing Classes for 2012 re-commences:

Thursday 2 Feb at 9.30am and
a **new** Tuesday class 7 February at 1pm
Looking forward to seeing everyone once again.

Thank you, Genevieve.

Latin Mass Music CD - by Hermann Cohen, Founder of Carmelite Church, London

This popular Mass, sung by Kensington Church Choir was edited and copied to CD by Fr. Tadgh from a cassette. For lovers of Sacred Music and Latin Mass! On sale in the Piety Stall and Parish Office for only \$5.00.

PILGRIM STATUE: The pilgrim statue will not be available for the next three months. An alternative, but smaller statue of Our Lady of Lourdes is available for those who wish to have it on their nominated date. Please call Doug on 9276 5048 to indicate your choice.

Calendar of Saints

30 Jan: St. John Bosco, Founder (1888AD)

2 Feb: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

3 Feb: St. Blaise, Martyr (316AD)
St. Ansgar, Missionary
(865AD)



St. Blaise

SCHOOL LEAVERS

Some Questions:

Have you just finished high school? Not sure what to do this year? Are you keen to see renewal in the church? Keen to discover more about your Catholic Faith? Or to know the Bible better? Have you discovered the power of prayer? Would you like to know more about the answers to these questions? This week, why not give Acts 2 Bible College a call. www.acts2come.wa.edu.au or ring 9202 6859



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Our Liturgical Life

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Wednesday 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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Catholic Charismatic Renewal: SET FREE Inner Healing Ministry with presenters Diana Mascarenhas from India & Fr Elias Vella OFMC from Malta. **Fri Feb 3 – Sun Feb 5**

3-day live-in retreat aimed at healing emotional & psychological wounds from our past. Held at St John of God, Shoalwater Bay. Cost \$350.00. **Mon 6 Feb 9am – 5pm** at Holy Family Church, Como. **Inner Healing Ministry Day** to receive healing prayer and counselling for past hurts and wisdom to handle the future. **Cost \$25**. Flyer on notice board or call Martha Kalat 0419242172 or em: martha.kalat@doir.wa.gov.au

Julianne Murphy rsj (*Travelling Sisters*) will be returning to WA in March (4th to 23rd) to continue the *Travelling Sisters* programme. For more information about the programme please see the flier in the foyer or go to www.marymackillopfoundation.org.au.

PILGRIMAGES FOR 2012

Ireland, England and Rome: Led by **ARCHBISHOP HICKEY** 8–28 June 2012 includes Eucharistic Congress in Dublin 10-17 June, walk the footsteps of Blessed John Henry Newman in England. Cost \$7,510. Contact Brian Peachey 9446 3266 or email brianpeachey@westnet.com.au. See the itinerary on foyer board.

To Our Lady of Vellankanni, St Francis Xavier, St. Philomena, Blessed Teresa of Kolkota. Tour covers 22 days to Chennai, Pondicherry, Bangalore, Mysore, Cochin, Goa, Delhi, Darjeeling & more. Flier in foyer

MEDJUGORJE 30th APRIL. Flying Emirates to Paris for 3 night stay. Lourdes 5 night stay, Medjugorje 7 night stay. Returning 17th/18th May. Cost \$5,395 includes all flights. Transfers. Accommodation Bed/Breakfast evening meals, guides, taxes & tipping. Spiritual director Fr. Bogoni. Enq. Eileen 9402 2480 mob 0407 471 256 email medjugorje@y7mail.com

26 Days to Potta, South India and Goa including 1 week's Retreat in Potta, 7 July - 1 Aug. Cost \$3,600. See the itinerary on foyer board.

'Understanding Boundaries' workshop: Based on the best-selling book that provides a biblical basis for knowing when to say 'yes' and when to say 'no'. Jan 30, Feb 1, 6, & 8. Time 5.45pm-7pm at The Faith Centre, 450 Hay St, Perth. Cost by donation. Bookings essential to pre-order participant's guide. Ph Paul - 0402 222 578. (Offered by Association of Educational Counsellors & Relationship Educators of WA Inc.)

Tuesday 31st January—Spirituality & The Sunday Gospels
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