

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's Gospel (Mk 1:21-28) describes the first public act of Jesus in Mark's Gospel: his teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, in the course of which he dramatically frees a man possessed by an evil spirit. The people in the synagogue are just as amazed at the authenticity with which Jesus teaches as by the power with which he drives out demons. The immediate response of the people is to ask: What does this mean? Jesus speaks to people in ways that draw on his and their experience and so he makes an impact on them. His actions and how he related to them support his words. Jesus brings liberation by what he says and by what he does. Jesus called together a community of great diversity of backgrounds and character. It was a community united by loving faith, a personal relationship with him. That is what it meant for those who actually heard Jesus. What does it mean for us today?

We might ask ourselves what do we need to be set free from by the words and actions of Jesus? One of the things that marks our time is the polarisation and the way people show contempt for others who don't share their political agenda. People self-select what they want to believe. Everyone tends to only read sites that we agree with and so we are untroubled by any other perspectives or facts that may disturb them. This created polarisation into opposing communities who trade abuse. This is not confined to any particular age group. There is not just a difference of opinion but also contempt for those who hold contrary views. This erodes any sense of unity and community. Others are seen as a threat.

This phenomenon is also found in our Church these days. It is shocking how much disrespect is shown, for example, to Pope Francis and, locally, to Archbishop Tim. Lies and misinformation are part of a self-declared 'war'. Negative emotions feed extreme positions as people feel no need to read documents or listen carefully and respectfully to those in positions of authority. Trust and love have gone and been replaced by suspicion and a form of faith that is used as a weapon against others.

We are called to co-create with the Holy Spirit a community that is welcoming to all, while walking together with Jesus in faith and love, in communion with the pope and bishops of the Catholic Church.

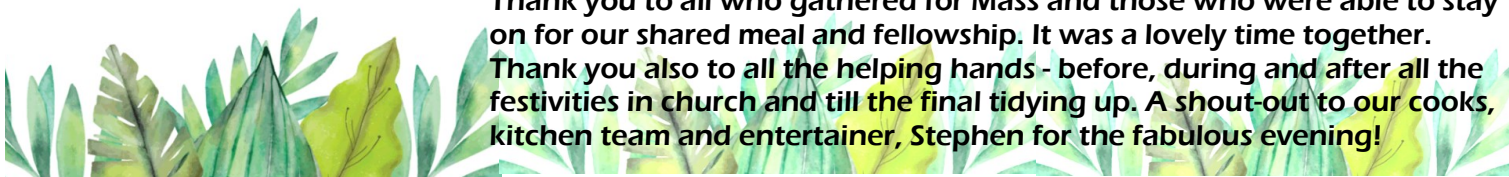
Blessings,
Greg

Thank You

FOR CELEBRATING WITH US

What a great community celebration to start off the parish new year!

Thank you to all who gathered for Mass and those who were able to stay on for our shared meal and fellowship. It was a lovely time together. Thank you also to all the helping hands - before, during and after all the festivities in church and till the final tidying up. A shout-out to our cooks, kitchen team and entertainer, Stephen for the fabulous evening!



PARISH OFFICE & PARISH CENTRE REOPENS this Monday 29 January.
However, due to Masses being held in the parish hall this coming week, groups that meet in the hall continue to be in recess till 3 February.



...but please note that **THE CHURCH IS CLOSED from Monday 29th January until Friday 2nd February**, the church will be CLOSED for the final installation of the new carpet. **MASSSES WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL** at 7.00am and 9.00am on these days. Masses will resume in the church as usual from Saturday 3rd February at 8.30am.

CARMELITE DAY RETREAT
"The Writings of St Teresa of Avila"
Saturday 10 February 2024 9.30am – 3pm

Following on from the previous Retreat "St Teresa: finding God in our lives today", we invite all to come and spend time at a **Day Retreat with Father Greg Burke OCD** as he speaks about two books written by St Teresa – 'The Life of St Teresa of Jesus' (autobiography) and 'The Way of Perfection'.



St Teresa was a Spanish Carmelite nun and prominent Spanish mystic and religious reformer. This is a great opportunity to learn about Teresa's life and how her teachings and writings can help us in our lives today. Fr Greg is an excellent speaker and a well renowned authority on the Carmelite Saints.

Venue: St Catherines House of Hospitality 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill 6060.

Cost: \$30 pp. Morning Tea and Lunch provided.

RSVP: Monday 5 February 2024 - **Bookings essential**

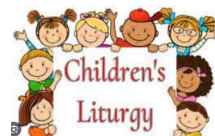
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OUR PARISH CHILDREN NEED YOU CHILDREN'S LITURGY

► **Please consider this ministry**

We have had one response to our call to this ministry—5 more are needed if our children are to have the benefit of celebrating and reflecting on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way.

The commitment is on a roster basis **during school terms at the Sunday 9.30am Mass**. Resources and assistance will be provided. Please contact Billie at the parish office if you can help or need more information.



Parish Religious Education Programme

Religion classes for children not attending Catholic schools are held in our parish centre each Wednesday during school terms from 4.15pm to 5.20pm.



Enrolments for 2024 will be held on **Wednesday 7th February 2024 from 2.30pm-4.30pm** or email prep@infantjesusparish.org.au for an on-line enrolment form. Please note that two years of classes are required before the reception of any of the Sacraments.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

Looking forward to sharing 2024 with everyone



Line Dancing - great fun exercise, good music and nice morning tea to catch your breath and catch up with one another: starting on Monday 5 February 9.30-11am—small fee applies.

Tai Chi - a more sedate exercise session, still great fun with the group, starting Tuesday 6 February 9.45-11am.

Craft Group - do you have unfinished projects or would like to learn something new? The group is there to keep you company as you beaver away, to help if help is needed... or just to chat: starting Thursday 8 February 9.30-11am.

ABC - Another Book Club - first Monday monthly 6.30-8.00pm. For more info, contact Marion at goodnesstruthbeauty@yahoo.com

Meditation Groups - Christians do meditate. All are welcome to join us and learn how. Monday group @7pm, Friday group @9.30am

Bible Study with Fr Adalbert - see notice on the right

All Are Welcome Many other groups meet in our parish - please check the foyer boards for their details and all that is happening in our parish.

Bible Study

We are restarting the Infant Jesus Bible Study Group on Thursday 1 February, 2024

We will follow the same structure as last year:

Place: Parish Centre Library Room

Time: 6.30pm-8pm, every Thursday (during school term)

Structure:

- 6.30pm-7pm: Shared reflection time on our experience of the previous week
- 7pm-8pm: Prayerful exploration and discussion on the following Sunday's Gospel

Feel free to come either at 6.30pm or 7pm.

Whilst I will endeavour to facilitate as many of the sessions as I can, there will be times when other participants will lead the group. As such, this year there will be a greater emphasis on equipping participants with resources and skills so as to help members open up discussions about the Bible and its impact on our lives.

Do come along if you wish to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith and what it means to bring the Good News to those in need.

I look forward to seeing you there and then.

In Christ,
Fr Adalbert

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd



Please bring your own candles for a special blessing at the 7am and 9am Masses on this feast day.



NO PARKING



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SMITH STREET PARKING CHANGES

Please be aware of changes to the parking regulations on Smith Street. To avoid any parking infringements, do take note of all the new signage installed by the City of Baywater near our church and priory car park exits into Smith Street and also those across the street with our neighbours.

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Ricardo Sancho Esteban;

Deceased: Bill & Nettie Beukelaar;

Anniversaries: Brenda Boswell, Settimio D'Alessandro, Vera Tighe, Peter Meek, Peggy Brown, Pamela Copeland;

The Sick of the Parish: Barbara Finos and all those who are in need of our prayers.

"The Lord has become my fortress and my God the rock in whom I take refuge."



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady has been visiting family homes for many years in our parish enabling beautiful days of prayer and fellowship with family and friends.

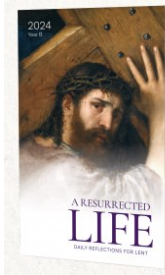
How do I have Our Lady come visit my home?

You just need to put your details on the roster sheet provided in the church foyer. There is also a flyer with more detailed information of this devotion to Our Lady. Please contact Andrew Panizza 0401 248 116 if you have further queries.

ASH WEDNESDAY

14 FEBRUARY

Masses at 7am, 9am and 7pm



....and in preparation for the season, we have for sale at the piety stall and parish office "A Resurrected Life", a small book of daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week and to Sunday Easter that is easy to carry, and read, while commuting or sitting at home - only \$6.

Each reflection is written to help us sit with God and to trust Him to lead us forward in this holy season.

► If anyone is willing to lead a Lenten group at home or in the parish centre, please contact Billie. Resources and assistance will be provided.



Be the Heart of Hope: Take Action as a Caritas Ambassador

We're on the lookout for passionate individuals, of all ages, to become Caritas Ambassadors. Discover the impact of your voice on the most vulnerable lives and communities. As a speaker, you have the potential to inspire change and spread God's love in action. Join us in becoming the heart of these stories, connecting with our mission, and shaping a future filled with compassion and hope.

Join us for a special session unveiling the heartwarming stories behind Project Compassion 2024 -

Tuesday January 30th 2024, from 6:00 to 7:30PM.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please contact us on 9422 7925 or through email at Shelby.d@caritas.org.au for more information.

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

31 Jan: St John Bosco, priest

02 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord

THIS WEEKEND — 28 January 2024—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter	Chris Lambert	Conan	David W.
Altar Servers	Ethan, Eldon, Meghan, Mathan	Cyril	Victoria, Manuel, Ruben	Dylan, Amy, Megan
Proclaimers	Naethan and Megan	Rita and Clare	Barbara and Beblin	Pramila and Alishia
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy; Chris A; Sejin and Teresa	Debbie; Brian; Josie and Carl	Magdalene; Anna; Errol and Roma	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Manisha and Megan Mascarenhas	Quinn Vu and Francisca Scully	Haydee Canoneo and Barbara Taylor	Anne Bowley and Pramila Crasta
Church Cleaning	Team C— Saturday, 3 February 2024 @ 9.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 04 February 2024—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Chris Lambert	Marion Wayne	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Elizabeth and Peter	Crissantto; Cesar; Leah	Tim; Dan and Larissa
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Sylvia	Joanne and Sally	Rod and Chris A	Anna and Claire
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily; Marie; Nevellene and Betty	Kerryn; Kathleen; Margaret and Andrew	Marlene; Linda; Tanya and Sr Justin	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Roopa Tharakan; Desmond Dwyer	Barb Cavanagh; Veronica Ueberuaga	Deb Laidler; Loretta Sivwright	Julie Lambert; Adam Lambert
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 9 February 2024 @ 10.30am			

Our Parish Team

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In Our Church

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Parish Inclusion Coordinator: Sue Baile - 0497 163 387

Morning Mass: Monday - Friday: 7am & 9am
 Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5 - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 5.30 - 6.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office - enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au | Ph: 9276 8500
PARISH OFFICE: 47 Wellington Road, Morley 9276 8500
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Supporting Our Parish Financially

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