

21st January 2018 (Year B)

## NEWSLETTER

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# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THIS IS THE YEAR OF MARK'S GOSPEL.



We read it until 11 February and then pick it up again in June after the Lent-Easter cycle.

It is generally accepted by today's scholars that the Gospel of Mark was the first gospel to be written. Its time of composition was either just before or after the Jewish War of 66-70 AD in which the Temple of Jerusalem was destroyed.

The gospel opens with the prophet, John the Baptist in the wilderness pointing the way toward one who is to come. At that point Jesus comes on the scene at the Jordan where the heavens open and the Spirit is said to descend on him as a dove as he is baptised by John. This affirmation and the divine voice establish Jesus as one beloved of God.

It is no surprise then when Jesus battles the forces of evil in the desert and emerges in right relationship with both the wild beasts and the angels. These experiences authenticate Jesus taking up a ministry of preaching God's appointed time, the time for establishing God's kingdom.

The first action of Jesus in this work of God is to establish a community for the mission. He calls four fishermen and they leave both family and resources and follow after Jesus. This is a new kinship, a new community undertaking the mission of God's kingdom. They are to learn from Jesus so that they will be the community that can carry this ministry forward.

The major facet of this new kingdom as narrated in Mark's gospel is the work of healing and restoring God's right order: a demon is driven out of a man in a synagogue on the Sabbath - Jesus establishing right order in the holy place on the holy day; Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and she takes up the task of service - right order is restored to the household and she models Christian ministry; Jesus, in naming the unclean leper as clean, furthers God's reign.

Boundaries established by religious laws and by culture which rendered certain persons and groups of people as outsiders and unclean have been broken open by Jesus. Such actions invite hearers of Mark's story to believe in a new divine order that transgresses old boundaries so that the liberating power of God might enter in and create new communities.

This is the invitation that the gospel of Mark holds out to communities of faith in this Year B of the Church's cycle. It is for this that we listen as the year unfolds. The starkness of his story invites us to follow the prophetic Jesus to the cross and beyond in establishing God's dream, the kingdom.

*Adapted from a text by Dr Elaine Wainwright RSM*



#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10.*

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31. Mark 1:14-20.*



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Emily Deldot recently deceased and also for Nerina Piccone, Joyce Stefano, Roy Jones, Leo Maher, Frederick Stirling, Irene Stirling, Leslie Aylward, Margaret Aylward, Dorothea Piper, Rudy Schodel, Katie and Norm Timmins, Norman and Patricia Timmins, Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Karen Baker, Mike West, Isabel Navratil, Patrick and Eve Long, Arthur and Mavis Wilson.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers –**  
John Chester, Sharon Nutch, Angela Geraghty,  
Harold O'Connor, Len Jarrett, Eileen Osborn,  
Frank Antcliffe, Gretta Donnelly.

### DATE CLAIMERS 2018

**Tuesday 23 January** Carer's Group meet at 10am in Hall  
**Thursday 1 February** Liturgy Committee meet at 7pm  
**Monday 5 February** Musicians/Singers meet at 5pm  
**Thursday 8 February** Parish Pastoral Council meet at 7pm  
**Friday 9 February** Drop in Morning 10am in the Hall  
**Sunday 11 February** Opening of the School Year Mass at 8am with Bishop Ken Howell.  
**14 February** Ash Wednesday  
**15/16 February** Parent Workshop - Penance Celebrations for Sacrament of Penance for children enrolled  
**17-24 March** Easter Sunday  
**1 April** Parent Workshop - Holy Communion Celebrations for First Holy Communion for children enrolled  
**26/27 April** Parent Workshop - Confirmation Celebrations for Sacrament of Confirmation for children enrolled  
**2/3 June**  
**9/10 August**  
**18-20 September**

## YOUTH NEWS YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

**Youth Retreat Saturday 24 February 2018** at 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. An opportunity for young adults (18-30 yrs) to spend a day at the beautiful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. **NO CHARGE!** Please book at [ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au)



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –** held on Friday in the sanctuary of the church. Please join us to pray for families, our parish and for peace in the world. You are welcome to stop in for 10 minutes on the way to work or join us for the whole time. Prayers, readings and scriptures available. All welcome.

### Volunteers wanted to assist with CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 8am Mass on Sundays during School

**Terms -** Our Children's Liturgy group are looking for some new helpers to join the existing volunteer team.



**Why volunteer?** Enhance your own personal faith growth and gain a better understanding of the parish liturgy as you present an adapted version of the Liturgy of the Word to children in a manner that makes it relevant to their lives and experiences.

**What does it involve?** Lead Children's Liturgy (one Sunday per school term) using pre-prepared supplied materials with another adult volunteer and rostered Yr 6 school helpers.

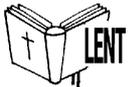
**To be added to the volunteer roster or for further information please contact Judith on Ph: 0411 152 755**

**DROP-IN-FRIDAY** Come and enjoy hospitality with some friendly people on the first Friday of each month in the Parish Hall 10am-12 noon. Play cards, do some craft or just join in the conversation. **Next date - 9 February** (second week in February ONLY) All welcome



**POSITIONS VACANT – Choral Scholar** at St Stephens Cathedral. Seeking expressions of interest from singers (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) for on-call, casual relief positions in the Music Department, plus some permanent contracted positions in the Cathedral Choir and Schola. Please see - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> - go to careers.

**PARISH LENTEN GROUPS –** anyone wishing to be involved in leading a group this year please contact the parish office and register your interest.



**HeartFIT Exercise Program** each **Wednesday 10am in the Parish Hall**. Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, keep it strong and vibrant to Live Life to the full. **HeartFIT** is a gentle to moderate exercise program for everyone to maintain/regain a strong healthy lifestyle. For details call Bruce 0408740543.

**ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL are seeking volunteer guides.** Do you enjoy meeting people, love your Cathedral and revel in good art/history? Information session 1st February. For more details, please contact Carmel Devery on 3324 3030.



**SAINTLY SNAPSHOTS –** 21 January St Agnes. Patron saint of engaged couples - beauty, purity, strength. Prayer - Lord, we pray for all newly engaged couples in our families and our parish community. Grow in them a love that truly satisfies and help them cling closely to the love of God. St Agnes, pray for us. **Action: Invite an engaged couple over for dinner.**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2018

*Please mark these important dates in your diary.*

### PENANCE

**Parent workshop sessions**

15 February 7:30pm OR 16 February 9:30am

**Celebration of Penance 17-24 March 2018**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** (Year 4 children)

**Parent workshop sessions**

26 April 7:30pm OR 27 April 9:30am

**Celebration of First Holy Communion 2/3 June 2018**

**CONFIRMATION** (Year 3 children)

**Parent workshop sessions**

9 August 7:30pm OR 10 August 9:30am

**Celebration of Confirmation 18-20 September 2018**



**CARERS' MEETING** - morning tea for anyone caring for someone with a physical/mental illness 10am 23 January in the Parish Hall. All welcome. For more details call Veronica Corcoran 3399 5076



**PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** meet on Sunday 25 February after 8am Mass. Anyone interested in social justice issues is welcome to come along and join us in the Parish Board Room.

**Little King's Movement annual appeal** - 4 February 2018. For those who wish to donate - envelopes are available next weekend.

**VOCATION VIEW** – Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, "Come, follow Me." Pray for vocations. To talk to someone about your vocation, please telephone 3324 3351



**HUMOUR** - *It was the first day of school. As the principal made his rounds, he heard a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushed in and spotted one boy, taller than the others, who seemed to be making the most noise. He ordered him into the hall and told him to wait there. Returning to the room, the principal restored order and lectured the students for half an hour about the importance of good behavior. "Now," he said, "are there any questions?" One girl stood up timidly. "Please, sir," she asked, "may we have our teacher back?"*

**NO PARKING please on the paved area in front of the church**

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## PARISH ROSTERS NEXT SUNDAY

**Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers**

**Team 4-** please arrange a substitute if not available.

**Hospitality Roster**

**28 January** – Susana Morisaki, Claire and Laurie Carsley.

**11 February** – Karen and Peter Collins, Liz and Tim Daly.

**Children's Liturgy Roster**

**28 January** – Lisa Magee and Viv Thompson.

**4 February** – Brooke Fitzgibbon and Kerry McMahon.

## + Liturgy this Week 22 January – 28 January 2018

MONDAY	8:30am		Mass with school staff
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm	St Francis de Sales	Mass
THURSDAY	-	The Conversion of St Paul	-
FRIDAY	9:00am	Australia Day	Mass
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm</b>		<b>Mass: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	<i>Readings – Deuteronomy 18:15-20. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. Mark 1:21-28.</i>		
<b>OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER</b>			
RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm		
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### SING A NEW SONG

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
Let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
Singing alleluia.*

All God's people dance with joy!  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for God with glad tambourines,  
And let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep.  
Your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,  
I know my Saviour lives.



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**GLORIA** *Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your  
resurrection, until you come again.

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.



### COMMUNION HYMN

#### OUR SUPPER INVITATION

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.  
Let me befriend you now: eat, take your fill.  
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.



Take up your burden now,  
Walk 'til you find just what the journey means;  
Walk while there's time.  
Food for the journey will answer your need.  
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.  
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.  
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.  
Share with your people, that love has its will.

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

#### *REFRAIN*

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,  
beckon our lives through your word,  
open our eyes to your call,  
united as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,  
Heal us of pride and of hurt,  
may we go forth in your name  
we pray our hearts change.*



The heart of the cross,  
lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord, it is you promising hope,  
promising truth.

Restless,  
the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.  
Deepen the dream justice brings life,  
justice redeems.

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