

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 12

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

28 JANUARY 2024

LISTEN

Listening is a central part of being a follower of Christ: listening to the Holy Spirit, to the Word, and to each other. Today we are called to listen and give undivided attention to the Lord, to a prophet like Moses, and to Jesus in the Gospel.

Moses reveals that "God will raise up a prophet like myself from among yourselves, from your own people ... to him you must listen" (Deut 18:15). He reminds the people that this is what they have asked for. In the letter to the Corinthians Paul addresses the anxieties of the community as "the present form of the world is passing away" (1 Cor 7:31). Paul expresses his wish that they be free from anxieties by giving attention to the Lord.

The Gospel continues the beginning of Jesus ministry in what I call "Jesus Central" – Capernaum (Kefar Nahum). It is where Jesus made his home during his Galilean ministry. We notice it is Shabbat, the sabbath, and Jesus is in the synagogue teaching. "They" (those in the synagogue) are astounded by his teaching. "They" are listening as he teaches with authority. Juxtaposed with this is the exorcism of an unclean spirit which brings both amazement and the question: "what is this? A new teaching with authority" (v. 27). We hear that his fame spreads, but are they truly listening, and do they recognise who he is? Jesus proclaims the good news in word and deed and expects a change of heart. How are we listening today?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 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

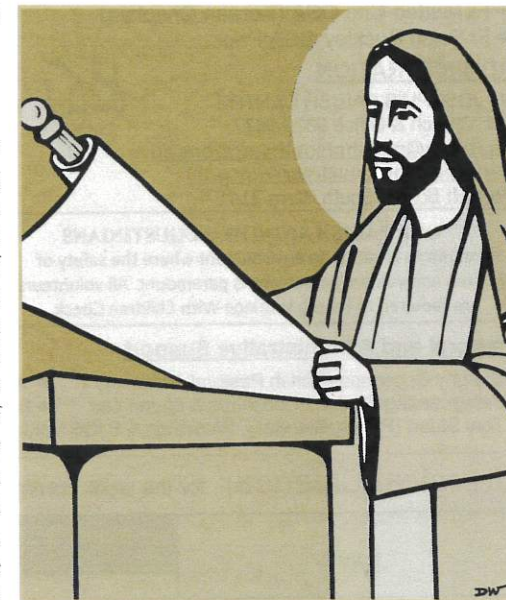
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

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 might 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.



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (28 Jan 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Amy Lau (Business & Facilities Manager: Tues - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa & I-Lynn Lee
- ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Christian Meditation will resume in February
- ▶ STA Feast Day & Morning Coffee Sun 28 Jan
- ▶ RCIA Meeting Thursday 1st February 7pm.

AUGUSTINE 'MY YOKE IS EASY'



“Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. How can the Lord's yoke be easy and his burden light? And how can the Saviour promise:

“Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest”? The soul that savours this promised repose, and the hope of future happiness the difficulties of daily life are made less crushing. Thus did Christ's burden become light, and his yoke easy. As St Paul assures us: “God, being faithful, will not let you be tried beyond your strength. Along with the trial, he will also provide a way through it, and so enable you to persevere.” (Sermon 70)

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9AM MASS THIS SUNDAY 28 JANUARY



The feast day of St Thomas Aquinas, one of our parish patron saints, occurs this Sunday 28th January. Our community celebration this year

will be a coffee morning together from 10.15am at Jardin Tan in the Botanical Gardens Visitor Centre Café, opposite the Shrine of Remembrance, a 10-minute walk from St Thomas' Church. Free parking available close to the entrance to the Botanical Gardens.

PARISH WORKING BEE

Thursday 1st February 4-7pm at St Joseph's
 Please contact the Parish Office if you are available to help with gardening to tidy up St Joseph's church surrounds.

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND



As we reflect on the diversity of people, climate, distances, blessings and challenges that make up our country, we thank God for the place we call home.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased Anniversaries

- ✦ Cecilia Chung
- ✦ Catherine Macpherson
- ✦ Tom McGreal
- ✦ Rufino Torres
- ✦ Judith McHugh
- ✦ Terry Dawson
- ✦ Margaret Power
- ✦ Pacita Ramos
- ✦ Jeff Kee
- ✦ Colleen Phillips

BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN



If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or if you have questions about taking the next step, the Parish of South Yarra is here to accompany you. Please contact the Parish office for more details. 98269677

BLESSING OF CANDLES

On the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, traditionally, liturgical candles are blessed for the coming year.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Brian Young, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Margaret Lochtenberg, Ronald Seaman, Mito Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Inge Halim, Paul Chong, Patricia Galloway, Margaret Shepherd, Monica Beckenham, Larissa Popowski, Ryan McCarthy, Mary Ireland, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Tony Duarte, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Veronica Dura, Regina Caluya, Lynn Montilla Garcia, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Judith Duncan, Stephen Soh, Joseph Alcantara.

MASS COLLECTIONS 14/01/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 852.75
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 250.65
Envelopes	\$ 152.80
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 375.60
Tap Point Terminals	\$ 495.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 28th January 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 27th January 2024	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 28th January 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 29th January 4 th Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 30th January 4 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Wednesday 31st January St John Bosco	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Thursday 1st February 4 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Friday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord	10.00am Mass	12.45am Mass
Saturday 3rd February Bl Stephen Bellesini	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	



The World Day for Consecrated Life

is celebrated each year on February 2, the **Feast of the Presentation**. We pray for men and women who have made religious vows that they will be faithful to their commitment and be a vibrant witness to the Gospel in today's world.