

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

7 JULY 2024

A PROPHET AMONG THEM

In the first reading Ezekiel relates his call from God to be a prophet to the people of Israel. This is a major challenge for him considering their rebellion against God plus their insolence and obstinance. God asks Ezekiel to tell them, whether they listen or not, that there is a prophet among them.

The context of being a prophet is echoed in the Gospel as Jesus is rejected in his own town, Nazareth. From the beginning of Mark's Gospel, we know who Jesus is, but we have already seen his rejection by the leaders of Israel (3:6). Now, after he has left the place where he healed the haemorrhaging woman and restored Jairus' daughter to life (last Sunday's Gospel), he comes to his own town, and his disciples follow him there. On his arrival on the sabbath he teaches in the synagogue as might be expected. His listeners' astonishment turns to disbelief. Jesus words to them convey his threefold rejection: 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' Such unbelief leaves Jesus unable to use his power though he did heal a few of the sick. Jesus' amazement at their disbelief is in sharp contrast to the faith shown by the woman in the crowd who touched him, and recalls his question to his disciples in the storm, 'Have you no faith?' The journey of his teaching goes on now towards the critical question in 8:29, 'who do you say that I am?' Can we see and hear the prophets among us?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Ezek 2: 2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v. 2

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, / you who dwell in the heavens: / my eyes, like the eyes of slaves / on the hand of their lords. **R.**
2. Like the eyes of a servant / on the hand of her mistress, / so our eyes are on the Lord our God / till he show us mercy. **R.**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. / We are filled with contempt. / Indeed all too full is our soul / with the scorn of the rich, / with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

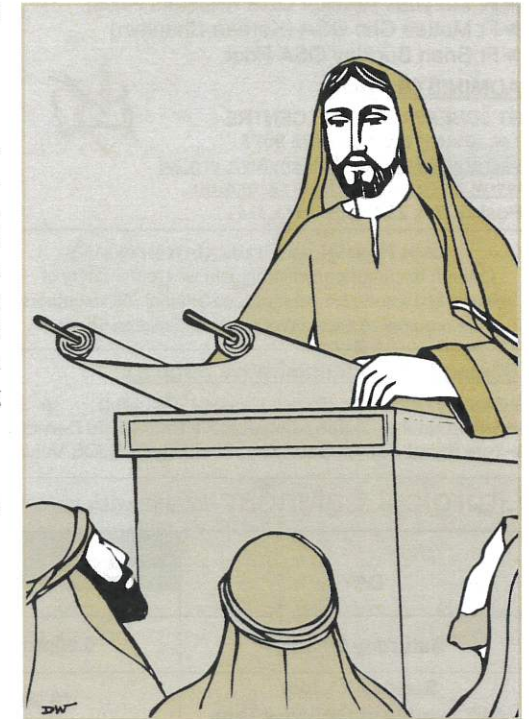
SECOND READING

2 Cor 12: 7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord



three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th July 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)
- ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ 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

- ▶ Healing/Anointing Mass 10am Tues 9th July
- ▶ Parish Finance Committee 4pm Tues 9th July
- ▶ Parish Council Wed. 10th July 7pm.

AUGUSTINE – GOD IS ALL IN ALL



"When servants bring savoury platters to the table, the hungry guests beam with delight. A fine painting's subtle colours and deft brush strokes rivet the eyes of someone who

appreciates the glow of beauty. Dulcet harmonies soothe the ear that's attuned to them, and sweet fragrances gratify our sense of smell. So, too, may "hearts that seek the Lord rejoice." There's no question but that each of our senses is pleasantly affected by its proper object. Thus, sound can't thrill the eye, nor colour beguile the ear. For the human heart, however, God is at one and the same time light, harmony, fragrance and food. And if he's all that, it's because he's none of it; and if he's none of it, that's because it has all been created by him. (Sermon 28,1-2)

CHILDREN'S FIRST COMMUNION



Preparation classes for children making their First Communion will begin on Friday 19th July. Please contact Stephy at the parish office if you would like to enrol your child.

THANK YOU

We appreciate the time our volunteers dedicate to assisting in many ways our in our parish. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloudeamans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Larissa Popowski, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Anne Morton, Cecil D'Cruz.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

- * Mary Dullard (née Slattery)



Anniversaries

- * Mary Taylor
- * William Kendall Cahill
- * Catherine & Alex Brebner
- * Jean de Campo
- * Eduardo Bicudo de Castro
- * Dorairaj Thambirajah

ANOINTING MASS TUESDAY 9th JULY



The monthly Mass of Healing or Anointing will be celebrated this month on Tues July 9th at St. Joseph's Church. All parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to attend.

AUGUSTINIAN CHAPTER SYDNEY



The mid-term Augustinian Australian Provincial Chapter, a gathering of members of the Order from Australia, Vietnam and Korea concluded on

Friday 5th in Sydney. A review of the communities and works of the Augustinians was conducted and a course set for the coming two years. There are no changes to personnel in the parish.

PARISH BAPTISM

We welcome the family and friends of Juanito Rio Abaricia who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



MASS COLLECTIONS 2306/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 567.10
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 308.40
Envelopes	\$ 890.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 445.60
Tap Point Terminals	\$ 570.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 7th July 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 6 th July	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 7 th July 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 8 th July 14 th Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 9 th July 14 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass Mass of Anointing/Healing	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 10 th July 14 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 11 th July St. Benedict	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 12 th July 14 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 13 th July 15 th Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	



NAIDOC WEEK 7-14 JULY – KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!

Held across the country from 7-14 July 2024, NAIDOC Week will celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme chosen by the National NAIDOC Committee, is Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud. Visit naidoc.org.au