



**Sunday 28th January 2024**

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**Mass Times**

**Monday:** Liturgy of the word 9.15am  
**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass 9.15am  
**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.30pm  
**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

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**Mass Times**

**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am  
**Saturday:** 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month  
**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

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**Mass Times**

**Tuesday & Thursday:** Mass 9.15am  
**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.00pm  
**Sunday:** Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.30am to 10.00am

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**We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of January  
that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:**

Fr Chris Barnett, Fr Tao Pham, Clare Watson, Grace Van Oosterom, Mary Ind, Laurie Rainsbury, Con Frisby, Ray Jose, Martin Pittle, Arthur Ongarello, Wendy Gallagher, Tony Mercuri, Michael Round.

Alan Leahy, Pat Glennen, Ellen Mithen, Francis Mc Laughlin, Tadeusz Chadzyuski, Maria de Bartololo, Yvonne Grant, Valerie Hughes, Rodney Bottrell, Loreto Valeri, Kath Glennen, Mary Campbell Allison Cooper Renata Croce, Charles Watson, Trevor Corcoran, Fr Tao Pham

Kath Crawford, Patrick Neeson, Fred Thornley, Harry Tippet, Ernest Davis, Moira Beck, Peter Tosetto, Peter Minogue, Warren Brennan, Julia D'Souza, Francoise Fabien, Charles Grech, Alfred Galea, John Williams Alexander, M.L. Beck, John Lobb, Giuseppe Saltalamacchia, L. Occhioni, Leonides Lagasca, Zita Walsh, Helen Parmansche, Wilfred Tellis, Guglielmo Di'Domenica, Catherine Allsopp, Terry Fitzpatrick, Noelle de Robillard, Georgett Arlando, Mary O'Connell, Beverley McConnell, Leonida Reyes, Giuseppa Cannizzo, Esme Bartholomeusz, John De Highden, Elizabeth Brennan, Cathrine Allsopp, Sheila Haberman, Charles Barber, Annie May, Jeannie Doupe, Phyllis McMahan, Margaret Todd, Carmela Cirillo, Maureen Lionnet, John Searle, Adrian Kavanagh, Francesca Agosta, Doris Cantania, Merlyn Fu, Marijan Cavar, George Shead, Vern Fahey, Dan Sheridan, Beryl Bennett, Guerino Dipietro, Maurice De Highden, Vic Zimitat, Vincent McColl, Joseph Waldron, Bill Scott, Fr William Shanahan, Baby Victoria Ryan, Patricia Phelan, Brendan & Jacinta Mitchem, Jack Smith, Frank Brear, Elmer Clarke, Arthur Connolly, Gaetano Lancia, Ramon Pena, Patrick Neeson, Syd Goss, Carmencita Brach, Patrick Neeson, Eileen Cahir

**First Reading Dt 18:15-20**

*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."'

**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**

*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.

**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**

*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.



**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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