

GOSPEL

Mk 3: 20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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9 JUNE 2024

BELONGING TO JESUS

Just before today's Gospel, the crowds following Jesus continue to grow forcing him to preach from a boat on the Sea of Galilee. They come from far and wide, from Galilee and Judea. The mission is going well, so well that today's passage opens with the crowd gathering again 'so that Jesus and his disciples 'could not even have a meal'.

This Gospel takes the form of a 'Markan sandwich' with one story inserted in the middle of another. The opening lines link to the concluding lines. Common to the whole episode is the theme of belonging to Jesus.

It is unclear exactly who tried to restrain Jesus, convinced he was out of his mind. The Jerusalem Bible indicates this was his family, but the Greek is less clear about who 'they' are. It could be those inside the house with Jesus, the newly appointed Twelve plus other disciples. Or it could be people in the crowd outside preventing them from eating their meal.

Switching to the scribes from Jerusalem, who link to an earlier plot against Jesus, we hear them accuse Jesus of being possessed by Beelzebul. No wonder Jesus speaks of a house divided. He is not recognised as the Messiah by those who should accept him.

Returning to the house, the mother, brothers and sisters of Jesus have arrived, standing outside. Inside Jesus is encircled by a crowd. When advised his family is outside, he declares 'Anyone who does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'. Across the stories, inside and outside, he marks out who is the new family of Jesus.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Gen 3: 9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v. 7

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord,
hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to
the voice of my pleading. **R.**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord,
who would survive? / But with you is found
forgiveness: / for this we revere you. **R.**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on
his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord /
more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and
fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will
redeem / from all its iniquity. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made with human hands, in the heavens.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 31, 32

**Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world
will now be cast out, and when I am lifted
up from the earth I will draw all to myself,
says the Lord. Alleluia!**



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MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>8/9 Jun</u>	<u>15/16 Jun</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	8 Jun	15 Jun
Reader	Chris Stokes	Daniel Mercovich
Eucharist Minister	Amy Leahy	Brian O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	8 Jun	15 Jun
Reader	Marg Fleischmann	Danijela Babic
Eucharist Minister	TBA	Velia Barro
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	9 Jun	16 Jun
Reader	John O'Callaghan	Lance Phillips
Eucharist Minister	Jeanette Jain	TBA
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	9 Jun	16 Jun
Reader	Jeremy Holt	Janette Hinchcliffe
Eucharist Minister	Marie Hoban	Annette Moore
PowerPoint	Tracey Brincat	Terry Cooney
	Fetu Thompson	Rosebelle Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	9 Jun	16 Jun
Reader	Chris Edulan	Sandra McCaughey
Eucharist Minister	Ian Pirie	Kath Pirie
PowerPoint	Sandra McCaughey	Kathy Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Elisa Ferraresi	Marg Fleishmann
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Arthur Donovan	Helen Clancy
		Pauline Duff
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	Lynne Beaumont
		Carry Eid

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster, Rita Devlin & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Connie Alderidge, Marica Mertelj, Mary Grace Clancy, Tony Randone, Regina Bortko, James Davie, Rosa Belforte, Aileen Perez, Reginald Murphy, Joseph Rae, Peter Slane, Veronica "Joan" Flaimer and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Paddy O'Hara

Sun 9th Jun: Pray for the soul of Pearlyciel Tapalla Samuel.

Sun 9th Jun: Pray for the soul of Johanna Cumberton.

Sun 9th Jun: Pray for the good health of Loretta Mary.

Mon 10th Jun: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Tue 11th Jun: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Wed 12th Jun: **No 9am Mass.**

Thu 13th Jun: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Fri 14th Jun: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Sat 15th Jun: Pray for the soul of Mary McTigue.

The Neocatechumenal group will be meeting each Tuesday & Thursday at 7.30pm at the Our Lady of the Way Church. New members are welcome!

A reflection for the tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Angelo Kurbanali reflects on the readings for June 9, 2024.

My teenage students often ask me if there's any sin God can't forgive. They're very aware of this saying that comes out of this week's gospel, where Jesus essentially says, "all sins will be forgiven, but the person who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit is guilty of an eternal sin and can never have forgiveness." It makes me wonder though: Why do they have this obsession with trying to find something that God can't forgive? Perhaps it's their curiosity, wanting to disprove that such a loving and merciful God exists. Or maybe, in their developing minds, they'd like to know exactly what not to do so that they can make their way into an afterlife paradise.

Sadly, it seems many of us never grow out of this notion. It seems we believe that as human beings we're so depraved, or so flawed, that there must be something that falls outside of the scope of God's mercy. Today we see it in Genesis, where God is calling out to the man, whom we typically know as Adam; he in turn responds to God by saying he hid because he was naked and afraid. From there, it devolves into this blame game between the man, the woman (who trusted God enough to admit to her fault) and the serpent. This story is traditionally known as the story of the fall. Humanity fell out of the state of God's grace. God must have been heartbroken.

And yet, God's heartbrokenness never devolves into bitterness or unforgiveness, especially if we're to trust the words of the psalmist, whose refrain repeats the fact that "with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption." Even in our darkest depths, we can cry to God, and God will hear our voice. God's ears are attentive to our pleading. We know this, because, as Paul says in the extract from 2 Corinthians, "we believe and we speak with the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture, knowing that God who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn." And our turn is right now; our turn is today, as we experience in this gospel reading. Jesus makes a way for us to do away with our internal divisions by calling us his family. By doing the will of God, we become mother, brother, and sister of Christ.

But what *is* the will of God? From this reading, it's drawing near to Christ, sitting in a circle around him, being in union with him: that's the will of God. Based on these readings, the story of the fall isn't what defines us. God reveals Godself as nothing less than mercy. The only blasphemy our merciful God can't forgive is that when we fall from grace, and we hide, instead of getting back up and sitting in union with Christ. But there's always hope, because God, who is love and mercy, calls to us by name, waiting patiently for us to respond.

(Extract from: <https://uscatholic.org/authors/angelo-kurbanali/>)

Thanksgiving Envelops and Receipts are available to collect this weekend, in each of our parish Churches.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who is contributing to the Thanksgiving program. We are able to run this parish because of your generous contributions.

Blessings, Fr. Prakash

Next Weekend—Catholic Mission Special Collection

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.



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catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

Kilmore Wallan RSL & St Patrick's Primary School



St Pats Primary was invited by the Department of Veteran Affairs to take part in the making of a documentary that looks at how our nation has used stained glass windows to honour the sacrifices made for military service. A 30 minute documentary has been produced that features the work at St Pats Primary. Parishioners, members of the local RSL and St Pats families are invited to attend the viewing of the documentary "Let the Light Shine" in St Patrick's church at

10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 12 June. The viewing will be followed by a morning tea held in the

parish centre. The documentary will be a teaching resource made available to all schools across Australia and will help our students understand the meaning and purpose of the many stained glass windows we have in place in St Patrick's Church Kilmore.

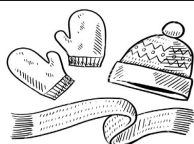


Save the Date! Sunday 30th June at the 10.30am

Mass in Kilmore for a celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Inception of the St Patrick's Parish. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share. Further details to follow.

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Stall

commences this Sunday the **9th of June** at our Kilmore and Wallan Churches.



RCIA Program 2024: If you are an adult wishing to become a Catholic, we are running the RCIA program here at St Patrick's. If you are interested in joining this year's group, the Information Evening will take place on Thursday **13th June at 7pm** in the Parish House. (RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church.) Please register your interest by calling the parish office on 5782 1084.

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine: The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles by **30th June** to: stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com