

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

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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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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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Reader Brian O'Dwyer
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Reader Ben Boyd
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KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):

Reader Sean Carroll
 Eucharist Minister John Dixon
 PowerPoint Carroll Family

WALLAN 9am (Sun):

Reader Chris Banon
 Eucharist Minister Tracey Brincat
 PowerPoint Mary McGowan
 Rosebelle Quinn

KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):

Reader Kath Pirie
 Eucharist Minister Leonie Dunlop
 PowerPoint Kathy Curry

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 Arthur Donovan

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TBA
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 Carry Eid

6/7 Jun

13/14 Jul

13 Jul
 Pat Donovan
 Arthur Donovan

13 Jul

Marg Fleischmann
 Marita Dumaresq
 Pauline Duff

14 Jul

John Dixon
 Jeannette Jain
 Carroll Family

14 Jul

Coleen Aguinaldo
 Terry Cooney
 Gabrielle Pannuzzo
 Fetu Thompson

14 Jul

Christine Dodd
 TBA
 Ian Pirie

Pauline Duff
 Helen Clancy
 Pauline Duff

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, Beth Murphy, Dot McIlroy, Susan Foster, Rita Devlin, Rosa Dahm & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Margaret Lowe, Phyllis Skehan, Joe Murphy, Vera Wigney, Mollie M^cLaughlin, Irene Murray, Rosa Belforte, Amelia Heyfron, Silvio Bonicelli, Lois Kelly and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Sun 7th Jul: Pray for the soul of Salvatore La Terra.

Mon 8th-Tue 9th Jul: 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

Wed 10th Jul: 9am, No Mass.

Thu 11th Jul: 9am Morning Mass as usual in Kilmore.

Fri 12th-Sat 13th Jul: 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people face many challenges on a daily basis. We, as Catholics urge all to work together, rising above political vested interests, to objectively and compassionately work alongside our First Nations People, so that we can learn from each other, work for the common good, and make Australia an even better nation as we all contribute to the rich tapestry of our multicultural society, in which our First Nations People have a special place.

(Extract from Bishop Charles Gauci, letter to Australian Catholics)

Kilmore celebrates 175 years (Part 1)

It was on the 20th April 1849, Fr Charles Clarke arrived in Kilmore to head up the Kilmore mission – a vast area stretching to the Murray River.

The mission was one of six organised by Bishop James Goold. The others were Melbourne, Geelong, Port Fairy, Portland and Gippsland.

In 1849 Kilmore with a population approaching 2000 - a census in 1851 counted 2064 – making it the most populous settlement north of Melbourne and a logical base for a parish particularly when more than half of the Kilmore district settlers were Irish Catholics.

At the time Victoria's population was about 72,000. And Bishop Goold on his arrival in Melbourne in 1838 found that he had only six priests and Fr Clarke's subsequent arrival was a blessing for Catholics keen to reconnect with the church and the sacraments.

Little is known of the 49-year-old ex-Irish Fr Clarke. It appears he was ordained a Passionist priest in France and came to Melbourne via New Zealand a few months before his Kilmore appointment.

His first mass on 22 April 1849 was in Skehan's barn (cnr Willowmavin Rd and Northern Highway) and he initially resided in the Dunrobin Castle Hotel (site of Kilmore's Bendigo Bank).

The responsibilities of the respective pastors in 1850 were to build churches and organise Catholic schooling, much of which was supported by state funding.

Fr Clarke bought land on Brewery Hill for a future church, but Bishop Goold wanted the church and school on the current site which came courtesy of a government grant. The subsequent disagreements led to Fr Clarke's resignation in 1854. He moved to Melbourne where he died several months later.

The Kilmore records indicated that Fr Clarke conducted nearly 300 baptisms mostly in Kilmore but also extending to Echuca, Heathcote, Yea, Mansfield and Wood's Point.

Fr Clarke's replacement was Fr Timothy O'Rourke

Fr O'Rourke was educated at Maynooth, Ireland and ordained in mid-1849 before leaving for New Zealand to undertake missionary work.

In poor health, he came to Melbourne for a holiday in January 1854 and at the request of Bishop Goold agreed to act temporarily in the vacancy caused by Fr Clarke's departure. He remained and carried on with an energy far beyond his strength and accomplished much in a few short years which is testimony to the zeal of a great priest. Fr O'Rourke's first task was to assume responsibility for the building of the school-church on Bishop Goold's preferred site. This building had two large rooms with extra small rooms for a master and a school-mistress.

About 1855, Fr O'Rourke's also organised the construction of a small, solid bluestone church known as St Bridget's on 'the survey' at Willowmavin.

The church which was first 'permanent' church in the mission was blessed by Bishop Goold on November 1857.

Fr O'Rourke also begun construction of the St Patrick's church in 1856, with the foundation stone laid by Bishop Goold in 1857. His other major responsibility was in maintaining and expanding the catholic school system for which the Victorian Government would assist with building grants and teacher wages.

To be continued.....

Brian Clancy

Photos please – Nuns, Broadford and Pyalong

Comments were made at last Sunday's 175th celebrations included that there were very few, if any, photos, featuring the parish's former Sisters of Mercy and activities and personalities from Pyalong and Broadford. If you have any of these photos or know of families with such photos of weddings, baptisms meetings, church-sponsored dances and sporting events etc we would be happy to have them scanned and included in St Pat's photo collections.

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**Society of St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal:
Weekend of July 13th & 14th**

As we enter this winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness, and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. You can contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, by using the envelopes on the pews, or do so by visiting www.vinnies.org.au or calling 13 18 12.

If you are unable to make a financial contribution, there will be baskets at all three Churches over the next three weekends for food donations, breakfast cereals, long life milk, spreads, tea, coffee, sugar, soups, noodles, tinned fish, baked beans, tin spaghetti, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, sweet or dry biscuits.

Please help us to help others. Thanks & God Bless



**Thank you to all those who attended and helped to make the
175th Anniversary Celebration a great success.**

