

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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GOD WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

A myriad of images unfold God's restoration in Isaiah: God will come and save you. These images speak of restoration to wholeness both to people with impairments of sight, hearing or speech, and to a natural world ravaged by drought.

This sounds like the Good News of God's salvation in the Gospels. As we hear from Mark, Jesus returns to Galilee, healing a man described as deaf and with an impediment to his speech. It is 'they' who brought the man to Jesus, beseeching him to lay his hand on him. Previously we have seen Jesus reach out his hand to touch and heal a leper and to ask the man with the withered hand to stretch it out to be healed. In this instance, Jesus is reported to take the man aside in private, that is, 'away from the crowd'. We see Jesus touch him, putting his fingers in his ears and on his tongue as well as looking up to heaven in a gesture of prayer to God saying 'Ephphatha' – be opened.

The healing is instantaneous giving an impetus to the whole narrative, moving it forward towards the Passion. The people who witness this are filled with unbounded amazement. Even though urged not to tell anyone, they do so more and more. They acclaim Jesus in words akin to those we heard from Isaiah of the salvation of God. This public acclamation points to recognition of who Jesus is, a question Jesus will pose to the disciples.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

■ The word of the Lord.



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Wallan: Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East Vic 3756
Wandong: St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

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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BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):

Reader Brian O'Dwyer
 Eucharist Minister Cath O'Dwyer

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Reader ACK Boarders
 Eucharist Minister Marg Fleischmann
 PowerPoint Pauline Duff

KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):

Reader TBA
 Eucharist Minister Margaret Chatfield
 PowerPoint Carroll Family

WALLAN 9am (Sun):

Reader Evelyn Robertson
 Eucharist Minister Annette Moore
 PowerPoint Gabrielle Pannuzzo

KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):

Reader Rose Mendis
 Eucharist Minister Kath Pirie
 PowerPoint Kathy Curry

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 Pauline Duff
 Lynne Beaumont
 Carry Eid

7/8 Sep

7 Sep

Pat Donovan
 Amy Leahy

14 Sep

TBA
 Paul Reed
 Boyd Family

15 Sep

Kate Archer
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15 Sep

Fetu Thompson
 Marie Hoban
 Mary McGowan
 Rosebelle Quinn

15 Sep

Nemi Poulyin
 Ian Pirie
 TBA

15 Sep

Marg Fleischmann
 John Dixon
 Mary Donovan

TBA

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, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Beth Murphy, Dot McIlroy, Susan Foster, Rita Devlin, Rosa Dahm, Guadalupe Agreda, Patrick Hogan, Nuvia Prelac & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Anthony Mooney, Laurie Balmer, Ada May Ryan, Mary Patricia Cushen, Miguel Magno, Len Moore, Celeste Anne Green, James McKeogh, Sister Aquin, Ronald Ring, Catherine McKeogh, and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased:

Joan Rhodes and Marie Pergande.

Sun 8th Sep: Pray for the good health of Nuvia Prelac.

Sun 8th Sep: Pray for the soul of Joan Rhodes.

Sun 8th Sep: Pray for the soul of Angela Borg.

Mon 9th Sep: 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

Tue 10th Sep: Pray for the intentions of Kate Archer.

Wed 11th Sep—Sat 14th Sep: No 9am Mass.

New volunteers needed for the Kilmore Choir

If you are interested to join the Kilmore Choir as a singer or a musician, please speak to Sr. Anne. Or you can email or call the parish office. Thank you

"Every conversation matters"

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024**



St Patrick's Parish Kilmore and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Safeguarding Report—September 2024

In May, Father Prakash and I met with Tara Mc Namara from the Archdiocese Safeguarding Unit, and other members of the Northern Zone, to discuss the updated Safeguarding documents.

The Child Safety Committee met in June and made the decision to change our name to the Safeguarding Committee in line with the Archdiocese and to be inclusive of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Following that meeting, we have had several articles in the parish newsletter to thank the Parish Staff and Volunteers who have completed the Working with Children's Check and Safeguarding Essential training. We also reminded all volunteers to complete this requirement of the Archdiocese. The information is again included with the current Parish Rosters, thanks to Caterina and Sr Anne.

At present the Parish website is being updated. Once this is completed, we will upload the updated Parish Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct. There is a new Anti-Discrimination Policy, Record Keeping policy and Reporting Procedure. One of the requirements is that Safeguarding Records need to be kept for 100 years!

Last year, members of the Child Safety committee completed risk assessments of the After School pick up in the Parish car park and attended a meeting with St Pat's and ACK staff. Actions were put in place to improve the situation.

The Safeguarding Committee completed a risk assessment before the 175th Anniversary Mass.

A productive workshop was held on the 17th August to work on the Self- Assessment tool. We completed section 1 of 8 sections.

Pauline Duff

Chair Safeguarding Committee.

St Patrick's Parish Kilmore After School Catechism Program—Confirmation Information Evening

Parents who have children in grade five or above wishing their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There will be an information night on Friday 13th September at 7pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Kilmore.

Please email or phone the parish office to book.

Please Note: The 11th edition of our Parish Magazine "The Shamrock", is available for collection—a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Thank you to Myrtle for her kind donation towards covering the cost of the Broadford split system.

Congratulations to Ahmed Kelly, who won a silver medal in the 150 m medley relay at the Paris Paralympics. Ahmed is a former St Patrick's Primary & Assumption College student. The parish community is very proud of your achievements.