

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?'

This quintessential question arises today in two ways: 'who do *people* say I am?' and, 'who do *you* say I am?' The setting for this event that forms the turning point in Mark's Gospel is 'on the way' to Caesarea Philippi. Being on the way is being on the journey with Jesus. It is not clear whether they enter the villages. This conversation is often envisioned as occurring beside the rock wall of the waterfall with its niche and caves and the spring that emerges at the base of Mount Hermon. This cultic setting of the Temple of Pan, other deities and a marble temple to Augustus might distract from Mark's purpose. Meandering along the stream under a Roman bridge, past a water mill, a synagogue and a palace might be enough context to consider the questions on Jesus' lips.

To the first question 'they' – the disciples – answer variously, 'John the Baptist ... Elijah ... one of the prophets.' Peter answers the second question definitively 'You are the Messiah.' This is a crystallisation of the identity of Jesus that we have known from the first line of this Gospel. Yet, it is still not to be told and has been misunderstood so far. What is important for the disciples, and for us, is the first of the passion predictions that follow, and the reality of Jesus' mission. After the rebuke by Peter, Jesus declares to the crowd as well as the disciples 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' In light of this, how will you answer, 'who do you say I am?'

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Isa 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our God has compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**



4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from tears / and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

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>14/15 Sep</u>	<u>21/22 Sep</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	14 Sep	21 Sep
Reader	Pat Donovan	Chris Stokes
Eucharist Minister	Amy Leahy	Paul Fleming
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	14 Sep	21 Sep
Reader	TBA	Ben Boyd
Eucharist Minister	Paul Reed	Marita Dumaresq
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	15 Sep	22 Sep
Reader	Kate Archer	Lance Phillips
Eucharist Minister	Paul Finneran	Jeannette Jain
PowerPoint	Justine Sapiano	Carroll family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	15 Sep	22 Sep
Reader	TBA	Gabrielle Pannuzzo
Eucharist Minister	TBA	Patrick Hutchinson
PowerPoint	Mary McGowan	Selina Buckley
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	15 Sep	22 Sep
Reader	Nemi Poulyin	TBA
Eucharist Minister	Ian Pirie	Leonie Dunlop
PowerPoint	TBA	Sandra McCaughey
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Marg Fleischmann	Pauline Duff
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	John Dixon	TBA
	Mary Donovan	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	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:

Tracy Stankard, Frank Scollo, Anne Cronin, Julian Camelleri, Frances Cecilia Preston, Tony Valentini, Margery Aitcheson, Cass Tuohey, Thomas Keran Schwab and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased:

Patricia Mary Kelly.

Sun 15th Sep: Pray for the soul of Amabile Borg.

Mon 16th Sep: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Tue 17th Sep—Fri 20th Sep: No 9am Mass.

Fr. Prakash is unwell at the moment with a virus and will not be here this week. He requests privacy while he recovers. Thank you

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

Social Services Sunday

What does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God
- Micah 6:8



Watch the video

Social Services Sunday

Sunday 15 September 2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

St Pat's Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation

This past weekend, our Year 6 students celebrated a significant milestone in their spiritual journey as they participated in the Sacrament of Confirmation at the church with Bishop Terry Curtin and Fr Prakash. The ceremony, filled with reverence and joy, marked the culmination of their preparation and growth in their Catholic faith. Surrounded by their families, friends, and members of the parish community, the students experienced a profound moment of grace as they received the sacrament. During the service, each student was anointed with sacred chrism oil by the bishop, symbolising their commitment to live out their faith with renewed strength and purpose.

The ceremony was both moving and inspiring, as the students made a personal affirmation of their baptismal promises and were empowered by the Holy Spirit to be active members of the Church. The beautiful Mass highlighted the importance of this sacrament in their spiritual lives. In his homily, Bishop Terry shared an inspiring story he had encountered during his time in the USA, which had come across the newspaper. The story was about a woman who, through her deep faith, was miraculously saved from a potential robber on the street. Her faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, particularly courage and wisdom, played a crucial role in her protection and calm during the ordeal. Bishop Terry used this story to illustrate the powerful impact of the Holy Spirit's gifts in our lives, encouraging the students to embrace these gifts as they grow in their faith.

The celebration was a testament to their dedication and a reminder of the supportive community that surrounds them, nurturing their growth and encouraging them to embrace their faith with enthusiasm and love.

A heartfelt thankyou goes out to our families, students, Bishop Terry, Fr Prakash, the wonderful Year 6 teachers and staff who supported the students throughout their preparation on the weekend.



Samantha Gauci—St Patrick's Religious Education Leader

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

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

We are also offering a weekend in Trafalgar, Gippsland on November 16 -17th, 2024.

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