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31 January 2021 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Fidelma Kennedy (Bishop Michael's Mother)
Bishop Luc Mathys; Judy Porter; Gwen Waterford (Nee Murphy);
Deceased: Kal Fitzpatrick; Jacqueline Sharpe; Neil Sharpe; Col Taggart; Gwendoline Taggart; Cherie McNamara; Allen McNamara; Barbara McNamara;
Anniversary: Catherine Dempsey; Lucy Moran; Jim Meredith; Clem Bradley; Merv Lane; Vincent Hekey; Laurie Handing; Terrance Austin; Terry Fitzpatrick; Guy Callinan; Joseph Taylor; Peg Robertson; Catherine Porter; Robert Woodward; Ronald Orripp; Pender Webeck; Neil Moore; Patrick McNamara Senior; Peter McCarthy; Mick Garrity; Gwen Aitken; Phil O'Dwyer; Melba Miller; William Sweep; Donna Carlisle; Lindsay Hamilton; Monica Lee; Monsignor Frank Ryan; Ann Carlisle; Ken Howard; Patrick McCulloch Senior; Shirley McCulloch; Patrick McCulloch
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill:
Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Sailer; Rita Looney; Bobbie Paloni; Fr John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigli; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greentree; Rosalynn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Roster

6/2/2021 R: B McNamara
7/2/2021 R: D Keriklaan
C: J Daniels & K Sweep

Coming Events

Sun 31 Willow Tree Mass at 7.30am followed by Morning Tea
Sun 31 No Mass at Carroona
Mon 1 Mass at 9.30am Feast Day of St Brigid
Thurs 4 CWL Meeting at 10.00am in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall
Fri 5 No Mass today Bishop Luc Mathys RIP funeral today at 11.00am
Fri 12 Opening St Joseph's School Mass at 9.30am

Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church, at the foyer and immediate surroundings.
5. People from the same household may sit together.
6. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
7. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.

Catholic Women's League are having their first meeting for 2021 on Thursday February 4th at 10.00am in the Father Stan Campbell Hall. All Ladies are welcome to come along and have a cuppa and a chat

Lent - Begins on Wednesday 17th February. The Lenten Group will be held on Friday's after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Centre. If you are interested in attending, or would like a book, please place your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Price of books to be advised.

VOLUNTEERS for Presbytery & Yard Cleanup

A request goes out for Parish men volunteers to take on at least one chore to assist in the clean up and freshening up outside of the Parish Presbytery and yard. There are 3 men who have volunteered at this stage so if anyone else would like to add their name to the list which is at the back of the church, or assist with another chore that may require more than one person, please do so as this will be the last notice for this request. Thank you all in advance.

Saints to Remember

The Presentation of the Lord - Feast - 2nd
St Blaise & St Ansgar - Memorial - 3rd
St Agatha - Memorial - 5th
St Paul Miki & Companions - Memorial - 6th

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Bishop Luc Mathys's RIP - Bishop Luc's Funeral Mass will be on Friday 5th February 2021 at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral. Bookings are essential. Please ring the Chancery on 6771 8700 before Tuesday 2nd February if you are attending.

Mrs Fidelma Kennedy RIP - Bishop Michael Kennedy's Mother passed away and her Funeral Mass was 29th January 2021. Please pray for the Families of Bishop Luc and Bishop Michael.

Planned Giving \$437.00 + \$20.00 = \$457.00
Christmas Dues @ 25/1/2021 \$765.00

First Collection \$461.55

Breaking Open the Word

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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WHAT COMES FROM WITHIN

At his death, Moses was praised because 'never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face' (Deuteronomy 34:10). He was the mediator between the people of Israel and the living God. They could not bear to be in God's presence for long at Horeb and so they had begged him to be the one to represent them and bring God's message back to them in ways they could understand. Today's first reading reminds the reader that Moses' mission was only the beginning of a larger mission that would be completed in the future. In the meantime, the people would have to wait for the promised prophet.

When Jesus began his ministry, his exorcisms, healing and teaching led his contemporaries to recognise his authority. The word for authority is ἐξουσία and it is a beautiful way of describing what others could see coming out of his very being. While Moses knew God face to face, it is clear that Jesus has something more because it comes from within. The demons have insight that we need to make our own – this is more than a prophet, this is the Holy One of God.

Paul continues his advice to the Corinthians reminding them we need to do more than simply proclaim that Jesus is the Holy One of God. Our proclamation is a great start, but it must be lived out in our daily lives. We are called to find the right balance between the attention we give to the Lord and our family commitments.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

FIRST READING

Deut 18: 15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
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."

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

