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Mass Times

Sat Evening: Mass: 6pm

Sunday: Mass: 7am, 9am

Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer & Rosary: 6:45am

Mass 7:30am

Confessions : 30 minutes before Mass

Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

4TH FEB 2024

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<https://www.catholicireland.net/>

Today's gospel passage is in three sections: 1. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law; 2. a general statement on Jesus' ministry of healing; 3. Jesus chooses to expand his ministry to neighbouring towns.

We can take one section at a time, on its own; or we can try to discern a movement flowing through the entire passage - this is the approach I propose. The passage then reveals a new dimension of Jesus' ministry, the general outlines of which are drawn in these first Sundays of Ordinary time.

On the Third Sunday, Jesus announced the overall goal of his ministry - the kingdom of God. The Fourth Sunday (Mark 1:21-28) showed that his ministry is a ministry of casting out unclean spirits with authority. On this Fifth Sunday, we get the further insight that Jesus will always be restless, he will never "have somewhere where he can lay his head." He will always be on the lookout for new areas where his gospel needs to be preached.

Missionaries has also been the mark of Jesus' followers. In every age and culture, the Church has had its "missionaries", men and women of generous spirit, happy and successful where they were, who realized that the gospel was not being preached among cultures, ethnic groups or social classes which were neglected by society and by the Church.

They stepped out courageously and moved into these "neighbouring country towns" so that the gospel of God's love could be "preached there too." Paul and Barnabas were the first. They left the prosperous community of Antioch to bring the good news to the Greek cities of Asia Minor. One thousand years later, St Francis of Assisi turned his back on his noble and wealthy family and lived as a brother among the poorest people of his area. In our time, Mother Teresa, comfortable and successful in a well established religious order, decided to move out and found a new community entirely dedicated to the dying on the streets of Calcutta.

In the secular world too, all great people come to the time when they must step out into an area their movement has neglected up to now. Nelson Mandela, for example, decided at some point in his life that he would work for reconciliation with his oppressors. People have given up successful careers in law, medicine, finance, education or management to work for the advancement of neglected communities.

It happens to all of us, at one time or another, that we find the courage to break new ground, to be reconciled with someone who had hurt our family, to move into some field where our services are needed. This passage celebrates such moments of grace - in the life of Jesus and in our lives.

In recent years, our Church has often made similar moves in many countries. It has given up its prestige and influence, risked losing the patronage of the wealthy and the powerful, and stood at the side of the oppressed, "preaching there too."

It would be good to spend some time with the expression "because that is why I came." Like so many phrases in the Bible, it is brief and seemingly simple, but it can transform our consciousness radically. When the Church neglects the marginalized it is always because it has forgotten the reason "why it came".

This gospel passage reminds us that we will not take bold new decisions unless we are inwardly free, as Jesus was. It also teaches us the secret of his inner freedom - his regular, deep, personal prayer, the fact that he would "leave the house and go off to a lonely place to pray there" - another haunting little phrase.

Prayer Reflection

Lord, answering your call is often difficult. Sometimes we are discouraged by our failures, but at other times it is success that prevents us. Like Jesus, we must go against those who admire us and the work we are doing. They want us to continue where we are, they remind us of the good we do for people, as friends, teachers, doctors, nurses or counsellors, how we take them by the hand and help them, so that the fever leaves them and they can wait on us.

Lord, forgive us, your church, that we have become complacent, that we are content to congratulate ourselves at whole towns crowding round our doors. We pray that we will never lose the missionary spirit of Jesus, so that, just as he went through all Galilee, the church too will go through all areas of society and all cultures, preaching your love wherever people are gathered, and casting out every kind of evil spirit.



Feb



Exorcist Diary #273: Satan Has A Plan

<https://www.catholicexorcism.org/>

Sun 4th Feb

Tue 6th Feb Legion of Mary @ 9:30am

DVD group @ 11:00am

Sat 10th Feb Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 10th / 11th Feb 2024

Mass 6:00pm 7:00am 9:00am

ACOLYTES: Nick De Luca A Dzieciol C D'Monte; J Calleja

READERS: N De Luca I Kendall V Hall

COMMS: Stefanelli Fam I Darch F Johnson

SERVERS: V Rule; Z Lagura F & L Tarai

Counters Team 4 - A and M Fernandes

Cleaners F Loc

Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of the soul /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

SAT 3-Feb 6:00 PM TG -Deidre, Jim Benitez & fam

RS Mario Palaming

SUN 4-Feb 7:00 AM RS Ilia Rossi

9:00 AM RS-Antonio Borrello

RS-Holy Souls

TUE 6th Feb 7:30AM SP-Deidre, Henry

WED 7th Feb 7:30 AM SP-Colleen Smith (health recovery)

THU 8th Feb 7:30 AM RS-Ian, Neil & Ron Fitzgerald

FRI 9th Feb 7:30 AM RS-Alexandra Bracken

SAT 10th Feb 7:30AM Holy Souls, RS- Derrick Burnaby

6:00 PM SP-Jean Menezes

SUN 11th Feb 7:00 AM

9:00 AM

Satan and his minions don't do "random." The Evil One has a plan, such as any military commander would have. Looking at the world around us, it is not hard to discern some of the major elements of his plan:

1. Destroy the Family. The assaults on the integrity of the family have never been stronger. The family is the "domestic church," according to Church teaching and the foundation of a healthy and holy society. I have great admiration for the courageous families of today who live the Gospel in the midst of constant assaults. May the Holy Family intercede for our families and keep them strong!



2. Attack the Church. Similarly, the Church is herald of Christ's message and the instrument of the world's sanctification. Admittedly, many of the assaults against the Church are made possible by real sins of the clergy, for which we must repent and ask forgiveness. However, since May 2020, there have been about 300 incidents against Catholic Churches including destroying religious statues, burning churches, defacing gravestones, and other forms of vandalism. I know of no similar precedent in modern times.

3. Destroy the Faith. Ultimately it is faith in God and Jesus that sustains the people and this world. The presence of faith allows Jesus to work his miracles in our lives and a lack of faith blocks it (Mt 13:58). It is no secret that there is a large and steady erosion of the faith in our society. Catholic parents often tell me that they are distraught that their children, brought up in a Catholic environment, turn away from the faith. And many more are not taught the faith at all. Survey research shows a steady, strong decline in church membership in the United States, now below 50% for the first time. And it shows a rapid rise in those who profess no religious affiliation, "nones," now at 30%.

4. Amass an Army of Followers. The rapid rise of those practicing witchcraft, wicca, the occult, paganism, and Satanism is stunning. For example, WitchTok had over 18.7 billions views by Oct 2022. Satan is amassing an army of followers. Some of them knowingly follow the Evil One, but most are unwittingly bonding themselves in servitude to Satan by casting spells, engaging in the occult, and worshipping pagan gods.

5. Replace Christian Life/Values With An Agenda of Death. Euthanasia is on the rise. Legalization of drugs and drug-related overdoses abound. Abortion continues to be available and now it is openly supported by Satanists. Sexual confusion reigns. School prayer is "out" and after school Satanic groups are "in". Religious statues are being destroyed and statues of Baphomet appear in public places. Suicides in the United States are steadily rising.

6. Spread Conflict, Confusion, and Violence. Rational, respectful public discourse is gone. Violence is spreading in our cities and division in our nation and our world. For example, the incidents of terrorism in the United States boggle the mind. Fifty years ago no one went into a public place and randomly killed innocent people. Today it is commonplace. This is the symptom of a society gone terribly wrong.

In short, Satan's plan is to transform this earth into a hell. It is noteworthy that the Evil One is engaged in intense assaults on all the above six fronts at the same time. Some speculate that the end times are near. I don't know. But I do believe that his "100 years"* are up and as the Scriptures say: "Time is short" (1 Cor 7:29). We are certainly in a decisive battle with Satan who is at the end of his rope. It is as if all of hell has been emptied for a great battle.

I can understand those who are pessimistic. From all externals, things look bad and getting worse. No doubt Satan thinks he is winning. I suspect Satan and his minions thought that they were winning when Jesus was dying on the cross.

The words of the Rite of Exorcism speak the Truth to Satan: "Why, then, do you stand and resist, knowing as you must that Christ the Lord brings your plans to nothing?" And we, inspired by the Marian apparitions at Fatima, recall that oft-quoted line: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

OUR PARISH FAMILY...

**** Enrolments for after school First Holy Communion & Confirmation Catechism classes 2024-** to prepare students attending State Schools for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this May/ Aug 2024. If you have children or grandchildren who want to receive their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, please register with the Parish Office ASAP as classes will start soon.

Sacramental Preparation



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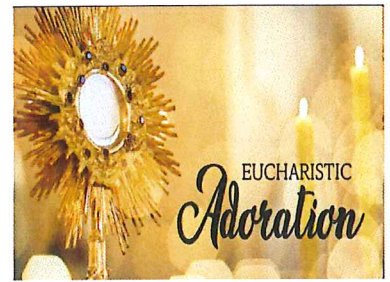


***** St. Joseph Evangelizing with Catholic DVDS with Fr Marcellinus every Tue from 11:00am-noon at**

St. Joseph Library, coffe & tea provided. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the movies and fellowship. Resume Tue Feb 6 after holiday break.

For those who are too busy – a simple antidote

“When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength.” – St. Teresa of Kolkata

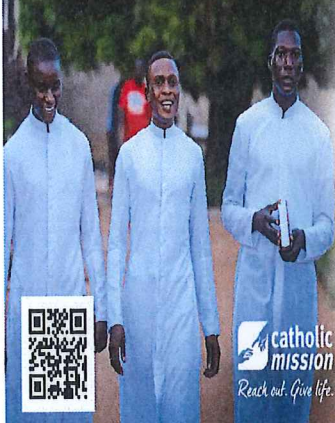


For those who are not adorers of St Joseph's Perpetual Adoration Chapel, please consider filling in one of the following hours of need. To book your time slot please contact Tina 0419 004 944 or email: marianfaithful@hotmail.com

Sunday 2pm
Monday 7am
Tuesday 1pm & 2pm
Wednesday 7am
Saturday 7am

Could you not watch one hour with Me? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give into temptation *Matthew 24:40-45*

Bring peace to communities in need



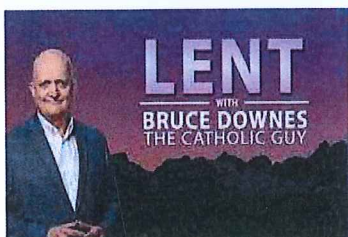
In parts of Nigeria, ongoing conflicts between communities, marked by threats to safety and security, are all too common. Poverty, food insecurity, violent extremism, and tensions among ethnic groups have contributed to instability and violence. Beyond these challenges, our missionaries in Nigeria are facing fear and violence. In 2022 alone, four priests were killed, and 28 others were kidnapped. Amidst this danger, there are young seminarians who continue to answer their calling to the priesthood and to peace.

Will you help train the next generation of church leaders who are dedicated to serving God and their communities?

Your support assists seminarians in areas of conflict with formation, education and essential supplies to equip them on their journey to priesthood.

To support seminarians in areas of conflict and help bring peace to communities in need, visit catholicmission.org.au/peace or scan the QR code. To make an ongoing difference, please consider becoming a monthly Mission Partner.

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
Proverbs 17:22



LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Breakfast in the Garden Saturday, 9 March 2024.

GARDEN VENUE - at the Mary MacKillop Centre , 16 York Street, South Perth Bring: \$20 for brekkie, byo chairs, sunscreen, smiles. RSVP before 5 March ,Roberta Scanlan: robscan52@icloud.com or 0459 364 872

Discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you; Saving you from the way of the wicked, from those whose speech is perverse. From those who have left the straight paths to walk in the ways of darkness. Proverbs 2:11-13



The Living Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 February 2024

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more
than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his
wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to
me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be
day?'
Risen I think, 'how slowly evening
comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

**(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel,
since it is a duty which has been laid on
me; I should be punished if I did not preach
it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might
have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is
a responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is
this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the

Good News free, and not insist on the rights
which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I
have made myself the slave of everyone so
as to win as many as I could. For the weak I
made myself weak. I made myself all things
to all men in order to save some at any cost;
and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,
to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

**He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or
another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with
James and John straight to the house of
Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-
in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they
told him about her straightaway. He went to
her, took her by the hand and helped her
up. And the fever left her and she began to
wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to
him all who were sick and those who were
possessed by devils. The whole town came
crowding round the door, and he cured
many who were suffering from diseases
of one kind or another; he also cast out
many devils, but he would not allow them
to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got
up and left the house, and went off to
a lonely place and prayed there. Simon
and his companions set out in search of
him, and when they found him they said,
'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered,
'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring
country towns, so that I can preach there
too, because that is why I came.' And he
went all through Galilee, preaching in their
synagogues and casting out devils.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for
his mercy, his wonders for the
children of men, for he satisfies
the thirsty soul, and the hungry
he fills with good things.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter)
was sick in bed with a raging fever.
When Jesus learned about her
distressed state, he 'took her by
the hand and helped her up'. He
broke the taboo about physical
contact with a woman not his
relative because he wanted to
holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need
an aspirin and a cup of tea. She
felt quarantined, isolated, and
needed a hand reassuring her of
sociable relationships. Jesus
overcame her fever and her dis-
ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a
physical gesture at the greeting of
Peace. This quite often overcomes
being ill-at-ease with a family
member or just with the neighbour
in the pew. We need to take that
symbolic action into the world. For
somebody, it may be the most
touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to
identify that person who needs us
to reach out, to take their hand
and help them up.

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