

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 30th - 31st January 2021

First Reading : Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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.

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

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

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 : Mark 1:21-28

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.

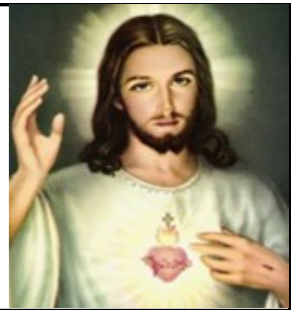
The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

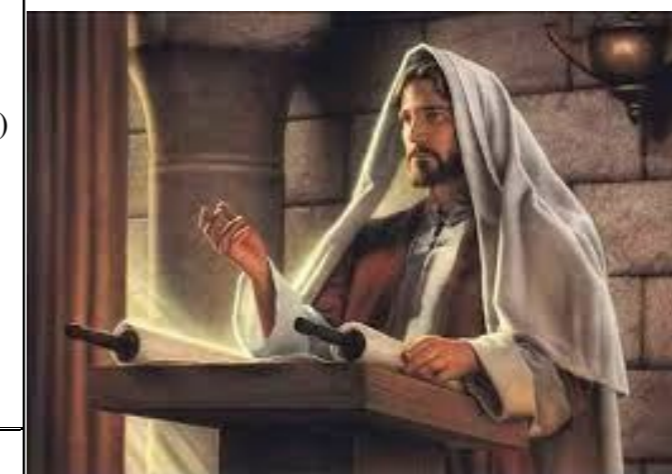
Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

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Teaching with authority

On one occasion I overheard a man talking to his four year old son about the danger of smoking while lighting his own cigarette. On other occasion I saw a drunken man, while emptying his whiskey bottle, telling his son to stay away from drinking for it destroys life. I definitely appreciate the good intentions of both men, as they try to keep their sons away from smoking and drinking addiction. But I doubt if there was some kind of authority in passing their messages to the boys; probably their sons would laugh at them as they themselves failed to practice what they preached. For me, it was a total failure.

Saint Mark in his gospel tells us that Jesus, unlike the scribes, teaches with authority. The people were amazed at his teaching in the synagogue. With a great admiration they commented, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him." A question that pops up in our mind is "Why did the scribes fail to teach with authority?" Certainly, the Scribes taught the right



message to their people. However, it lacks authority as they fail to put into practice what they teach to others. The scribes were good at teaching but not at doing. They failed to be living examples of what they taught.

For the people, the authority of a teaching must be shown in deeds. Jesus, on the other hand, is good at both teaching and deed. His words are always accompanied by his deeds, and his deeds are invariably in consonance with his

words. When he taught about love, for example, he proved it by his own example. He willingly offered his life on the cross for us, even "while we were still enemies" because of our sins (cf. Rom 5:8). He proved to be true to his own words, "No greater love than for a man to give his life for his friends." It is understood that he could demand from us to do what he did for us. He said: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34). As followers of Christ, do we live by his examples? Often our words are meaningless for far too often they are not accompanied by deeds. Moreover, Jesus teaches with authority because he is God. He is the creator or author of life. Unlike the scribes who in their teachings probably "copied and pasted" from other rabbis, Jesus' preaching comes from himself. As the Word of God He is the source of his own teaching.

As followers of Christ, how can we teach with authority? Through baptism we share his divine life. Hence we have the ability to teach with authority which means our words teach the gospel values and our practical life becomes a living example of what we preach. Underlining the importance living example, Saint Francis of Assisi says, "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." Or "it is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."

From disgrace to Amazing Grace

“Amazing Grace” is one of the most popular Christian songs. Composed by John Newton, the song reveals the faith journey of John Newton ‘from disgrace to amazing grace’ (Jonathan Aitken). He was a slave ship captain but converted to Christ on the high seas. Following his conversion he fought to end the slave trade. On his granite tombstone located at a small cemetery of a parish churchyard in Olney, England, one will find the following inscription: “John Newton, clerk [pastor], once an infidel & Libertine, a servant of slavers in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the Faith he had long labored to destroy.” May Newton’s conversion inspire us to respond to Jesus’ call: “Repent, and believe in the Good News.”

ATTENTION PLEASE!!



To all Parishioners. After an incident during mass at St Paul’s Coburg last Sunday, please keep an eye on the possibility of thefts during Holy Communion. A stranger entered the church during the recitation of the OUR FATHER and while people lined for Holy Communion, the stranger was no longer seen. Afterwards a St. Paul’s parishioner found her purse missing from her handbag, as she left her handbag in the pew while she went to receive Holy Communion. The police are investigating. A precaution to be aware, please. Peace to all.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Please do not put envelopes containing money or important messages into the 322 Bell Street mailbox. A number of times mail has been stolen. Recently the padlock on the box was cut and the mail taken. Please place any mail in the letter slot on the side of the Presbytery front door. Thank you

Dates to Remember

Thursday 4th February: Mass at 1.30pm
Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Mass - Wednesday 3rd January

Dear Parishioners,
Please note that the 9.10am mass on Wednesday 3rd January will be held in the Presbytery, due to works being done on the stained glass window in the church. Thank you for your understanding.
Fr Aloysius

Last Week’s Collection: 24/01/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$745.00
Direct Debit for December: \$2560.00
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$851.00
Thank you for your kind generosity!



#24 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19

Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



As of 11:59pm Sunday 17th January 2021:

- All people must carry a fitted face covering when leaving home unless they have a lawful reason not to.
- The wearing of fitted face coverings is no longer mandatory in all public indoor settings. Face coverings continue to be mandatory in the following locations:
 - on public transport or when riding in a ride share or taxi;
 - inside shopping centres, including the retail stores inside shopping centres, such as clothing stores;
 - inside indoor markets;
 - in large retail stores (over 2000 sqm), such as department stores, electronics stores, furniture stores, hardware stores or supermarkets
 - on domestic flights to and from Victoria and at airports;
 - when working in or visiting hospitals and care facilities.
- It continues to be recommended that fitted face coverings be worn in other situations if physical distancing of 1.5m is not possible (including outdoor gatherings).

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting a COVID-19 test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

- All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services may open for permitted religious ceremonies. Religious gatherings can be held indoors or outdoors. Venues must apply the 1 person per two square metre rule to ensure people have enough room to maintain 1.5 metres distance between them. There are no group limits;
- The two square metre rule can be used only if electronic record keeping is used, otherwise, the four square metre rule must apply. The square metre rule doesn’t include babies under 12 months of age;
- Record Keeping is required for all attendees beyond a 15 -minute visit – and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship. Records must be kept for 28 days;
- People must carry a face covering at all times. Fitted face coverings must be worn indoors by all participants unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age.
- Hygiene precautions must continue to be maintained throughout;
- Doors must remain closed to prevent public access if there is no-one available to ensure that particular number limits are maintained;

More guidelines can be found at <https://bit.ly/3sPX2ku>

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Organ Recital at St Patrick's Cathedral



Internationally acclaimed organ virtuoso Thomas Heywood enjoys an outstanding reputation as one of the world’s finest concert organists. ‘An acknowledged master’, Heywood has travelled over 750,000 miles or 1.2 million kilometres performing solo concerts on the most celebrated pipe organs across the globe.

Thomas Heywood
Friday 5th February, 2021
6.00pm - 7.00pm

St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne

Music by Bach, Elgar, Verdi, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Guilmant, Cocker & Mulet

Tickets \$25. Children under \$15 free

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNSIT



Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit <https://bit.ly/39qEYp5> where you can listen anytime!



Roster for weekend of 6th - 7th February 2021

	Readers
Saturday 6.00pm	Teresa Dang Marlene Vergou
Sunday 9.00am (Italian)	Volunteers
Sunday 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani
Sunday 6.00pm	Damian Casamento Margaret Bannan

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
*Anthony, Peter Bourke,
John Plum, Pasquale Curcio,
Anthony Joseph, Ray Mc Veigh
and Bronislawa Slobodzian*



Those who have died recently
Onorio Cigagna

We Commemorate

*Giuseppe Gandolfo, Giovanna Regnani,
Martino Strambini and Maria Reginato*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Online Masses

St. Patrick’s Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Sunday: 11am

TV Masses

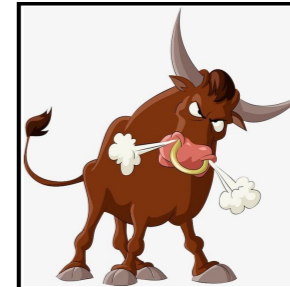
Channel 44 (31)

Live telecast from St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

Channel 10: Mass for you at home, Sunday 6am.

RAI: Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday 8:30am

Something to ponder...



There is an old story about some telephone linemen who were busy putting up telephone poles through a farmer’s fields. The farmer ordered them off his land, whereupon they showed

him a paper giving them the right to plant poles wherever they pleased. Not long afterward, a big and vicious bull charged the linemen. The old farmer sat on a nearby fence and yelled: ‘Show him yer papers, darn ye, show him yer papers!’”

To many Christians, Jesus’ authority is only a paper authority. His word is something we study for inspiration, but we really don’t believe that what Jesus teaches applies to our situation. For many of us, Jesus’ authority doesn’t extend to putting a marriage or a family back together. It doesn’t mean curing an addiction or healing a character flaw. Maybe 2,000 years ago Jesus had authority, but not today. Fr. Tony (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 7th February 2021

Anna and Lizzie
Thank you for your help!

