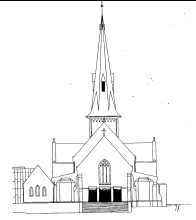


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Sunday, 4 February 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

## From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends,

Mark's Gospel begins with a very hectic and fast pace as we hear firstly of the ministry of John the Baptist [1:4-11], then about the period of Jesus' temptation in the desert [1:12-13] and then lists the various activities within the first hectic day of Jesus' public ministry [1:14-45]. So far we have seen Jesus announce the basis of his ministry – the announcement of the Kingdom of God and the fact that in response to this we need to repent and believe in the Good News [1:14-15]. Jesus selects his first disciples [1:16-20] and begins his teaching and curing of the demoniac in the Capernaum synagogue [1:21-28]. We hear that his teaching and first miracle cause the people to respond with amazement and astonishment. Unlike the scribes and Pharisees who quote the Prophets in their teaching, Jesus proclaims his teaching directly from God and heals directly from the actions of God. These actions are a concrete way in which Jesus announces the Kingdom of God – by beginning to dismantle Satan's hold on humanity through sin and sickness.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus extending the Kingdom of God by entering Simon Peter's house and curing his mother-in-law of a fever [1:29-31]. This is not a life threatening situation, but one which required the assistance of Jesus. We need to be attentive to the conditions of this healing event. It is still the first day of Jesus' public ministry, so we can assume that it is still the Sabbath [1:21]. We see Jesus again healing and bringing life and health to people on the Sabbath day. Again Jesus goes beyond the religious demands of the day in order to bring God's healing presence into the life of others. Secondly we find Jesus not only approaching Simon's mother-in-law in her illness but also touching her and lifting her up [v. 31]. The touching of women, especially those who were sick, was prohibited in Jesus' time. Again we see Jesus going beyond the traditions and regulations of the day when the



health of a person was concerned. Her healing allowed her to be of service to Jesus and to others [v. 31]. This becomes a foreshadowing of Jesus'

words: **'I have come not to be served but to serve'** [Mk 10: 45] and of the loving service of the unnamed woman, who just before Jesus' passion, will lovingly and appropriately anoint Jesus for his burial [Mk 14:3-9].

Mark goes to great lengths to tell us how, through these actions, Jesus' reputation among the people has grown. By the end of this first day, people are bringing their sick and possessed to Jesus for healing, so much so that they were **'crowding around the door'** [1:33]. In all this Mark tells us that Jesus needed to find time to go to a **'lonely place and pray'** [v. 35]. Prayer can sometimes be the casualty whenever we find ourselves busy and occupied with the demands of life. How frequently we can state that we are too busy to pray. Today's Gospel challenges us to see that the busier we are then the more need there is for us to pray. If not then our work and ministry can simply be reduced to social work or good works and even become drudgery, as Job points out in the first reading. If we have recourse to a continual and habitual prayer life, then our work and ministry can be part of that prayer: we can find the strength to see God at work through our work, and in that our works allow for the growth and strengthening of the Kingdom of God. We need to ask ourselves whether our prayer and work are indeed assimilated. Jesus always pre-empted any major work or announcement with a night spent in prayer before his God. How much more do we need prayer before we engage in apostolic and pastoral work. We need to ask ourselves also: do I make room to go regularly to this **'lonely place'** in order to be with God in prayer? Our prayer and our ministry need to go hand in hand.

Fr Bob Bossini,  
Dean & Parish Priest

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL  
WEEKLY TIMETABLE**

**SUNDAY**

- ◆ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 8.00am Mass
- ◆ 9.30am Mass
- ◆ 11.00am Solemn Mass *with Cathedral Choir*
- ◆ 6.00pm Mass

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

- ◆ 6.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 6.45am Mass
- ◆ 11.15am Exposition
- ◆ 11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm)  
(Mon, Wed & Fri)  
Rosary after Angelus at midday
- ◆ 12.30pm Mass
- ◆ 5.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church

**SATURDAY**

- ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer
- ◆ 8.00am Mass
- ◆ 9.30am Mass in ExtraOrdinary Form  
*Latin*
- ◆ 8.30am Sacrament of Penance (till 9am)
- ◆ 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

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**Legion of Mary** - every Saturday at 9.45am at  
Murphy House.

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**Christian Meditation**  
Tuesdays - 9.30am-10.30am - Murphy House

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**February**

- Sun 4** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Readings:* Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
- Sun 11** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wed 14** Ash Wednesday Masses: 6.45am; 9.30am; 12.30pm & 7.00pm

**NON LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**February**

- Tues 6** Christian Meditation - 9.30am - 10.30am - Murphy House  
RCIA - 7.00pm - Murphy House
- Fri 9** Cenacle Prayer Group - 1.00pm - Chapel  
Formation - An Introduction & Overview - Gospel of Mark  
7.30pm - Cathedral Hall
- Sat 10** Legion of Mary - 9.45am - 10.45am - Murphy House
- Thur 22** Men of St Joseph - 7.00pm-8.00pm - Cathedral Hall  
Novena to Mary Full of Grace - 7.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Fri 23** Formation - The Transfiguration - Presented by Fr George
- Sun 25** Philharmonia Concert - 3.00pm - Cathedral



**Lenten Reflection - Formation Program**

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|-------------|--|---------------------|
| February 16 | The Temptation of Jesus (Mark 1:12-15)                   | Presenter Fr Bob    |
| February 23 | The Transfiguration (Mark 1:12-15)                       | Presenter Fr George |
| March 2     | Cleaning of the Temple (John 2:13-25)                    | Presenter Fr Rizzo  |
| March 9     | Nicodemus (John 3:14-21)                                 | Presenter Fr Gitau  |
| March 16    | The Grain of Wheat (John 12:20-33)                       | Presenter Fr Bob    |
| March 23    | The Passion of Jesus According to Mark (Mark 14:1-15:47) | - Fr Bob            |

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times**

6.45am      9.30am      12.30pm      7.00pm

**Helping Hand Ministry**

A new initiative is being launched after much discussion at Parish Council. Basically, we aim to form a team who will be able to donate their time and skills to help those in the parish who cannot, through infirmity, illness or injury carry out the work themselves. We are not forming a team of contractors. It is envisaged that all jobs would be a one off and may range from sewing a button to repairing a letterbox – and having a chat. Appropriate qualifications will be required where necessary. If you are interested and would like further details please phone Bob Edgar on 0408 161107.

**For the sick:** Christiano Missak, Patricia Hartman, Annette Axiak, Paul Peters, Leslie Niblett, Mike Samson, Maria Jup, Patrick Soh, Fatima Jafr  
**Special Intentions:** Ruzica Chimelewski, Anna Dadic, Mara, Nikola & Stephen Senjak, Fr George, Mr & Mrs Bartolomer, Clara Cabezas, Premi & Rixon, Nicole Rita Slatter– Thanksgiving, Sylvester's family-Thanksgiving, Hugo Bolst  
**Recently Deceased:** Gregory Kan, Unborn child, Cahal Rowan, Brian Sheedy, Paul Quinton, Matthew Beninati, Barry Wilde, Lolita Farmer, Allan Tumabini, William Hector, Frances Lewis, Houda Chehadie (former SRE teacher and parishioner)  
**Deceased:** Mary, Stephen, Eleanor & Janet, Alan Newman, Anthony Madeline, Ross, Patrick & Raymond Lee, YT & Deanna Hsu, Anthony, Patrick  
**Anniversaries:** Sr Alice, Stephen Wong, Watson Lee, Judy Gallagher, Baby George,  
**Perpetuals:** Norm Hector, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Norm Hector, Joseph Malouf, Vimal & Kavitha, Van & Phong Tran, Kaddis family, Marcus Milly, Abel Moses, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy, Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Sally & Frank Martlew, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Maurice DeNiese, Fr Bray, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Vincent Huang, Townsend, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Lucy D'Mello, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Sally & Frank Martlew, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, Sherwood Family, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*  
*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

# HURRAH

## The Cloister Café reopens today, Sunday 4 February

Come across for a cuppa after 9.30 or 11am Mass. It's a chance for regulars to chat and catch up with old friends.

If you are new to the parish or a visitor, make yourselves known to our friendly Hospitality Team members.



## Receiving the Holy Eucharist

When receiving Holy Communion, it is to be consumed wholly before the Priest/Acolyte/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. It is NOT to be taken away. If you have a relative/friend who wish to receive communion but are unable to attend Mass, please contact the Parish Office and arrangements will be made to send someone to administer the sacrament. For your information, a video called 'Sacraments 101' available on You tube has a short concise clip on how to receive Holy Communion. As well as it being a 'refresher' for some of us, it is a great learning tool for children.



### EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

FINALLY, the first issue of *St Pat's Matters* for 2018 is ready to 'hit the news stands'!

- Review Christmas Matters of celebration & giving.
- Meet 3 parishioners gifting time & talent for charity.
- Revisit another St Pat's church with the editor.
- Read about Paul Mousley's Pilgrimage.
- Journey with Mark Slee as he shares his 'coming home' story.
- Discover what Fr Sean Bradley and Olivia Lee have to say.
- Be impressed by the High Tea fundraising event and....
- Enjoy Gemma Herrera's take on High Tea etiquette.
- Check out all the articles on parish gatherings and ministry updates.



We hope you will enjoy perusing all the content of issue 93 of our parish magazine. Take a copy home, to read at leisure. One copy per family, please.

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	Junior Credo: EDGE	Yrs 4-6 Fortnightly on Fridays - school terms only - 5pm-6pm
	Teen Credo	High School Students 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4.00pm-6.00pm
	Credo St Pats	18-35 Years of Age 1st Fri of the month - 6.30pm

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:

### PREPARATION FOR EUCHARIST 2018

Preparation sessions for Eucharist for children 7 years or older who completed Reconciliation in 2017 will continue in Term 1 2018.

The calendar of sessions of preparation is as follows:

Remembering Baptism 1: Tuesday 6th February 2018, 7:30 pm - Parent Session

Remembering Baptism 2: Tuesday 20th February 2018, 7:30 pm - Parent Session

Remembering Baptism 3: Saturday 3rd March 2018, 4:30 pm - Parent and Children Session

Remembering Baptism 4: Saturday 10th March 2018, 4 pm - Parent and Children Session

Please keep in mind that all sessions are mandatory.

For any other information regarding the Sacramental Process for children already baptised please contact Meg Gale: [sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au)



## Formation

### An Introduction & Overview - Gospel of Mark

Presented by: Fr Robert Bossini

Date: Friday 9 February

Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Venue: Cathedral Hall

"Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe" – Pope John Paul II

Our Lenten Formation Program will run for six weeks on Friday evenings, from **February 16 through to March 23.**

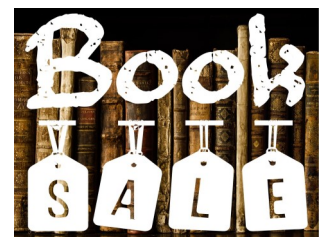
They will be held in the Cathedral hall at 7.30pm.

We hope many of you will join us in our preparation for Easter.

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