



THE FAMILIAR CAN GET IN THE WAY

Jesus returns to his hometown, Nazareth, and teaches in the synagogue. His former townfolk are amazed at the authority and wisdom of his words. But they fail to believe that one so familiar to them could really be a prophet sent from God to instruct them. Small-town prejudice and narrow-mindedness blinker their perception.

St Mark comments: 'And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them' (v. 5). 'Deeds of power' in Mark's Gospel refer to setting people free from spiritual, psychological and physical afflictions which de-humanise them, alienating them from God and fellow-human beings. In the worldview of Jesus' time such conditions were attributed to possession by demons.

What is remarkable here is the way in which the Gospel frankly records Jesus' helplessness to do any such deeds of power for his townfolk because of their lack of faith. Faith or the lack of it *conditioned* his power to help. Put more positively, it is faith that allows God's power to be effective in our world.

The greatest enemy to faith can simply be 'familiarity': a refusal to believe that God could visit us in so familiar a form as the person next door. Progress in the spiritual life is almost always marked by an increasing ability to recognise God in the ordinary, the everyday. The Incarnation means not only that the Son of God became a human being but that he took human form in a town as ordinary and insignificant as Nazareth (see Nathaniel's comment in John 1:46).

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Ezek 2: 2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v. 2

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, / you who dwell in the heavens: / my eyes, like the eyes of slaves / on the hand of their lords. **R.**
2. Like the eyes of a servant / on the hand of her mistress, / so our eyes are on the Lord our God / till he show us mercy. **R.**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. / We are filled with contempt. / Indeed all too full is our soul / with the scorn of the rich, / with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

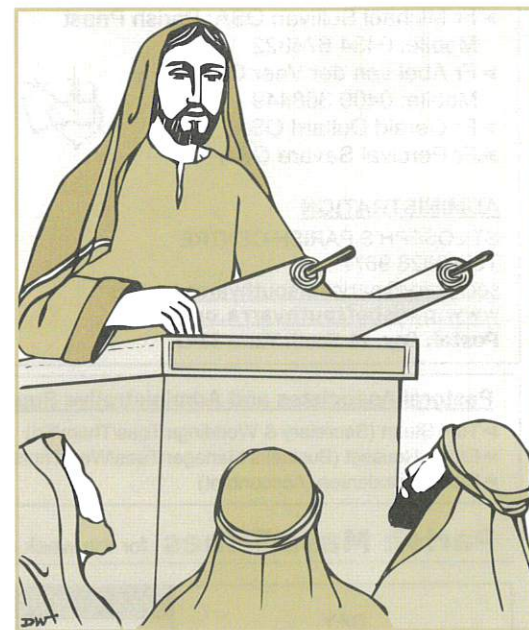
SECOND READING

2 Cor 12: 7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its



best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 1-6

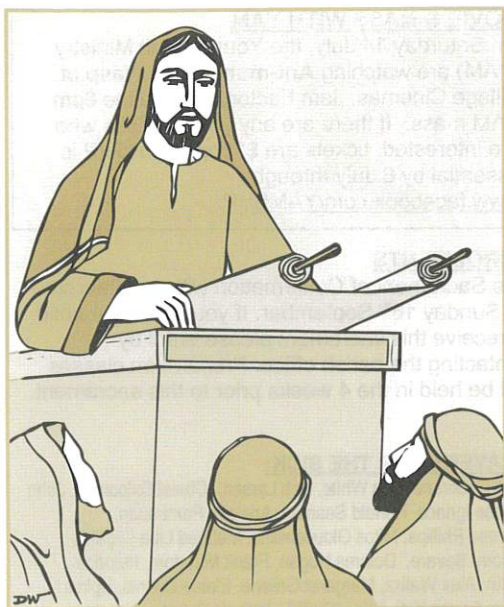
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue

and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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CHILDRENS' LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 First & third Sundays of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
 (or by request)

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

First Tuesday of the month 10am at
 St Joseph's Church
*(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick)*

Pastoral Associates and Administrative Support

- ▶ Toni Stuart (Secretary & Weddings: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Yvonne Bolland (Weddings: Tues 10am-12noon)
- ▶ Emilie Rousset (Business Manager: Tues/Wed/Thurs)
- ▶ Diane Brebner (Alfred Hospital Liaison)
- ▶ Richard Anderson (Accountant)

Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 8th July 2018

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 8 th July 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Saturday- Vigil 6.00pm) 10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 9 th July		
Tuesday 10 th July	10.00am Mass Anointing/Healing Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 11 th July St Benedict	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 12 th July	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 13 th July	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 14 th July	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

ANOINTING/HEALING MASS

The Anointing/Healing mass will be celebrated this Tuesday 10th July at 10am. Senior parishioners, those with sickness, mental illness may receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

The monthly Melbourne Archdiocese magazine is available at the church entrance. Cost \$4

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Christian Meditation: Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ Praise & Worship: Sun 15th July 6.30pm in St Joseph's church followed by coffee & cake.
- ▶ Anointing/Healing Mass: Tues 10 July 10am
- ▶ Parish Finance Committee: Tues 10 July 4pm
- ▶ Parish Pastoral Council: Wed 11 July 7.30pm



PRAYER REFLECTION FROM ST AUGUSTINE

"People who begin to change their way of life to follow the call of God will often experience criticism from those who have known them before their conversion. They may be tempted to go back to their old ways and habits."

CHILD SAFETY IN OUR PARISH

We thank all who attended the Child Safety Training Sessions during the past week and invite all Parish Volunteers and other interested parishioners to one of the following sessions this week.

Child Safety Training Sessions are being held this week in the Archive Room upstairs in the Parish Centre on the following dates:

- Child Safety Session 3 –
- Sunday 8 July: 11.45 - 1.15pm**
- Child Safety Session 4 –
- Monday 9 July: 7.30 - 9pm**
- Child Safety Session 5 –
- Tuesday 10 July: 1.30 - 3pm**

WELCOME TO KOREAN AUGUSTINIANS

We warmly welcome Br. Ki-Hoon Salesio Lee OSA, Br. Hyo-Jin Francisco Park OSA, and Dea-Geon Andrea Jang OSA from Korea who are visiting Melbourne and our parish for the first time this weekend. We wish them a very enjoyable visit!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR PERCIVAL

We offer our warm congratulations to Fr. Percival who was elected Province Secretary and Reserve Councillor on the Provincial Council at the quadrennial Augustinian Provincial Chapter in Sydney last week (1-6 July). More work for him, but we know he will carry out his new tasks with energy and generosity!

IN LOVING MEMORY



Anniversaries

- ✱ Richard Vernon
- ✱ Albert Netto
- ✱ Hilda May Hilder
- ✱ Margaret Higgins
- ✱ Fernando Parisi
- ✱ Alfonso Sy
- ✱ Karel & Elfrida Kral
- ✱ Irene Zatorski
- ✱ Ruth O'Brien
- ✱ Tony Wood
- ✱ Monica Grimes
- ✱ Paula Hammet
- ✱ Teresa Russo
- ✱ Eunice Oliver
- ✱ Mary Raj

WELCOME

We welcome baby Harvey Varney who is to be presented to our community at the 6pm mass in St Joseph's church this weekend.

MOVIE & MASS WITH YAM

On Saturday 14 July, the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) are watching **Ant-man & The Wasp** at Village Cinemas, Jam Factory, before the 6pm YAM mass. If there are any young adults who are interested, tickets are \$15pp and RSVP is essential by 8 July through www.facebook.com/YAMSY.

ENROLMENTS

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 16th September. If you wish your child to receive this sacrament please enrol by contacting the parish office. Preparation classes will be held in the 4 weeks prior to this sacrament.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

June Cochrane, Des White, Beb Larsen, Chaiel Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotie Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Miltos Gloudeans, Meldred Liba Lagahit, Socorro Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Alex Wallisz, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layia, Emma Kirk, Chris 'Smith', Jean de Campo, Jacinta Severe, Gus Carter, Socrates Baroutas, Anne Rigg, Tony McNamara, Sergio Fassio, Anthony Alfred, Brendan Taylor

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 1/07/18

Thanking you for your continuing support!
 Please contact the parish office if you wish to contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card

- 1st Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) \$1345.65
- 2nd Coll. (Planed Giving Church a/c) \$498.00
- 2nd Coll. (Loose Money Church a/c)..... \$524.20