

# The Living Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

28 January 2024

## First Reading Dt 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."'

## 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

*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.

## 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.*

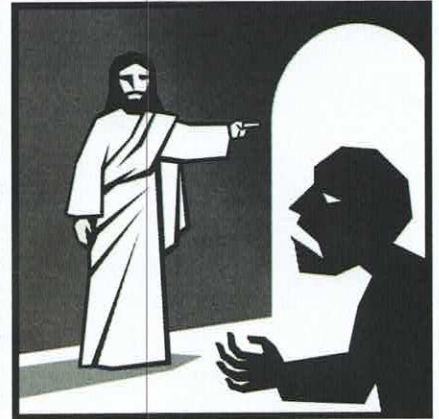
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mk 1:21-28

*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.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

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**Entrance Antiphon.** Psalm 105:47  
 Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf Psalm 30:17-18  
 Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you. © Liturgy Help 2024

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**MINISTRY**

Ministry Volunteers are needed within the whole Parish. If you would like to Volunteer, please contact the parish office on 0403 631 797 or email us at [goulburn@cg.org.au](mailto:goulburn@cg.org.au). We would love to hear from you. Below are some of our existing ministries.

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| *Acolyte                          | *Altar servers   |
| *Bereavement team                 | *Baptism Team    |
| *Children's Liturgy               | *Cemetery mowing |
| *Cleaning Collection              | * Counters       |
| *Communion for the housebound     |                  |
| *Extraordinary Eucharist ministry |                  |
| *Flowers                          | *Gardening       |
| *Hospitality                      | *Music           |
| *Prayers of the Faithful          | *Readers         |
| *Sacramental Team                 | *Tours           |

If you have any suggestions for new ministry, we welcome new ideas. Please contact us at the office to discuss, register your interest, or receive assistance with application.

**Thank you to all those who donated used stamps to the Mary McKillop foundation cause. Over \$33,000.00 was raised which is immense. Please continue the good work.**

**TANZANITE ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Sr. M Paulinus, who has reached her Tanzanite anniversary, and celebrates 80 years of Profession as a Sister of St Joseph.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- Jan 31: Morning tea at K&Gz for Srs of St Joseph
- Feb 3: Women's Morning tea **10.am** Tatts.
- Feb 4: Children's liturgy and Morning tea.
- FEB 10: Men's Breakfast **7.30-9am** Tatts
- FEB 11: Sr Rosemary Farewell - Crookwell.
- FEB 14: Crookwell sacramental program enrolment
- FEB 15 Goulburn sacramental program enrolment
- FEB 23: Steel City Strings **5pm** Cello quartet in SPP
- FEB 29: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne **7pm** in SPP

**Notices**

**SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT DATES 2024  
 Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

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| Crookwell enrolment: | 14th February, 6pm |
| Goulburn enrolment:  | 15th February, 6pm |

**Women's Morning Tea**

Our guest, Sr Virginia Bourke RSS, will speak about The characteristics of Mary Mackillop's life. We meet at the Tattersall's at 10.00 am, Saturday February 3rd. To confirm your attendance, please contact Chanel Burke on **0410 640 034**

**Men's bi monthly breakfast**

Tattersall's: February 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30 -9 am.  
 Guest speaker Fr. Trenton Van Reesch  
 To confirm you attendance please call Michael Lamarra on **0419 019 304**

**Morning tea At K&Gz**

Ex Students and friends of the SRs of St Joseph will hold a morning tea at K&Gz Café for the enjoyment of all. Everyone is welcome.

**When:** 10am, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of January  
**Where:** K&Gz Café Mistful Park, Goulburn

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's liturgy is returning next month, on the Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of February. Morning tea will be held in the presbytery following mass, so please bring a plate, and if you can be of assistance setting up the event, please let us know.

**Recently Deceased:** Kevin Neville, Betty Lindner, Beryl Reid, Raymon Finnegan, Kevin King, Rose Liardet, Anthony Smith, Leslie Reko.

**Anniversaries:** Dan Corry, Jack McGann, John McDonald, Elsie McLaughlin, Rudolf Froncek, Robert Taylor Phillip Anable, Theresia Craciun, Deceased members of the Coffey, Anable and Cracium families, Sandra Collins, Pat Miller, Pat Larcombe, Ellen Writer, Lorna Lyons, Nita Price, Ruby Thorn, Jean Crawford, John Yeadon, Lorraine Snow, John Probert, Wayne Bensley,

**Prayers:** Paul Hollands, Ruth Kirsten Read, S:Marie Kearns A. Taylor Jr, Ojwang Family, Antipas Ojiwang,

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