GOSPEL Mk 1: 21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

28 JANUARY 2024

LISTEN

Listening is a central part of being a follower of Christ: listening to the Holy Spirit, to the Word, and to each other. Today we are called to listen and give undivided attention to the Lord, to a prophet like Moses, and to Jesus in the Gospel.

Moses reveals that "God will raise up a prophet like myself from among yourselves, from your own people ... to him you must listen" (Deut 18:15). He reminds the people that this is what they have asked for. In the letter to the Corinthians Paul addresses the anxieties of the community as "the present form of the world is passing away" (1 Cor 7:31). Paul expresses his wish that they be free from anxieties by giving attention to the Lord.

The Gospel continues the beginning of Jesus ministry in what I call "Jesus Central" -Capernaum (Kefar Nahum). It is where Jesus made his home during his Galilean ministry. We notice it is Shabbat, the sabbath, and Jesus is in the synagogue teaching. "They" (those in the synagogue) are astounded by his teaching. "They" are listening as he teaches with authority. Juxtaposed with this is the exorcism of an unclean spirit which brings both amazement and the question: "what is this? A new teaching with authority" (v. 27). We hear that his fame spreads, but are they truly listening, and do they recognise who he is? Jesus proclaims the good news in word and deed and expects a change of heart. How are we listening today?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 18: 15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

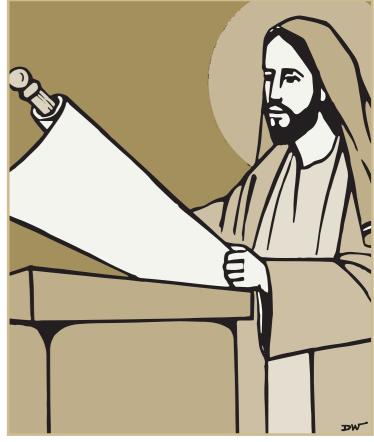
Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord 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.

- 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

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

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 vour undivided attention to the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

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KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321

Sunday Mass Times @ Brighton

6.00 pm	(Saturday Vigil)
8.30am	(Sunday)
10.00 am	(Sunday)

Weekday Masses @ Brighton week

Monday	No Mass	-
Tuesday	Mass	12noon
Wednesday	Mass	6.30pm
Thursday	No Mass	-
Friday	Reconciliation	11.30am
	Mass	12noon
Saturday	Reconciliation	9.30am
	Mass	10am

RECONCILIATION

Before midday Mass on Fridays - 11.30am Before 10am Mass on Saturdays - 9.30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of each month during 10am Mass

Brighton Parish Pastoral Council
All are welcome.

ROSARY

Join us for Rosary at 6pm every Wednesday followed by Mass at

BAPTISMS

Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office Neelam Suryagandh, Antonio, & the Baptismal Preparation Team.

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 31st January

St John Bosco priest

Friday 2nd February

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Saturday 3rd February

St Blaise bishop, martyr

St Ansgar bishop

Wednesday	12noon
Friday	9.30am

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The next edition will be ready for distribution on February 4.

Please check the bench in the foyer for any lost property items.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

3rd /4th February, 2024 Year B / 2

5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1st Reading: Psalm: 146:1-6 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23 Mark 1:29-39 Gospel:

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased

Deirdre Minear, Leanne Clark. Bryan Gallagher, Sr Elisabeth (Liz) Dmytryk RSJ, Wilhelmus (Bill) van Schaiiik. Nigel Wing (Melb), Mary Blood

Deceased

Sr Marie Foale RSJ, Carmel Hanley (England), Frank O'Brien, Emmanuel Tot (Sth. Sudan) Stephen Elliot, Karl Cameron-Jackson, Margaret Murray, Aileen Hodgson Susan Jankovic, Julian Miles, Ron Vis, John Hawley, Ashley Young

ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Fowles-Flint

Viv Scriva, Metha Storer, Raymond Giblett, John Cowling, Br Vincent Connors, Norm Cleveland, Denise Davis, Shirley & Barry Martin, David Middleton, Glenn Mead, David Smith, Jenny Hutton, Chris Wilton, Steve Baker, Chris Harwood, Pauline & Tim Parkinson,

Terry Critchley, Robert Morrell, Sheila Donoghue (Ireland), Isabel Turner (Sydney), Mary Reynolds, Sr Marietta, Mike Pulley, Kevin Pardon, John Wallace, Aoibhinn Delaney

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will not be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved

Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present.

We acknowledge and respect the Kaurna peoples' cultural, spiritual, physical, and emotional connection with their land, waters, and community.



We welcome into our community through Baptism this weekend: Nile Natziuk

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 30th January

- Men's Fellowship 10.30am
- Parish Library/Community Centre 9.30am -12 noon

Wednesday 31st January

- Rosary 6.00pm
- Funeral Deirdre Minear 3.30pm
- Mass 6.30pm

Thursday 1st February

- Bible Study 10.30am
- Funeral of Bryan Gallagher 2pm

Friday 2nd February

Hearts & Prayers

- PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Mass 12.00noon
- Men's Fellowship 10.30am
- Parish Library/Community Centre 9.30am -12 noon

Saturday 3rd February

• Anointing Mass 10.00am

Sunday 4th February

• Children's Liturgy during 10.0am



CHILDREN'S LITURGY Next Sunday 4th February during the 10am Mass

(5-12 years) are welcome to join us.



The Parish **KNITTING & SEWING GROUP**

recommence this Tuesday, 6th February

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tues & Fri 10.30am Informal men's shed friendly company continues to meet.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Our next issue of the Community newsletter is available this weekend.



Prayer is powerful. It brings us closer to God and our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

14th February



7.30am at Sacred Heart College 12 noon & 6.30pm at Brighton 12 noon at Hallett Cove



After consultation and dialogue, and with the support of the PPC and the Parish Priest, we are thinking of re-introducing the Passionist Family Groups in our parish. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please write your name in the sheets available in the foyer. Please collect a brochure for more information.

Catholic Women's League

You are cordially invited to join us at a Mass celebrating the start of our 2024 CWL year for the Adelaide Archdiocese. The Mass

will commence at 7pm on Friday 2nd February at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach,

The Western Beaches CWL have been meeting for over two years and is made up of a group of dynamic women who strive to foster faith, fellowship and friendship. Members from other CWL branches will also join us for the Mass, celebrated by Fr Brian Angus. Following the Mass, a supper of cheese platters and slices with light refreshments of tea, coffee and wine will be provided.

POPE'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

World Day of the Sick

Our Lady of Lourdes Mass Saturday February 10 at 10am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on a Sunday therefore, it will be celebrated on the Saturday. All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8106 or

events@adelaide.catholic.org.au



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail. Guardian of the Redeemer. Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

WALK FOR LIFE 2024

We are called to participate in the 'Walk for Life' event being held on Saturday February 10. Find out more at loveadelaide.org.au

SPEAKING GROUP Activity Centre from February to June 2024

An invitation is extended to ladies of the Brighton Parish (and beyond) who are looking to speak in public or read confidently at Mass.

The Speaking Group meets twice monthly in the McAuley Room on a Monday at 11.00am.

The first meeting for 2024 is scheduled to be held on

Monday, 5th February at 11.00 am finishing at 12.00 noon.

The cost per meeting is \$2.00 to cover room hire.

Any further inquiries can be directed to Maureen Carpenter on 0408 628 899

IN 2024 CARITAS AUSTRALIA WILL BE **TURNING 60!**

All Caritas supporters - young and old -

are invited to join the archbishop on Sunday February 25, 2024, for a Eucharistic Celebration at St

Francis Xavier Cathedral (11am)

to commemorate 60 years of caritas in Australia, with its foundations proudly in Adelaide! Please save the date in your **2024 diary** – we look forward to celebrating this milestone with all parishes, schools and anyone who proudly supports the good work of Caritas Australia - helping us to create a just and compassionate world.