



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.



*Christ Healing the Blind Man," El Greco, 1560, Venice
Oil on canvas, Housed in the Palazzo della Pilotta in Parma, Italy*

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

Source: Loyolapress

Physically touching both ears and tongue precedes His upward look toward the Father (in this miracle, the Father acts through Him) and His sign, which probably points to His having been filled with the Holy Spirit. This trinitarian fullness, indicates that the prayer "Be opened!" speaks not only of physical healing but, of effective grace for Israel and for all mankind."

~ Hans Cardinal Urs von Balthasar (1905-1988)

This Week:

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ord Time

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9:

I gave my body to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9 *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

Second Reading: James 2:14-18:

Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35:

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

MASSES & MEETINGS

Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:

Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 5pm-5:30pm - St Oliver Plunkett Church

Prayer Intentions Prayer Group: Every Friday at 9.30am - St Oliver Plunkett Church

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Welcoming Mass: 1st Sunday of the month, 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church to welcome children receiving Baptism into the Parish community.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Little Lanterns Liturgy: 1st Sunday of the month during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend.

Hospitality: 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches; Every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass at the Parish Hall.

COMING UP...

08 SEP - SUN: First Holy Communion, CH; Safeguarding Sunday.

14 SEP - SAT: Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

19-21 SEP: Ignite Conference 24

21 SEP - SAT: Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

29 SEP - SUN: World Day of Refugees and Migrants; Rosies Morning Tea for Parishioners (after Mass) CH

06 OCT - SUN: Little Lanterns Liturgy (during Mass) CH; Welcoming Mass, CH; Morning Tea (after Mass), CH & Tingalpa.

NB. Fr Vasanthan will be on annual leave for all of September. Mass as usual celebrated by Fr. Josh.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conf.
Fortnightly at 6:15pm
Next meeting: **Monday, 16th September**
Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUE: Parish Leadership Team
Fortnightly at 6:00pm
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 10th September**

WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting
Monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, 9th October**

THU: Parish Finance Council Meeting
Bi-monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: **TBA**

GOSPEL READING 8TH SEPTEMBER - MARK 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:7-10 Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

It is precisely the heart, that is the deep core of the person, that Jesus came to "open", to free, in order to make us capable of fully living the relationship with God and with others. He became man so that man, rendered internally deaf and mute by sin, may hear the voice of God...

Pope Francis

Mass Intentions

Week beginning 8th September 2024 - 9 am

10/09 Tuesday: Mary Immaculate, Eagle Vale
11/09 Wednesday: Sick and Elderly OMIs
12/09 Thursday: St Mary Star of the Sea, Sorrento
13/09 Friday: Immaculate Heart of Mary & St Kieran's, Moe/Newborough

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA

Every Wednesday

Cannon Hill - After 9am mass

First Sunday of the Month

Tingalpa - After 8am Mass

Cannon Hill - After 9.30am

All Welcome!!!



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK

We pray for those in the community who are sick. May the healing spirit of Christ bring them comfort and hope.

Karen Marrinan, Carol-Ann Marrinan, Jeanette Hill, Sharon McKenzie, Lucia Giaccio, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Beryl McInally, Rob Connolly, Von Leeman, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Ken Drego, Melisa Duffy.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Judith Baker, Andrew Cuthbert, Christina (Ann) O'Connor

ANNIVERSARIES

John Vardanega, Ethel Graham, Bernard Marrinan

FUNERALS AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT

Christina (Ann) O'Connor
Mon, 9th Sept at 11am

Judith Baker
Tues, 10th Sept at 11.30am

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - Starting October

RCIA is the way that the Catholic Church brings new members into its family. The process is a conversion of the heart that brings a person closer to Jesus Christ. RCIA is for those who:

- have not been Baptised,
- have been Baptised, but have had little contact with the Catholic Church since, and
- those who want to learn, ask questions and have more knowledge about the Catholic Faith.

If that is you or someone you know, we will soon be running RCIA sessions to give people a deeper appreciation and understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices.

All are welcome to attend the sessions and there is no obligation for non-Catholics to convert.

More info on the program will be available soon.

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Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come Scripture Study* by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith in the first week of October with daytime sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays and will run for 11 weeks. There will be a break in December, resuming the week starting 12 January. Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." To register your interest, please contact Louise Simento at 0456 700 040 as soon as possible to secure study material.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact Louise Simento on 0456 700 040.

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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

"Every conversation matters"

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024**



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**SAFE GUARDING SUNDAY
8th September 2024**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

See the "Safeguarding Framework 2024" here:
www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/assets/uploads/safeguarding-framework.pdf



IGNITE CONFERENCE 24 by Ignite Youth

Thursday, 19 September - Sunday, 22 September
St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

Ignite Youth is dedicated to gathering, raising up and sending out a new generation of Catholics who are on fire for Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, formed in the faith and centred in the Eucharist – young people living their Catholic faith with dynamism and passion to reach out to their world with the life of the Gospel.

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**For more info go to: www.igniteconference.com.au
Register here: www.app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC24BNE**

Volunteer Focus – Commentator

A commentator has four short roles to perform during the Sunday Eucharistic celebration. They include:

- making introductions before Mass begins such as welcoming visiting clergy, inviting Parishioners to say hello to each other and acknowledging the Liturgical seasons such as Lent or Advent;
- reading the Responsorial Psalm on days when it isn't sung;
- leading the Prayers of the Faithful; and
- reading weekly announcements/notices.

Some people may find the role too intimidating to consider, but volunteers already commentating say that it is not difficult after a short amount of practise. Please speak to one of the Commentators to see if this is a role for you.

Commentators are needed at both Cannon Hill and Tingalpa.

Especially needed are:

- Readers (8.00am)
- Communion Ministers (9.30am)
- Sacristans (9.30am)



CATHOLIC QUIZ

Which of the following is the shortest verse in the bible?

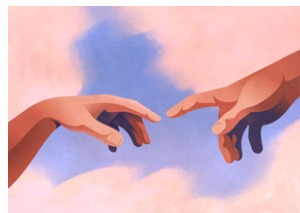
- I thirst.
- Jesus wept.
- I am.
- He died.

The significance of the verse lies in its context and emotional depth rather than its length. The brevity emphasises the profundity of the moment, conveying deep emotion and compassion in just two words.

Answer: b. Jesus wept. John 11:35

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