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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm

On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am

Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service

Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

HOSPITAL CALL Fairfield Parish 0488 693482

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass until 4:00pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on

the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time/B 21ST JANUARY 2024

Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

There will be an hour Adoration & Benediction on Thursdays.

For the month of January, the Parish office will only be open on Mondays & Fridays.

Fr Danai

Parish Administrator

Thought of the Week

"Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly."

~ St Frances de Sales (1567-1622)



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Markis Sigma and Eliana Tran who will be baptised this weekend.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays of the month at 11am.

Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptised Catholics. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. To register, please contact the Parish office on 9604 8927.

We pray for...

Our sick: Alan Biag, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Bernice Mack, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Neda, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Stiv, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Roque Noronha, Ana, Maria & Richard, Tony Surace, Mate, Tania, Anka, Roman, Cecilia Felipe, Marcus Batros, Vincenzo Melissari, Josipa, Gioseppina Bartone, Alex, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo (Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen (JB teacher), Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Rosaria Fenech, Violette Habelreeh, Joseph Francis, Amparo Juan, Giorgio Perencin, Johny Brown, Gloria Stollsteimer, Gloria O'Brien, Pasquale Albanesi, Anthony Reitano, Steven Suplat, Lorenzo Biordi, Maria Luz Labis, And those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Agostino & Carmela, Ivan Bonza **Other deceased including:** Mario Cutajar, Louis Borg, Agostino Ranieu, Carmela (daughter of Rita Ranieu), Milagros Gaspi, Rocco, Concetta, Francesco, Giuseppa Leuzzi, Rosario & Rosaria Papalia, Emmanuel Attard, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Isabel & Joseph Fenech, Niel Hanna, Caterina Laria, Gaspar Vargas, Reena Redoblado, Domenico Nicola, Stefano Collu, Teresa Dinan, Conor Dinan, Emmanuel Attard, Aladar Saagy, Wendy Marshall-Ward, Margaret Bastic, Joseph Am Nontanovan, Joanna Khien, Thomas Ha, Theresa Bounlien, Luca Kat Dithhavong, Anna Sue, Francis Xavier Vien, Thomas Nantha, Anna Balien, Petro Khamtu, Aladar Saaghy, Wendy Marshall-Ward, Iva & Ivan Grancic, Joseph Schembri, Vincenzo Demaio, Domenico Marando, Juana Frijas, Donna Frijas, Timoteo Lagang, Maria Nguyen, Emmanuel Ellul, Linda Caias, Ivin Lozina, Anna Cattellini, Pasquale Carbone, Sime Tomislav Bakic, Anthony Mascari, Daniel O'Connell, Clifford Fernandes, Gloria O'Brien, Peter Sanfilippo, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenico Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Larry Cruz, Nonata San Miguel, Derrick Mack, Grant Colomb, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Guido & Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

Special Intentions/Blessings : Maria Bugge, Cveta, Tommy & family, Ivana family, Marina's 19th Birthday & Juan Gibran's 36th Birthday.

Thanksgiving to : St Anthony, St Jude, St Rita.



Parish Diary



Monday 22nd January	St Vincent 9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship– Italian
Tuesday 23rd January	9:10am Mass 7:00pm Praise & Worship
Wednesday 24th January	St Francis de Sales 9:10am Mass
Thursday 25th January	The Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle 9:10am Mass One hour adoration after the Mass.
Friday 26th January	Australia Day 9:10am Mass 7:30pm Praise & Worship –JHPC
Saturday 27th January	5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 28th January	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:00am Filipino Mass 6:00pm Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Jonah 3:1-5,10
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Responsorial Psalm	Teach me your ways, O Lord
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20
Next Weekend: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28



Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays of the month at 11am. The next **baptismal info** is on the 15th February, 7:30pm at the Parish centre.

The Parent's information evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on the 7th March at 6pm in the church. Children must be 8 years old (Year3) at the time of preparation.

Striving to be a “Loving, Caring, Christian Community”

From the Liturgy Office...

The Conversion of St. Paul

This week on Thursday, the universal church celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle. This feast is observed annually on the 25th January.



What is the conversion of Saint Paul?

The conversion of Saint Paul refers to the momentous event when Saul of Tarsus, a zealous persecutor of Christians, encountered Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus and experienced a profound transformation. This encounter led to his conversion to Christianity and his subsequent mission to spread the teachings of Jesus.

When did the conversion of Saint Paul occur?

The conversion of Saint Paul is believed to have taken place around AD 34-36.

What was the significance of Saint Paul's conversion?

Saint Paul's conversion was significant because it transformed him from a persecutor of Christians to one of the most influential figures in the early Christian church. His conversion not only changed his own life but also had a profound impact on the spread of Christianity.

How did Saint Paul's conversion impact his mission?

Following his conversion, Saint Paul dedicated his life to spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ. He embarked on several missionary journeys, establishing Christian communities and writing letters that would later become part of the New Testament. His conversion gave him a deep understanding of God's grace and a passion for sharing the Gospel with others.

(Sourced from Young Catholics)

God bless,

Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Upcoming Feasts and Memorials

22 January—St Vincent

24 January—St Frances de Sales

25 January—The Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle

26 January—Australia Day

27 January—Sts Timothy & Titus

—St Angela Merici

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

JANUARY: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time 27/28 January 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	J Haddad	A Amores	B Ventura	M Perrone
Minister of the Word	B Borbe	C La Delfa	P Redoblado	J Baulman
EMHC	J Habelreeh F Di Marco	N Lozina A Maiuolo G Kruk	E Ventura A Elizes L Biag	R Morandarte S Seychell Volunteer
Data Proj/ Musician	S Poullath Recorded Music	M Y Tran M Vargas	R Mannino Jesus the Healer	A Perrone Recorded Music
Altar Servers	C Youhana C Youhana	Volunteer	B Rice R Qool	Volunteer
Piety Stall	M La Rosa	C Maaka	K Vadala	T Seraglio
Counter: Group 4 E San Miguel R Tripodi	Altar Linen : C Maaka	Cleaners : Group 4 Disciples of the sacred Heart c/ M Gaspi	Flowers : C & A Aranda	

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS on THURSDAY 26 JANUARY at 9:10am



Liturgical ministers are needed for this mass. If you wish to help,

please write your name and contact number on the clipboard in the Church foyer.

Thank you and God bless.

Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

On Australia Day, we reflect on our past, accept the truth of our history and respect that we all have a contribution to make to the Story of Australia. We celebrate being part of a diverse and multicultural nation. On this day we are also called to reflect on the pivotal day in the history of our ancient continent.

Prayer for Australia Day

Bounteous God, We give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, A land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, A land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All are invited to attend the **Lenten Program** to be led by **Deacon Mervyn- Every Tuesday at 7pm** in the church commencing on the 13th February using the Lenten Companion which will provide an opportunity for the faithful to come together to pray and to prepare for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Please register (clipboard in the foyer).



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A Marriage Encounter Weekend

on
27-29 June 2024

at **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

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As a general rule, no consent is required to photograph or film groups of 10 or more children (where they are not identified by name). However, for one child or a group of less than 10 children, a general consent form should be obtained by a parent/guardian.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Pilgrimage to England & Ireland.

Highlights: visiting Our Lady of Knock and Our Lady of Walsingham.

April 17– May 1, 2024

Please see Fr Danai