



# OUR PARISH

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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.

## 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.

## 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time/B 28TH JANUARY 2024

Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Thank you to Joe Agostino and Andrew Baker for mowing the lawns during the week. We need more volunteers to assist in the monthly mowing. If you are able to help, please inform Maria in the Parish office.

Thank you to Fr Paul Hilder for looking after Sunday night 6pm Mass this weekend. Happy 80th Birthday, Fr Paul !

Fr Danai  
Parish Administrator

## Note:

Ash Wednesday 14 February and Good Friday 29 March are days of fasting and abstinence. All who are 18-59 years old are bound to fast. All who are 14 years old and older are bound to abstain.

## Thought of the Week

"Guard your eyes since they are the windows through which sin enters the soul. "

~ St John Bosco (1815-1888)

## 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, Steve, 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, Lina (*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:** Tobia Panuccio, 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 And those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:**

Stephen & Maria Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Agostino & Carmela, Ivan Bonza **Other deceased including:** Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Mario Cutajar, Louis Borg, Agostino Ranieu, Carmela (daughter of Rita Ranieu), 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 Cattelini, Pasquale Carbone, Sime Tomislav Bakic, Anthony Mascari, Daniel O'Connell, Clifford Fernandes, Gloria O'Brien, Peter Sanfilippo, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica 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, Mariantonica 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 :**

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



## Parish Diary



<b>Monday</b> 29th January	9:00am Mass 10:00am Praise & Worship– Italian
<b>Tuesday</b> 30th January	9:10am Mass 7:00pm Praise & Worship
<b>Wednesday</b> 31st January	<b>St John Bosco</b> 9:10am Mass 7:00pm Choir Rehearsals
<b>Thursday</b> 1st February	<b>St Brigid</b> 9:10am Mass One hour adoration after the Mass.
<b>Friday</b> 2nd February	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b> 9:00am Healing & Anointing Mass 7:30pm Praise & Worship –JHPC 7:30pm Disciples of Sacred Heart of Jesus (Parish Centre)
<b>Saturday</b> 3rd February	5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass + Blessing of throats (St Blaise Feast Day) 7:30pm Adorers of the Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday</b> 4th February	<b>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> <b>The Word of God Sunday</b> 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:00am Baptism 6:00pm Mass

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>1st Reading</b>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 7:32-35
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1:21-28
<b>Next Weekend:</b>	Job 7:1-4, 6-7
<b>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1: 29-39



**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 Presentation of the Lord

On February 2nd, forty days after Christmas, the universal church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is also traditionally known as, “Candlemas”, because as early as the fifth century, the custom of celebrating this feast with lighted candles had developed. The lit candles symbolised Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be *“a light for revelation to the Gentiles.”*



The feast also marks the day that Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the Temple. Though Mary was pure and free from sin from the moment of her conception, and though the Son of God did not need to be redeemed, Mary and Joseph fulfilled these ritual obligations.

At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. It is in that holy encounter that Jesus' divinity is manifested by a human prophet for the first time. At His birth, the angels proclaimed His divinity to the shepherds, but in the Temple, Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Saviour of the World. He also prophesied that this salvation would be accomplished by a sword of sorrow that would pierce the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Anna, a prophetess, also came forward and “gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem” (Luke 2:38). Thus, these ritual acts were also a moment in which Jesus' divine mission was made manifest to the world.

**Prayer:** *My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law You revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank You for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate Your light as You dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in You.* ((Excerpt from My Catholic Life)

God bless,  
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

### Upcoming Feasts and Memorials

- 31 January—St John Bosco
- 1 February—St Brigid
- 2 February—The Presentation of the Lord
- 3 February—St Blaise & St Ansgar

### 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.

#### FEBRUARY: For The Terminally Ill

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.



## 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time 3/4 February 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
<b>Commentator</b>	J Habelreeh	C Aranda	B Ventura	T Seraglio
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	B Borbe	C La Delfa	R Williams	F Morandarte
<b>EMHC</b>	F Di Marco	Y Dawood A Maiuolo	E Ventura L Biag	R Morandarte L Bykowski
<b>Data Proj/ Musician</b>	J Haddad Choir	M Y Tran M Vargas	R Mannino Disciples	D Maymac Recorded Music
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M Bahno A La rosa C Nastasi L Hedo M&G Agopian J Bahbah	Volunteer	B Rice J Salameh R Qool	Volunteer
<b>Piety Stall</b>	M La Rosa	G Smith	F Varrica	A Morandarte
<b>Counter:</b> Group 1 N Redoblado P Redoblado M Dandan	<b>Altar Linen :</b> A Trimboli		<b>Flowers :</b> Group 1 M Sipina	<b>Cleaners :</b> Group 5 S Andrijic N Tomic V Menzagopian D Siciliano S Orlando L Mignemi N Cannizzaro

### Feast of St Blaise—3 February

Bishop and Martyr Died c. 316

—Optional Memorial

**Patron Saint of illnesses of the throat and other illnesses, wool workers, animals, bricklayers, bakers, farm workers**



Saint Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (modern Turkey) around 1,700 years ago. He is best known for healing the sick – including animals.

St Blaise is most famously associated with the blessing of throats which may be given by touching the throat of each person with two candles that have been joined together in the form of a cross.

The blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian.

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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on  
**27-29 June 2024**

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### Consent to Film and Photograph a child/children in the Parish :

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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