



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday				Saturday	3 rd February
30 th	Jan	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
31 st	Jan	Wed	9.00am Mass – St John Bosco	5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm Rosary	Sunday	4th February
1 st	Feb	Thurs	9.00am Mass	7.00am	Mass
2 nd	Feb	Fri	9.00am Mass – Healing Mass	9.00am	Mass

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

28th January 2024



Freedom

In today's gospel (Mark 1:21-28) Jesus and his disciples reach the fishing village Capernaum, and there he teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Here he is presented as one with a teaching that is new. Here also we find one of the characteristically Marcan structures, where an episode is sandwiched between two parts of another construction. In this case, two synonyms indicate the "sandwich" of this device in v.22 and 27, but the first is weakened in our Lectionary's translation: *exēplēssōnto* (from *ekplēssō*) became "made a deep impression on them" rather than the more direct "they were amazed/astounded", with its counterpart *ethambēthēsan* (from *thambeō*), "they were astonished". They are first amazed by his teaching, and their astonishment is confirmed when his authoritative teaching is demonstrated in action, the sandwich's filling. In it is a man with an unclean spirit, and such unclean spirits are the first to recognize Jesus for who he really is. But when the man speaks, it is in the plural, "What do you want with *us*? Have you come to destroy *us*?" This sometimes trips people up into thinking of the man as one possessed by many demons who fear what Jesus will do to them. But even the order Jesus gave, "Be muzzled!", is in the singular. So, who is the "us" the man speaks for? We may approach this by way of the clue of Mark's device:

the two things are one thing, or, breaking away from the concrete example of the sandwich we eat, it is the unfolding in time of a twofold manifestation of the same process: Jesus comes to set free. The new teaching that sets people free, which throughout the four Gospels is the remission of sin and debt, is manifested in the man set free from the unclean spirit; Jesus has not come to destroy *us*, certainly not to punish us sinners according to the usual way of law, but to *free us*. The man is set free from that which causes his social isolation and he is restored to society. But finally, a word about the second reading. This one passage does not mean that Christianity has an aversion to marriage, which Paul here likens to a noose or halter, nor even to human love and sexuality. Paul was working from the mistaken belief that the world would soon end, which makes attention to any long-term plan in the world a waste of time. What remains good in what he said is that it reveals the expectation that the duty of marriage is for husbands and wives to be devoted to pleasing each other. Paul finds this so much a necessity that it imposes on their ability to attend to the work of the Kingdom. Another take on it, however, might suggest to Paul that in marriage husbands and wives may better enable and support one another in their work for the Kingdom.

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WEEKLY INFORMATION

SFX St Vinnies is Turning 50!



Water always plays a major role in religious stories and there has been a similar connection with water, lots of it, in parts of the history of the St Vincent De Paul Society in the Goodna area. As many of our parishioners will testify, the weekend of Australia Day, 1974, with the flooding of the Brisbane River caused great damage, loss of possessions and miserable discomfort to hundreds of the residents of our Parish. Legend has it that a meeting to found a conference was held under one of the pines in the church grounds on 25th February, 1974. Ratified by SVDP in March the same year. The president of the group was James Lennon, the secretary was Jack Wilkinson and twelve Vincentians formed that group. The finance was provided by the Archdiocesan Flood Relief Fund. The current Conference members would like to invite anyone whose family has been involved in St Vinnies over those 50 years; to a **celebratory morning tea after 9am Mass on the 17th March in the parish hall.**

Safeguarding Notice



Please ensure that all children using the toilets are accompanied by an adult. The toilets are out of the line of sight of the church, and the area is shared by children and adults. Parents should be aware that this means that the toilets are considered a safeguarding risk, and they should therefore take the necessary precautions. Please ensure also that the toilets are left clean and tidy.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Welcome to Fr. Paul!

Fr. Paul Kemau CSSp is from Kenya (East Africa) and is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). He has been appointed as the Associate Pastor of St Francis Xavier Parish, Goodna. He was ordained on the 9th May 2009, and from then on served in several parishes in Kenya.

"I look forward to working with the parish community and am deeply grateful for the gracious welcome since my arrival on 2nd January 2024. God Bless you all!"

Fr. Paul, Associate Pastor

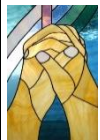
Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light:
A radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring, Kylie Herbert, Tony Ryan, Elisapeti Pati, Amanda Harding, Margo Jane Higgins, Cameron Auld, Trent Andrews, Bill McAuslan, Peter Tolhurst.

Reborn in Eternal Life 29th January – 4th February

Syd Leoni, Peter Chew, Julietta Uela, Sonny Folkes, Geraldine Keller, Joseph, Carmel Semoni, John Byrnes, Loiola Ma'u

Reading – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4th Feb. 2024

1 st Reading	Job 7:1-4, 6-7
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel	Mk 1:29-39



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

Bookings for February are now closed. The next Baptisms will be 17th March 2024. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Recently Deceased Louis Galea, Margaret Mary Kelly.



Loop System The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

WEEK 4 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK – 28th JANUARY 2024

Flowers	Teresa Grieg		Cleaning	Almaz Okba	Yard	Samoan Community			
5pm	Welcome	Emma Le Breton	Reader 1	Bruce Larter	Ciborium	Julie Aiavao	Altar	TBA	
7am		Michael Miles		Joan Sitcheff		Anna Timu		Jane Brischetto	Francesco & Francis
9am		So'oalo Family		Kisa Senio		Paulo Lauvao		Elaine Walters	Joe & Bu

WEEK 1 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 4th FEBRUARY 2024

Flowers	Samoan Community		Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a			
5pm	Welcome	Kerry Ellis	Reader 1	Angela Vu	Ciborium	Suzanne Fitzgerald	Altar	TBA	
7am		Robert Bryant		Jane Brischetto		Louise Qualischefski		Joan Sitcheff	Georgie Tierney
9am		Alefosio Family		Fruean Family		Sosefo Masalu		Uiki Vaoiva	Philip & Junior

Ministers should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass, or their role will be reassigned on the day.

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Who are the Spiritans? The Congregation of the Holy Spirit is a Catholic religious congregation founded in France in 1703. Also known as the Spiritans, their mission for over 300 years has been to evangelize the poor and marginalized all over the world. Worldwide, they have more than 2,500 priests, brothers, and lay members. The Spiritans were founded by a young French nobleman – Claude Poullart des Places – who gave up the practice of law to study for the priesthood. He founded a community for young men who wished to become priests and dedicated it to the Holy Spirit. About 150 years later, also in France, Francis Libermann, a converted Jew, started another religious family: the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The two congregations, both dedicated to the evangelization and service of the poor, later became one: The Congregation of the Holy Spirit under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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