Dear friends

A theme that is present in today's gospel is Jesus’ authority. We hear that Jesus, “taught with authority” (Mk 1:22) and also a comment that Jesus’ new teaching came, “with authority behind it” (Mk 1:27). So, what did Jesus do with this authority that was so evident in his ministry? Did he boss people around? Did he throw his weight around? I strongly suggest the answer is no, on both accounts.

What is evident in the gospel passage for this 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, is that Jesus uses his authority to serve. Jesus came not to be served but to serve. The gospel today is very clear on this point. Jesus used his authority to heal the man possessed by the unclean spirit. Jesus uses his authority to reach out in service. Jesus’ example is a reminder for all of us to use whatever authority we have to serve others.

Let us pray that our reputation as Christians spreads marked by our desire to serve.

God bless

Deacon Tom

This Week’s Readings:

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20 – I will put my words into the prophet’s mouth, and he will tell them all I command.
Psalm Response: If today you hear God’s voice harden not your hearts;
if today you hear God’s voice harden not your hearts
(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35 – The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

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

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 – This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Next week’s Readings
First: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am
Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm
Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 1pm.
Wednesday Closed.

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A VOCATION VIEW:
Let us not get confused that power and authority are two very different things. We must imitate Jesus and use these gifts in service of the poor. It is this power that is at work in us.

Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish
Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point
(This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws)
A warm welcome into our Catholic Community to Tahali Inman
Please keep Tahali and her family in your prayers.

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Programme. Your commitment assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the parish, as well as the pastoral needs of the parish, not forgetting ongoing maintenance costs. To join our Planned Giving program, please complete this form and place on the collection plate or contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139.

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Weekend Mass Times

- Saturday: Manly - 5:00pm, Birkdale - 6:15pm
- Sunday: Gumdale - 7:00am, Birkdale - 8:00am, Manly - 9:30am

Week Day Mass Times

- St John Vianney Manly: Ph 3131 2610
  - Tuesday - 6:00pm and Wednesday - 9:30am
  - Thursday - 5:30pm to 6:00pm
- St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Ph 3822 2139
  - Thursday - 6:00pm and Friday - 9:30am
- Carmelite Monastery: 7:00am Monday to Saturday
- St Jude Gumdale: Sunday following 7:00am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- St Mary MacKillop Birkdale
  - Thursday 5:30pm to 6:00pm
- St John Vianney Manly
  - Saturday 4:30pm to 5:00pm

Music Practice: there will be no music practice this week. Sessions will resume on Wednesday 7th February at 5:00pm.

Small Coins for East Timor: The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is $10,693.10.

Columbarium: We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

The Little King’s Movement: Once a year conducts a Door Knock and Church Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the call for our services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs, is truly ecumenical, and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. The appeal for our Parish will be conducted on the weekend of 3rd & 4th February.

In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which volunteers are most grateful.

May God embrace all who have recently died: William Johannes, Ray Murphy, Carmen Jagga.

Anniversaries & Remembrances January:


Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

NEW PARISHIONER? WELCOME! If you are new to our Parish, you are most welcome. Please fill out the form below and place on one of the collection plates.

NAME(S): Mr / Mrs / Miss ____________________________
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