

St Mark's Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

3 February 2019

Gospel Reflection



In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and

kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow. The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love. © Dianne Bergant CSA

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CATECHISTS
TEACHING AND LEARNING THE FAITH TOGETHER



Catechist Sunday - a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. "We give thanks for the generosity of our catechists."

We have a small team of catechists providing faith education at Drummoyne Public School. We will pray for them this weekend as they go forth to teach the children this year. Catechist Sunday gives the parish community of St Mark's Drummoyne an opportunity to thank and encourage our catechists.

This ministry is deeply rewarding and critical for our Catholic children attending state schools and regardless of how much time a Catechist spends in preparation and teaching, the fact remains that the importance of their work cannot be underestimated. This work should not just be thought of in terms of evangelisation, as important as that is, but also in the assistance given to the development and betterment of our society.

Our catechists and helpers are humble people who do not expect public gratitude for what they do. Occasionally though, we all like to receive a little thanks, particularly when we are volunteering our time. At Mass this weekend our Catechists will be speaking to you.

Thank you

Blessing of a Catechists:

Lord God,
source of all wisdom and knowledge,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us
and to proclaim his message of faith, hope,
and love to all nations.

In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters
who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church.

Strengthen them with your gifts,
that they may teach by word and by example
the truth that comes from you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wanted - Catechists & Catechist Helpers for 2019

We are looking for volunteers for 2019. Classes are once a week on Friday mornings during school term.

Lesson materials comprising of comprehensive teacher's manuals and student workbooks are provided. A set curriculum is followed. If you can help us please contact the parish office.



Douglas Mawhinney Director CCD Parish Catechist Support – Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney with Fr Michael McLean, our very supportive Episcopal Vicar for Education helping clean up after the September 2018 annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass.

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Today's Liturgy.

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations, to give
thanks to your holy name, and make it
our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

Jeremiah is given his mission and
promised protection.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6.15.17.R. v.15

I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

Love is patient.....

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News
to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 4:21-30

No prophet gains acceptance in his
own land.

Offertory Antiphon: Ps 91:2

It is good to give praise to the Lord,
and to sing to your Name, O Most High.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love. O Lord,
let me never be put to shame, for I call
on you.

Next Week:

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**

Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11;

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good
will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

*We welcome into our faith community this
Sunday through the Sacrament of Baptism
at St. Mark's:*

*Anthony Michael Carbone,
Theodore Thomas Gallway,
Nicolas William Townsend &
Aston Simonutti*



*And we congratulate their parents.
God bless you.*



Lent

a season of reflection, preparation & renewal

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and once again this Lenten Season; St. Mark's Parish community will observe Eucharistic Adoration in the church each weekday. To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended to during this period, **we need volunteers to commit to one hour a week during this time to be present in the church.**

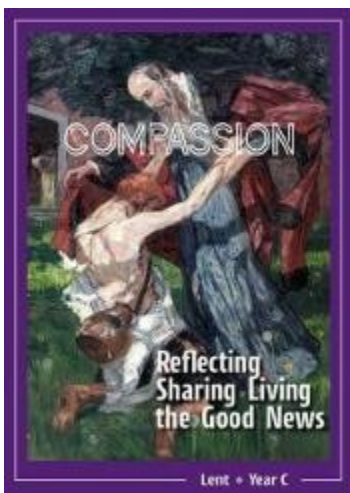
If you can participate, please let us know the hour and the day of the week that works best for you. If you cannot commit to an hour every week, but can do several specific hours during Lent, we would like to hear from you as well. Those who have participated in Lenten Eucharistic Adoration before can attest to the abundance of grace as a parish community and as individuals that is received from this time spent with Our Lord. **Please give serious consideration to participating, sign up sheets are in the Church foyer or contact the parish office.**

Lenten Scripture Groups - Join Us!

This Lenten season, St. Mark's parish community invites you to **Live Lent** join a small group for an opportunity to share your faith with some of your fellow parishioners. These weekly small discussion groups take a deeper look at each Sunday's gospel and provide inspiration for conversation about how our faith applies to our everyday lives.

For more details on sessions, dates and times sign up sheets are in the Church foyer or contact the parish office. And we will contact you with details. Groups start the first week of Lent Thursday March 7 for 6 weeks.

Please join us this Lent to connect with your parish neighbours, deepen your spirituality and learn more about your faith. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office.



**2019 St. Mark's Parish
Lenten Program**
"Compassion - Reflecting,
Sharing - Living the Good
News"

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Lent is a time for looking at our lives and finding both the presence and the absence of God. We thank Him for his Grace through our relationship with Jesus, but we take this time to pause and reflect on how we have weakened this relationship through sin. On Ash Wednesday, we are signed with ashes to show our recognition that we need repentance. It is an important ritual and, as you can see below, we will make every opportunity help you receive them. What better day to ask for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

MORNING

Wednesday 6 March 7:30 am Mass with distribution of ashes

Wednesday 6 March 9:30 am St Mark's Students Y3 - 6 Mass with distribution of ashes

EVENING

Wednesday 6 March 7.30 pm Mass with distribution of ashes

HOMEBOUND:

If you or a neighbour are homebound and wish to receive ashes and Holy Communion, please contact the parish office for a home visit.



WHY BECOME A CATECHIST?

Sharing the faith is an honour.

It's estimated that fewer than 1 percent of Catholics are catechists. If you've been approached to be a catechist, or if you feel the call, you are being asked to do something special for God, for the Church and for your fellow Catholics.

Your own faith will come alive.

By acting on what you believe, you become a participant in building up God's kingdom. After all, Jesus told us not to put our light under a bushel basket. As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy and your own relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful.

A catechist is a role model.

Ask young people who their role models or heroes are, and you'll get a litany of movie and sports stars. While looking good and being athletic are fine qualities, young people also need examples of ordinary people who do the right thing just because it is the right thing. As a catechist, you get to model behaviours young people might not learn anywhere else.

You will be practicing stewardship.

In these difficult economic times, families are struggling with rising prices and shrinking incomes. Being a catechist is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource — your time. You might not be able to donate as much money as you would like, but we all have time and talent to share.

You show your own family that you value religious education.

Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your own children, grandchildren, siblings and family members that you put a high priority on religious education. You may find you are teaching them as much by your example as you are your students by your lesson plan.

It's fun.

Spending time with energetic, enthusiastic young people gives you renewed energy and vitality. Kids remind adults to live and laugh in the moment and get enthused about things like holy days and stories of saints.

It's what we are called to do.

At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus said: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:19-20). By teaching the next generation about the Good News, you are fulfilling your part of the Great Commandment.



Rite of Commitment and Sending Forth

Priest: In this year, 2019 each of us is asked to reflect upon our baptismal calling. We are asked to proclaim the Good News to those we encounter, by doing so, we help to make Christ's love in the world of reality. Some members of our parish community have accepted the invitation to do this in a special way as Catechists to our Parish children, who are enrolled in public schools.
Let those who are commissioned by our Parish as Catechists come forward.

Let us all join in prayer that God will bless these Catechists. By carefully undertaking the task that has been entrusted to them, may they teach the Good News and help young people to experience the love that God has for each of them

Priest: As Catechists, do you promise to help bring the Word of God to the children you teach through your prayer, teaching and example?

Catechists: I accept the responsibility of being a Catechist in the name of Jesus Christ.

Priest: Those who stand before us have accepted the responsibility to be Catechists to children in the public school in our Parish. Will you now join with me in pledging our mutual support and prayers as we commission them to go forth as Catechists?

St Mark's Parish Community: As members of this Parish, we accept your commitment and pledge our support.

Priest: May God bless you and give you strength.



Religious Freedom

What does it all mean?
How will it affect my family?

How will the new proposed bill effect your children and grandchildren?

What impact will it have on educating our children in Catholic schools?

What can you do to protect your religious freedom?

Listen to Monica Doumit speak about where this is heading & what we can do about it.

Date: Sunday 17 February 2019

Time: 4-5pm

Where: All Hallows' Catholic Church
2 Halley Street, Five Dock

Child minding by Children's Liturgy members will be available.
As Catholics we have a responsibility to act now and protect our religious freedom. Don't miss this important event.



All Hallows Five Dock Centenary (1919 - 2019)
This weekend commences their 100 year celebrations.

We wish Fr Matthew Solomon and all his parishioners congratulations and blessings on this historic occasion.

 **ST MARK'S PLAYGROUP** 

JOIN IN THE FUN!
EVERY FRIDAY 9.00-10.30am

Children from 0-5 years and parents please meet us in the school hall

ALL WELCOME!

For further information call the school office: (02) 9181 3042

ENROLLING NOW

 **St Mark's**
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DRUMMOYLE



 **Marist Sisters' College Woolwich**

RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2021

Applications will close
Wednesday, 20 March 2019

66a Woolwich Road, Woolwich
P (02) 9816 2041



Marist education: Developing a compass for Life



Dear Parishioner's
Families and children are always welcome at St Mark's.
I would ask parents to supervise their children before and after Mass.

For Safety:

- * Please keep your child in sight.
- * Please do not let them swing on the balustrades.
- * Please ensure children are accompanied in the parking area.
- * Please supervise your child in the driveway areas beside the Church and the presbytery.
- * Please when outside the Church respect the gardens.

I raise these issues so that all remain safe and we can all enjoy the environs of the Church.

Thank you **Fr. Michael McLean, Parish Priest**




CELEBRATING INTERCULTURALITY
MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY, 2019 AT 2PM
CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP



ALL NATIONS WELCOME!

St Bakhita's Day Friday 8 February

Parishioners are invited to the Ethical Sourcing Expo as part of the St Bakhita's Day at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall.

"As a mother of a large family, I have always tried to shop by looking for the best dollar value. Now, knowing more about the exploitation of many workers, I want to make sure that the products I purchase are made under ethical working conditions. Viewing my purchases as a faith decision is now more important than simply getting something cheaply."

We can all make a difference to end slavery by changing to ethical brands for everyday consumer items such as tea, coffee, chocolate and sugar. Parishioners will be able to meet the producers and sample ethical tea and coffee at the Expo.

All welcome to this free event, goodie bag, morning tea and lunch provided. Register online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-bakhitas-day-ethical-sourcing-expo-tickets-54391584694>

The 8th of February is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons on the feast day of St Josphine Bakhita (1869-1947) the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Anti-Slavery Task Force is sponsoring this event. For information contact Alison 9307 8464



Could you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care.
To learn more, come to our information night.

Tuesday 5th February 2019, 5.30-8pm
Family Spirit Bankstown
Suite 301, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith Street
Bankstown NSW 2200

Call CCareline to secure your place

CCareline 131819

FamilySpirit.org

✉ connect@familyspirit.org

🕒 8am - 8pm Monday - Friday

Images from WYD 2019 'Spirit of Panama' provided by Fr Michael



Fr Michael and the Pilgrims Bus 4
(Fr Michael was chaplain of Bus 4)
with Archbishop Anthony Fisher



Australia Day at Vigil WYD

PANAMÁ

Fr Michael and the Pilgrims off to
celebrate the Opening Mass.



World Youth Day 2022. World Youth Day 2022 will be a Catholic festival held in Lisbon, Portugal, and it will be celebrated in summer 2022. This was announced by Pope Francis and Cardinal Kevin Farrell at the end of the closing Mass of World Youth Day 2019 in Panama City, Panama.



In your love and concern,
please pray for the following ill
members of our community:
Eileen O'Neill, Nora Bateman,
Tina LaForgia, Julius Mendel,
Anne Whitfield, Daisy Gill,

Francois Tuyau, Giovanni Iacono, Elvira Favorito, Pat Williams,
Bruce Barter, Betty Bidgood, Jeff Bidgood, Evelyn Dann, Meagan
Ficarra, Mae Ann Buckley, Pat Castagnone and Lynette Lord and all
St Mark's community members unwell at this time.

Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time:

Romilda Xuereb, Roselyn Iris Poppen, Isidoro D'Urso, Gladys
Waldie, Hilda & Ralph Coote, Eddie Conaghan, Jimmy Conaghan,
Frank Hanvey Leonarda & Maurangelo Altomare.

Recently deceased: Dr James Stackpool, Jozo Bautovich,
Margaret Louise Mifsud. We pray for those who have died and
offer our prayers to their families.

In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our
Parish Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves
or their next of kin. Please specify on your Mass envelope your
intention to include or not include the person's name in this
Bulletin or contact the Parish Office.
Mass intention envelopes can be found at all Church entrances.

FUNERALS: Parishioners are asked to contact the parish office if
they need pastoral support and guidance regarding the
arrangements of funerals of loved ones. In order to facilitate the
smooth planning of a funeral, the parish needs to be contacted
to ensure the Church is available, before funeral directors and
Clergy are arranged.

St Mark's Parish Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm

Weekdays:

8.00am Monday
9.30am Tuesday
7.30am Wednesday
9.30am Thursday
8.00am Friday
12 noon Saturday

Morning Prayer of the Church 15 minutes prior to weekday Mass

Reconciliation:

11.30am Saturday

Adoration & Exposition:

11.00am - 12 noon Saturday
First Friday of the Month from the conclusion of morning Mass



BAPTISMS: are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
at 10:30am. During Easter Tide Baptisms can be celebrated every
Sunday. No Baptisms are conducted during Lent. Parents, are asked
to book in for their Baptismal Preparation Community Gathering by
contacting the parish office. Come along to meet other young
families and their children on the First Sunday of the month at 4pm.
our next gathering is 3 March 2019. Fr Michael, Sr, Antonia and our
parishioners are looking forward to welcoming you into our
community.

MARRIAGES: Parishioners intending marriage are asked to notify
the Parish office at least six months prior to your wedding.
No Weddings are conducted during the season of Lent.

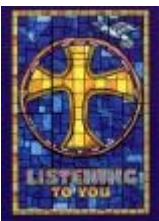
LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 2 / 3 FEBRUARY 2019 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/JEM	Children's Liturgy
Saturday 6.00 PM	T Pattenden J Pattenden	M Hanvey S Looi	R Zoccali	Younger Group M Doueihy Older Group M Doueihy
Sunday 9:00 AM	N Goodman J Maniscalco M Cividin	S Williams A Bateman M Jimenez	K Cox / L Russell	
Sunday 6:00 PM	J Freeman R Casey	J Price Sr Antonia	M Casey	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 9 / 10 FEBRUARY 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

NEXT WEEK:	WORD	COMMUNION	SERVER/JEM	Children's Liturgy
Saturday 6.00 PM	R Harris M Bullock	M Griffin N Duane	A Griffin	Younger Group C Wraith Older Group M Doueihy
Sunday 9:00 AM	L Boulos B Bateman M Massy	C O'Neill Y Lee R Colantonio	D Gardiner / A Gardiner	
Sunday 6:00 PM	S Ianni J Denehy	P Harrington M Harrington	T Griffin	

ROSTERS The rosters listed above are a reminder only. Please ensure you check your roster for your service times.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office
If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone
working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we
invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully,
offer support and discuss the options you have available to
you. Please contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity
Office phone (02) 9390 5812.



Rights: I have the right to feel safe and be
protected from harm wherever I am.
Responsibilities: I have the responsibility to
not hurt others or treat them badly.
Rights: I have the right to a good education
Responsibilities: I have the responsibility to
always do my best

St Mark's Catholic Parish

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Parish Priest: Very Rev Fr Michael L McLean PP EV

Priest in Residence: Fr Denis Minns OP

Pastoral Associate: Sr Antonia Nedu ISR

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng

School Principal: Ms Rachel Bourke **School General Tel:** (02) 9181 3042

Parish Administration: Ms Vicki Anderson

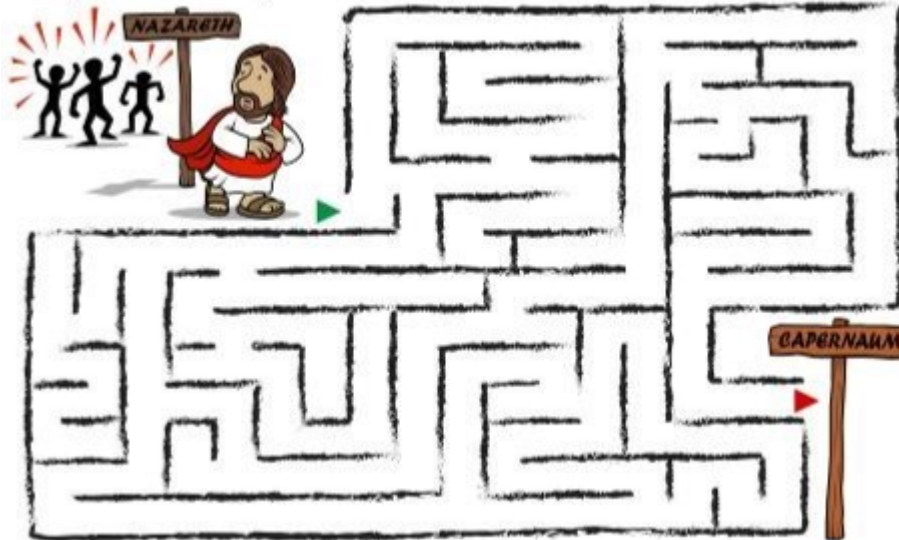


No prophets are liked by the people of their own town



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Help Jesus travel to Capernaum after being chased from his home town of Nazareth.



When the people got angry at Jesus they tried to harm him. Circle the words below that show the best ways that we can deal with our own anger.

JEALOUSY REASON
STUBBORNNESS LOVE
PATIENCE CRUELTY
FRUSTRATION HUMILITY
ARROGANCE
HATE FORGIVENESS
UNDERSTANDING



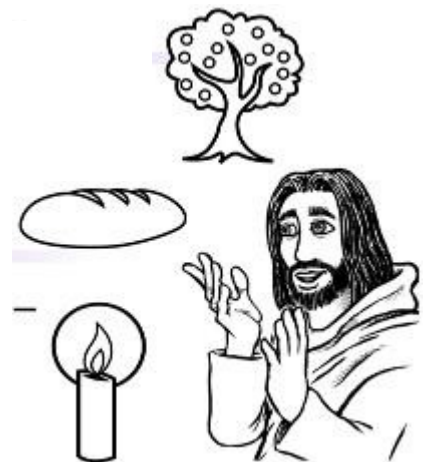
Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

cut	found	manure
dig	gardener	master
down	growing	vineyard
figs	leave	year

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When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.



Thy _____ come, thy _____ be _____.

A good _____ cannot produce bad _____.

I am the _____ of life, he who _____ to
shall not _____.

Blessed are the meek, _____
inherit the _____.

I am the light _____.