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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

Today’s gospel reading recounts the first episode in a section of Mark’s gospel that focusses on a typical day in the ministry of Jesus as authoritative teacher and prophetic healer (1:21-38). Jesus comes with his disciples to Capernaum. On the Sabbath day, Judaism’s holy day, he goes into the synagogue, Judaism’s local gathering place, and preaches. The verbal forms in the first sentence indicate that teaching in the synagogue was part of his customary activity. Jesus is thus located firmly within Israel’s prophetic tradition of mediating God’s word.

In today’s first reading from Deuteronomy (18:15-20), the term “prophet” appears eight times. Moses tells the people that God will respond to their request at Sinai (Horeb) and raise up from among them a prophet like himself, a mediator between God and God’s people, one who will speak God’s word. Prophets do not appoint or authorise them-selves: God calls and authorises the prophets to speak God’s word. Failure to heed the prophets carries its own consequences as does the attempt to assume a prophetic role without God’s authorisation. Just as the prophets of old speak the authentic word of God only when they are authorised by the God of Israel, so Jesus of Nazareth, later to identify himself in this gospel as God’s prophet (6:4), speaks and acts “with authority”. In other words, he speaks with the authority of the God of Israel. In this first Markan story of his divinely authorised activity, Jesus is approached by a man “with an unclean spirit”. The man’s loud scream sets up a confrontation between the power of God, mediated through Jesus, and the forces of destruction that often take hold of human lives. Jesus silences and expels these destructive forces and thus renders a seriously troubled person whole. Confounding the unclean spirit(s) brings social and communal benefits to the troubled person as well as physical and emotional healing. God’s reign or empire is made real through a healing action that is perceived as “a new teaching”. No word of Jesus’ teaching is reported, only his actions. Those actions are presented as “teaching”. We teach by who we are and what we do. For Jesus, as for his disciples, congruence between words and actions is integral to authentic gospel proclamation. Jesus is demonstrating to his newly formed group of followers that the gospel they are to proclaim is grounded in the ordinary struggles of ordinary people. This gospel carries the power to lift the burdens and restore the troubled to wholeness and health. We may wish to identify the “unclean spirits” that take hold of us from time to time so that we can open ourselves to the power of God mediated through God’s teacher-healers in our time. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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**Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

**Sunday: 10am**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30asm (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**4th Sunday of Easter Year B**

 **April 22nd 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 21st & 22nd April   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  Monica Webb  |  Barry Madigan  |
| Commentator |  Lana Turner  |  Patricia Wilks  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman  |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |  Jessie Raftery & Dana Parry | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Maria Cobden | -------------------------------------- |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 28th & 29th April  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Peter Malone |
| Reader |  School Mass |  Sue Bulger |
| Commentator |  School Mass |  Mary Kelly |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Hall Visiting Choir  |
| Altar Servers |  Jessica & Emily Kelly |  New Servers |
| Church Care | Group 2: Anna, Pat & Sophie  |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m**

 R O S T E R S

~ ~ ~ **St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers The centre is looking for new volunteers who can assist in the shop – if you are interested – please call in and speak to the Manager.**

**FEAST DAYS ~ 25th April: Anzac Day 26th April: Saint Mark 28th April: Saint Peter Chanel**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**Reminder to parishioners the weekly bulletin is available on our Web page www.cg.org.au/tumut – please remember to log on for weekly roster reminders if in doubt.** **GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL** this weekend. COLLECTION FOR FORMATION OF OUR SEMINARIANS: We are called to support the future priests of our Church through our prayers and the Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal. Please give a generous donation today or begin a monthly donation to support the education of our seminarians. Special envelopes are provided in the church pews or donations can be made on-line through the website www.cgcatholic.org.au. **DEBUTANTE BALL** the Catholic Debutante Ball is to be held on Saturday 5th May 2018. The 18 debutantes and partners will be presented to the guest of honour Mr Luke Peacock and the matron of honour Mrs Susie Peacock. **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** please return these boxes. **VISITING CHOIR** next Sunday at our 10am Mass. **SPECIAL THANKS** to our new Commentator ~ LANA TURNER ~ Thank you for the cooking and support for the St. Vincent de Paul Tathra Bushfire Appeal. We were able to send $1250.80 as a donation to help with this appeal. May you be blest for your generosity.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Filomena Comai, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh,Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Yvonne Harrison, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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