



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 27th-28th January, 2018

### This Week

- SUNDAY 28th Jan**  
 9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
 Baptism Welcome
- MONDAY 29th Jan**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9.00am Mass
- TUESDAY 30th Jan**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9.00am Mass
- WEDNESDAY 31st Jan**  
 6.30pm Rosary  
 7.00pm Mass
- THURSDAY 1st Feb**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9.00am Mass
- FRIDAY 2nd Feb**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9am Mass  
 9.30am Divine Mercy
- SATURDAY 3rd Feb**  
 10.30am Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass
- SUNDAY 4th Feb**  
 9am, 11am, 6pm  
 Baptism at 12.30pm

### *Fishers of man .....*

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark.

Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them.



The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is

present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.

by Fr Chris Hope

# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DIARY

- 1st Feb:** Registration Night for children's **RECONCILIATION and COMMUNION** at 7pm in church  
**9th Feb:** Parish **BINGO** night at 7.30pm in the Annexe  
**10th Feb:** First Profession of Karen Englebretsen  
**14th Feb:** **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Masses are 9am & 7pm  
**20th Mar:** Family Night for Reconciliation Candidates.

### First Profession of Karen Englebretsen

We, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, are very happy to invite parishioners to join us for Karen's First Profession at a celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am at St Paul Apostle Parish. Bishop Charles Drennan, from Karen's home Diocese in New Zealand will be our main celebrant. A private reception will follow.

Karen has been journeying with us since 2014 and here in Endeavour Hills since May 2015. Karen has chosen to make her commitment to God through taking vows in our Congregation and this is a great blessing for us. The practice of the Church is that Vows are initially for three years and then the person makes a final commitment. We ask you to pray for Karen and all the other young women in Vietnam, Botswana, Argentina and England who are journeying towards commitment and also our Passionist brothers who are in the early stages of their discernment journey.

There will be an opportunity after the Mass to congratulate Karen. She has asked that there be no gifts but if anyone wishes to make an offering towards our Missions it will be most appreciated. We will be welcoming some of Karen's friends from New Zealand and also two Sisters from our Congregational Leadership Team, Sr Eileen Fucito and Sr Marie McNeice and of course we are delighted that Sr Anne will be with us for the occasion.

Thank you all for your generous support over the years that we have been privileged to be with you here at St Paul Apostle Parish.

Blessings

Sisters of the Cross and Passion  
Joan, Brigid & Karen

PS: The Youth Choir will lead the music for the Eucharist on the day of the Profession. However, it would be great if many more people were familiar with the songs and can join in from their places in the congregation. If you are a singer and you will be attending Karen's Profession, we would be delighted if you could come to the Church for a singing practice after 7pm Mass on January 31st. We look forward to seeing you then.



## 2018 SACRAMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN OUR PARISH

This is one of our main program for our children who attend parish's schools and the state school in the parish. If you wish your children (who have been baptised as Catholic) to take part in this year's First Reconciliation and Communion sacrament program, please come to our registration night on Thursday, 1st February either at 4.30pm or at 7pm in the church. This is only for those in Grade 4 or above.

If your children do not attend Parish's School, they are also required to attend our After School Religious Education (ASRE)



### AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ASRE)

is a program provided in our church for our children who attend non-Parish's schools. Classes run once a week, on **Tuesdays 4pm to 5pm**, during school terms. This year's classes will start on **Tuesday, 6th February at 4pm**. Registration forms are available from the Parish Office during Office hours. Cost is \$30/child (concession is available for any family with more than 1 child attending)

### ASH WEDNESDAY

it seems only yesterday we celebrated Christmas, but the Lent season is already just around the corner, is a reminder that we have to be ready at all time. This year, Ash Wednesday is on **14th February** and we will have 2 masses on this day. One in the morning at **9am** and the other one is at our usual Wednesday evening at **7pm**.



### PARISH BINGO

As the holiday over and the school begins their program, so is our parish activities.

Our Parish Bingo will start their round on **FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY at 7.30pm** in the Annexe. This activity is for anyone age 18 years and above. Contacts are: Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675, Denver 0403 315 443 or Joe 0419 385 441

### PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Praying for those who are sick in our community is one of the ways we show our care and concern. When we come to the Eucharist as a community we bring our concerns with us and pray for ourselves and others. We show the names of people who have requested prayers on the screen. However, we are never really sure how long a name should stay on the list. To help us



## Fr Kevin's corner

be more responsive we need to take some names off from time to time. Please contact the office if we have removed the name of a person who still wishes to have the prayer of the community. For reasons of privacy, it is important that the person for whom we are asked to pray is happy for their name to go on the screen.

### International Day of Prayer and Awareness of Human Trafficking:

On February 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita who is the Patron of Sudan. In 2015 Pope Francis declared 8<sup>th</sup> February, her feast day, each year to be an international Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. To mark this important day, there will be a holy hour at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral to pray for an end to the scourge of modern day slavery. Let us unite with the whole Church to pray this critical need.



**ROSTER 2018** are ready and we have emailed them all. If you have not given us any email address or if you have not received it in your email, please contact Parish office either by email or by phone.



**WELCOME BACK** to all students and teachers. We hope you are all re-energised during the holiday and come back fresh.

Father Kevin Writes:

Today we hear the first words from Jesus after he calls his disciples. Jesus basically tells an evil spirit, a 'babbler' - to "shut up". St Mark describes Jesus' first public act. He is teaching the people in the synagogue at Capernaum. While this is going on he also frees a man who has been taken over by an evil spirit. Jesus' goodness confronts evil.

Mark's Gospel often presents Jesus as a teacher. But, unlike some other teachers, Jesus teaches with great authority. The people are amazed by what they see and hear. Mark contrasts Jesus with the scribes who 'teach' but without real conviction. He speaks with authority because he is "fair dinkum".

This incident suggests there is a close link between how genuine teaching brings liberation to a person's life and the freedom that comes from driving out a demon from the person's life. For Jesus, to be ignorant or wrong about God (for example to see God as an angry God or a God who holds grudges) is as much a captivity as any other lack of freedom. In the past people thought of people as being "possessed" by the devil. Today we would say many of these were the result of mental sickness. St. Mark doesn't tell us **what** Jesus taught in the synagogue. But he shows us **how** he taught. He tells the demon to "shut up. Come out and stop tormenting this poor fellow." He shows them and he shows us what God is really like. God wants us to live free and happy lives. Jesus offers us a fresh way to understand our relationship with God. God loves us and wants the best for each of us.

We can be held "captive" by our prejudice, or our fears, or because we think of God as a tyrant. Jesus invites each of us to be set free from these. Today the many kinds of addiction that tie up people's lives, might be the new "Demons" that Jesus orders out of our hearts and minds and lives.

*Kevin Danell cp.*

### Sunday Readings

#### **THIS WEEK:**

#### **4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B**

Deut 18: 15-20;  
1 Cor 7: 32-35  
Mk 1: 21-28

#### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B**

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7;  
1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1: 29-39

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### This weekend we pray for:

#### *Those who are sick*

Elizabeth O'Toole, Brenda Solari, Sienna Hyland, Ponciano Cabrera, Devika, Jayanthi. Anjana, Clifford Lemillour; Li Tsu Lay, Emma Segovia, Lambert D'Silva, Marie Martin, Emily Martin, Frederick Quinless, All who need our prayers

#### *For those who have died*

MacDonald Moraes; Clarence De Sylva, Francesco Paolo Stavato, Frank O'Connor, Adrienne Dugole, Jackie Clayton, Lillian Akom, Andreana Camilleri, Jorge Gaston Vargas, Coronacion O. Aquino, Dollie, Derle Rapinet, Eunice Cooke

#### *May they rest in peace*





## St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

### Priests:

Fr Kevin Dance CP (PP)

### Pastoral Associates:

Sr Joan Smith CP

Sr Brigid Murphy CP

### Parish Staff:

Bursar: Gillian Velupillay

Secretary: Didi Karkas

### Passionist Community

Fr Brian Gleeson CP (*leader*)

Fr Kevin Dance CP

Fr Jose Mathew CP

Fr Chris Mithen CP

### Sisters of Cross and Passion

Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Sr Joan Smith CP

Karen Englebretsen

St Paul Apostle  
North Primary  
School - 9700 6068  
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle  
South Primary  
School - 9700 3663  
Principal  
Mr. Paul Gleeson

St John's Regional  
College - 9791 3366  
Principal  
Mr Tim Hogan



Roster for this weekend 27th-28th January 2018 (4th Sunday)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	Carmeline Don Paul Denise Richie Trevor Saldanha	Anne Peters Danny & Rose Sugunasekera	Anabela Costa Yvonne Sherwin	Julian Disanayake volunteer
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lien Phan	Volunteers	Yvonne Sherwin	Volunteer
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs</b>	Mark Rolfe Liz Flood	Milroy Martyn Patricia Shaw-Dennis	Florence Madeira Meaghan O'Connor	Max Quirin Marg Keating
<b>Gifts</b>	Christine Cachia Inez Caruana	Glenn & Romaine Todd Sharni Denham	Dilinger family	
<b>Communion</b>	Stephen Herbert Bridgette Herbert Lien Phan Domenica Arena Karen Rolfe	Fred Hall Marina Nadarajah Anne Peters Elaine Gillett Glenn Todd Ayomi Fernandez	Yvonne Sherwin Christine White Geraldine Mutthumani Ging Calixto George Jornet Shaniah Pereira Maretta Dunlop	Aidan Del Socorro Roland Mathias Nona Sangalang Gabby Catania Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Volunteers
<b>Servers</b>	Jocelyn, Jessica N Ananya, Joshua	Mark Harper, Joyen, Tara Luke	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Schron Adrian
Roster for next weekend 3rd—4th February 2018 (1st Sunday)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	Judy Tarranto, Bettina D'Rozario Beryl Barnfield	Marina Nadarajah Rita Constanzo	Antoinette Gargano Damian Kearney	Julian Disanayake volunteer
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mark Rolfe	Denver De Rozairo	Yvonne Sherwin	Volunteer
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs</b>	Kathleen Stewart Emily or Lindley Ah- Qune, Mary Pegram	Virendra Jayetileke Mary Moore	Rhonda <i>or</i> Michael O'Connor Geraldine Mutthumani Maximus Anthony	Aidan Del Socorro Pierre Mendonca
<b>Gifts</b>	Beryl Barnfield Helen Sanders	Margaret Magee Danny & Rose Sugunasekera	Shalet Mamachan Ashlyn Mamachan	Cecilia & James Stisnijovski
<b>Communion</b>	Gertrude Akom Jolene Stewart Jenny Satya Graha Denise Ritchie Jessica Satya Graha Jeremy Ferrao Karen Maillard	Sandra & David McGuire Esteban Morales Sig Romano Errie Gunawan, Pierre Marion Rosa Mitchell	Vianney & Alex Clark Louis Newman Crystal Jayamaha Antoinette Gargano Bryant Jayamaha Rinku Arora Jean Jansz	Pierre Mendonca Margaret Keating Tania Mendez Maureen Dawson Anne Kankanige Volunteer
<b>Servers</b>	Jocelyn, Jessica N Ananya, Joshua	Mark Harper, Joyen, Tara Luke	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Schron Adrian
<b>Cuppa</b>	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>			
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Church Prep</b>	<b>Communion to the sick</b> (after 9am Mass)	<b>View Hills: - Friday 2nd February Communion Service</b>	
Anabela Costa	Team 4 G. Velupillay	Errie Gunawan		



### Sacraments:

**Baptism** are held on the **1st & 2nd Sundays** of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. **Parish Office**

**Marriages** require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCUS marriage preparation program, or a CatholicCARE Course.

**Anointing of the Sick** is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

**Children's Sacraments** require full participation in the preparation phase.

**Registration forms in the Parish Centre**