



23rd Sunday in Ord. Time  
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# SPREAD THE WORD

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**MASS TIMES:** Mon – Fri: 7am; 9am

Sat : 8am (Convent)

6pm (Vigil Sunday)

Sun: 8am; 10am

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Wed: 8am

**RECONCILIATION:** Wed: 8.30am – 8.50am

Sat: 5pm – 5.45pm

## Our Baptismal Calling

Those who have been baptised as infants – and that's most of us – have no recollection of the ceremony. We have no personal memory of the gesture that originated in today's gospel story. But if you have been at a baptism recently you will recall that immediately after the child's immersion or washing there's a series of short rituals. The infant is anointed with chrism, robed in a white garment, given a baptismal candle, and touched on the ears and the mouth. This last action is directly inspired by today's gospel reading.

The words that accompany the gesture are worth revisiting: *"The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his sword, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father."* This is our baptismal calling, to hear the word of God, take it to heart, and speak it forth in all we say and do. Is today an opportunity to reflect on how true we are to our baptismal vocation?



## Commentary on the Gospel

### "We cannot speak if we have not heard"

Jesus' insistence that they tell no one mirrored similar requests on his part in the early stages of his ministry in Galilee. The danger then had been that a volatile Jewish crowd would misinterpret his identity. Who could know what sense a group of pagans would have made of his action? Jesus who had moved over the border to escape notice now found that his attempt had failed.

Mark gave no clear indication why he included the incident at this stage in his narrative, indeed, why he included it at all. It may have been a reflection on the condition of the pagan world. This was a very real question for Mark's community. If that was the case, it presented a world with embryonic faith and openness to Jesus. It was a world that could not initially join in the Christian enterprise because it was ignorant of it. It could not speak because it had not heard.

Once that ignorance was removed and hearing became possible, participation in the Christian mission could follow. Yet, as with the disciples, the danger of allowing enthusiasm to cloud the essential depth of the Christian message needed to be addressed.

Mark possibly recounted the reaction of the crowd to highlight the contrasting attitudes of the disciples who were experiencing so much difficulty in hearing the message of Jesus."

[Fr John McKinnon, a priest in the Ballarat Diocese]

## **"Is The Church Changing On Sex And Marriage?"**

This and other current moral issues facing today's families will be discussed at a presentation by Fr Joe Parkinson of the Bio Ethics Centre from 7pm and 9pm on two Thursdays, 17th and 24th September, at Infant Jesus Parish, 47 Wellington Road, Morley.

At the first session on 17<sup>th</sup> September participants will be invited to prepare questions to be answered at the second session on 24th September.

Please note: participants will need to negotiate a flight of stairs to get to the conference room.

Please register your intention to attend either at Infant Jesus Parish office - phone 9276 8500 or email [ijparish@carmelite.com](mailto:ijparish@carmelite.com)  
There will a donation box available on the evening for anyone who would like to contribute. All welcome.

## **Columban Calendar**

The 2016 **Columban Art Calendar** is now available at the Piety Stall for \$7.50. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.

## **Altar Society**

Altar Society members, your new roster is available on the table at the back of the church.

## **Rosary Care**

(Short term crisis care)

Phone: Doris – 0428 441 566  
or Catherine – 0410 019556

## **Words of Wisdom**

*"Curiosity is the very basis of education and if you tell me that curiosity killed the cat, I say only that the cat died nobly."*

*Arnold Edinborough*



*Congratulations to  
Angela and Tony Swain  
&  
Elise and Norm MacAulay  
who are celebrating 60 years of marriage.*

## **The Catholic Guy - Retreat**

One moment with God can completely change our world and allow Him to breathe freshness, ignite passion and give us a renewed sense of hope. The **Closer Retreat** is an opportunity for you to come and have your faith and life transformed.

Closer is an event for people of all ages and walks of life. Whether you're single or married, whether you go to Church regularly or perhaps haven't been for a while, Closer is for you.

Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1pm – 9pm

Venue: Chisholm Catholic College Chapel  
1104 Beaufort Street, Bedford

Cost: FREE (Dinner included)

Children: Pre-register for the special FREE daytime program for children aged 2 to 15 years. Parent's room also available.

Register: [www.perth.the.catholicguy.com/closer](http://www.perth.the.catholicguy.com/closer)

Information: [perth@thecatholicguy.com](mailto:perth@thecatholicguy.com)  
Ph: 1300 734 880

## **Pilgrimage to Vietnam** **20<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Departing to Hanoi via Singapore on the **20<sup>th</sup> of January 2016** and returning via Saigon on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.

Please contact Kevin Susai to confirm  
[kesusai@gmail.com](mailto:kesusai@gmail.com).

## **Holy Rosary Community** **Food & Wine Fair**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**School Oval – 4pm Till Late**  
**This is a community event for school families & staff and parish members.**  
**More information in future newsletters.**  
(Proudly sponsored by the Holy Rosary P&F)



## Tree trim

The large statuesque lemon-scented gum on the north-east side of the church is due for a trim. Authorities have advised our parish priest and the maintenance team that because the height of the tree has far exceeded the roof-line of the church Authorities have advised our parish priest and the maintenance team that

because the height of the tree has far exceeded the roof-line of the church, it is a source of leaf and branch litter which is contributing to on-going maintenance issues for the roof itself. The tree's size also raises safety concerns.

As a result, the parish has engaged a tree pruning expert to trim the height and reshape the middle and lower branches to maintain its attractive profile. The work is scheduled for the coming week.

## Parish Ministries: PowerPoint Presentation



Since the introduction of minor changes to the liturgy for the celebration of the Eucharist, weekend Masses have been aided by the display of text on large screens alongside the altar. Prayers and responses by the congregation are projected using PowerPoint slides

The preparation of these slides every week is the work of a small band of volunteers. They prepare the texts, proofread them and download them onto a laptop computer which is connected during Mass to our digital projection system.

The PowerPoint operators need to arrive early for Mass so they can set up the computer ready for use. They need to be familiar with the Liturgy so they can respond on cue at all the key stages.

Additional volunteers are invited to help provide this important service. Please contact Kaye Shervington in the parish office on 0411 123 441 or email [olrppa@westnet.com.au](mailto:olrppa@westnet.com.au)

## Mothers Prayers in September

Please join us in **St Dominic's Meeting Room** above the Sacristy as we pray for the children of the Parish.

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 1.30pm and conclude before 3.00pm in plenty of time to collect children from school.

We focus on the Sunday readings and their meaning in our families. Enquiries: Dorothy 9341 4405

## 2015 Sacramental Program

### **First Eucharist:**

Workshop:	Sept 9	5 pm & 6:30pm
Retreat Day:	Sept 18	8:30 am
Sacrament:	Sept 19	6:00 pm
	Sept 20	10:00 am

*Parents are reminded that all children must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they receive their First Eucharist.*

If you have any queries in regard to the above, please contact Kaye at the parish office on 0411 123 441.

## Kids Corner



## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### First reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

*(Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.)*

### Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

### Second Reading: James 2:1-5

*(Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?)*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

*(He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.)*

### Next Week

*Isaiah 50:5-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35*



This weekend we welcome  
into God's Family:

***Rhenise Gillespie***

### Prayers for the sick

Barbara Antonetti, Justin Boylan, Rebecca Fry,  
Andre Della Franca, Collette Goodland,  
David Kenny, Ross Malm, Joan Meade,  
Fr Aquinas McComb OP, Rebekah Norman,  
Dejana Ribar Ken Ryan, Marcel Suwarno,  
Anne Tan, Julie-Anne Taylor,  
Leigh Windsor, Jenny Zorich

### To be Remembered

Nelly Alviss, Frank Arculus, Elizabeth Begbie,  
Kira Bousloff, Carmela Caroleo,  
Anna De Laurentis, Reit Maria, Theresia Eijack,  
Peter Hitchcock, Lou Kaharty, Kath Lamond,  
Eric Langton, Joseph Moniz, Rose Scally,  
David Watts, David Yearwood,

***"May they rest in peace."***

### For your Diary

September	10 <sup>th</sup>	Class Mass – 9 pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting – 7pm
November	7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Dinner – 7 pm

ROSTERS:	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> September	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Readers:</b> Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	<b>Grace &amp; Sonia Thomas</b> <b>Mike Berry &amp; Barry Johnston</b> <b>Marie Boccardo &amp; Terese Johnston</b>	<b>Tony Curry &amp; Julia Morrison</b> <b>Dorothy &amp; Barry Johnston</b> <b>Susanne &amp; Peter Whyte</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b> Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	<b>Michael Gillooly</b> <b>John Mordini, Kevin Susai</b> <b>Brian Gotts, Pat Kirwan</b>	<b>Peter Gillett</b> <b>Michael Gillooly, Kevin Susai</b> <b>John Mordini, Laurie Smith</b>
<b>Special Ministers:</b> Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	<b>Bern &amp; Teresa Willett, Tony Wong</b> <b>Elizabeth Re, Paul Slyth, Lina Vinci</b> <b>Pat Cullinane, Claudette De Silva, Glenda Gotts</b>	<b>Bern &amp; Teresa Willett, Tony Wong</b> <b>Cathy Bostock, Anne Bucat, Elizabeth Susai</b> <b>Pat Cullinane, Claudette De Silva, K.Shervington</b>
<b>Power Point:</b> Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	<b>Nicole Drinkwater</b> <b>Doris Zambonetti</b> <b>Susanne Whyte</b>	<b>Sister Imelda</b> <b>Doris Zambonetti</b> <b>Simon Wong</b>
<b>Music:</b> Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	<b>Lexi Wilkinson</b> <b>Kat Kinley</b>	<b>Lexi Wilkinson</b> <b>Julie Prior</b>
<b>Counters:</b> <b>Altar Society:</b> <b>Pilgrim Statue:</b>	<b>Terry McNamara, Brian Arculus, John Kobelke</b> <b>L.Penberthy, T.Willett, Susan Feletti (11<sup>th</sup> Sept)</b> <b>Patricia &amp; Frank Malone</b>	<b>Frank McCabe, Bob Stidwell, Terry Lark</b> <b>Doris &amp; Lucy Zambonetti (18<sup>th</sup> Sept)</b> <b>Rosemary &amp; Mark Ledger</b>

