



# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 5

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st January 2021

## *Gospel Reflection* by Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel is a relatively short passage, there's a lot going on within it. Firstly, we are presented with Jesus going to the synagogue in Capernaum and teaching there. This immediately indicates that Jesus must have been quite well educated – he was obviously able to read from the Torah in Hebrew and then teach about it with an impressive level of authority. In fact at the end of the passage, the people seem more impressed with his teaching than with the act of casting out the unclean spirit! Secondly, in the interaction with the unclean spirit, it knows Jesus and identifies him as the 'Holy One of God'. Jesus sharply tells the spirit to 'Be quiet!' Jesus almost appears to want to silence the spirit before it says any more about who he really is. This is a feature of the gospel of Mark in which the identity of Jesus as the Messiah is kept under wraps but breaks out in unlikely places – known as the Messianic secret.



Whenever an exorcism miracle occurs in the gospels the emphasis is on the reaction to the miracle much more than the action itself. Here, the casting out of the unclean spirit appears to confirm for the people the authority that they sensed in the teaching of Jesus. Liberating the possessed man from the unclean spirit is an illustration of the way in which the people themselves were liberated by Jesus' teaching. It is the message, the teaching, of Jesus that frees people. It is in this way that his understanding of Messiah is revealed. Jesus wants people to come to that knowledge through understanding his message, rather than being impressed by miraculous actions.



## World Day of Prayer AUSTRALIA

The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated  
Friday 5th March at 10am at St James Coorparoo.  
St Thomas' parishioners are invited to attend.

This year's theme is 'Build on a Strong Foundation' with the focus on Vanuatu.

As parking is limited at St James we thought it might be easier for parishioners to carpool and attend in a group. You are of course welcome to attend individually if you prefer.

If you are interested in carpooling, please contact the parish office at [stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3398 1154 so we can connect you with other interested parties.



Greg Cooley Wines & Villanova College present

**LA FORZA**

## AFAS ELDERS, Villanova College & Greg Cooley Wines present **LA FORZA**

Enjoy a night of good food, fine wine & modern day classics by La Forza on the lawns of Villanova College on Saturday February 13 from 5.30pm to 9.00pm. Think cabaret & good old fashioned fun! BYO platter or purchase our dinner boxes.

Proceeds from this event go towards supporting the work of AFAS Elders on Kinatarcann Island in the Philippines. The AFAS Elders are presently raising money to purchase much needed steriliser for the small maternity clinic on the island.

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/674629> or phone 0421 055 799

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20** *I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35** *The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

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

## Parish News & Notices



**ENROL NOW!**  
2024 Year 7 Students

Enrolments close Friday 5 February

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Centacare provides practical and pastoral activities each weekday at the Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley for people living with a mental health issue. Centacare mental health workers can support people with their NDIS application process to assess their eligibility, provide supports funded under an existing package, or explore other sources of funding if not NDIS eligible. Centacare also offers a pastoral and spiritual care program at the Fortitude Valley site which is free to join.

For more information or to register interest please contact Centacare on 3853 7400 or email: [ccsbrisbanesouthgeneral@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:ccsbrisbanesouthgeneral@bne.centacare.net.au)

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."

~ Pope Francis ~



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### Good News!

The celebration of Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass will return on Sunday 14th February.

### Thank you!

We extend our thanks to Damian Power who recently stepped down from our Parish Pastoral Council after 6 years as a member.

We thank him for his valuable contribution to our parish life, and extend our thanks to the entire Power Family who have contributed to our parish greatly and in many ways in their time here.

We wish them every blessing.

### The 'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Meeting Brisbane City

Fostering a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit

On 1st Wednesday of Each Month

St Stephen's Chapel

(In the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane City Centre)

**Our Next Meeting is Wednesday 3rd February**

**10.45am – 12.15pm**

(after 10am Mass in Cathedral)

**You will need to ring the Cathedral to book for Mass**

**Join us for Praise and Worship in the CBD**

**Personal Prayer Ministry available**

**To book Please ring Maureen or email**

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**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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### We remember in our prayers

**The sick:** Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Joan Burlew, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Cletus Obi, Mark, Marjorie Cusack, Joe Sherlock, Sue Lamb, Peter Owen, Jacob Mu, Annette Bongiorno, Fr Pat Dowd

### Recently Deceased: Mig Watkins

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Desmond Neave, Norma Lucas, Mervyn Scanlan, Pauline De Leacy, James Brown, Margaret Jones, Ellen Clarke, Mervyn Dean, Dorothy O'Brien, Florence Harris, Kevin Gee, Leo Burton, Vivian Aguila, Kenneth Russell, Norm White, Andrew Fleming, Maud Shannon, Olive Dean, Charlotte Gordon, Evelina Puntill, Thomas Mackenzie, Lea Trainor, Glen Carter, John Barker, Leo Ryan, Dennis Scott, Catherine Goodwin, Filippa Zammit, Russell Fitzpatrick, Ernest Swan, Ronald Henry, Ronald Ellis, Victoria Mercie, Tim O'Neil, Mary Hall, Myra Dickson, Teresa Simento, William 'Bill' Spamm, Josephine Podesta and Bruce McCormack.