

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – June 9th, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

May this anniversary year be a season of renewal for our diocese, our community of communities from the Murray to the sea.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Grace Foran, Keith Lofts, Mary Jane Collins, Peter (Sam) Dunn, Eva Dridan, Clarence Herbert, Leila Willison, Hughie O'Rorke, Harry Joseph Young, Rex Tiley, Monica Norbury, Max Young, Kelvin Underwood, Ethal Foran, Linda Smith, Denise Briody, Julie McAloon, Anne Terris, Maureen Costigan, Neville Waldron, Luke Atchison, Les Buckwell, Bill Cochrane, Max Young, Chris Byrne & Sr Rosemary Kelly.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Bernadette Franc

June 16th: Sue Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: John Jess

June 16th: Bernadette Franc

Assembly Leaders

June 16th: Sue Mahony & Angela Gerrard

Special Minister

June 16th: Clarrie Johnston

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

June 9th & 16th: Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess

Church Grounds

June 9th & 16th: Bill Franc & John Jess

Newsletter

June: Bernadette Franc 0427678830

MASS TIMES

Next week: June 16th LLA 10.00 a m

UPCOMING FEAST: June 24 Feast of St John the Baptist.

Diocesan eNews

Please follow the link to access the most recent eNews.

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Appointments from July 1:

A letter is available today from Bishop Paul in relation to priest appointments from July 1.

Preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in Nov 24.

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. There is a flyer attached.

Remote communities in **Papua New Guinea** have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck at 3.00am on May 24. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape. Thousands are feared dead. Although the initial estimate from the United Nations was that at least 670 people may have lost their lives, this number could climb dramatically from recent reports. The total population of the entire affected ward is near 4,000 people, but this number could be higher due to an increased number of displaced people who have been living in the area in recent times. The ongoing search and rescue operations are facing challenges due to the hazardous terrain and the continuous threat of landslides. As rescue efforts continue, those who have lost their homes urgently need our support now, and in the weeks and months ahead. Scan the QR code to donate.



GOSPEL

Mk 3: 20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

9 JUNE 2024

BELONGING TO JESUS

Just before today's Gospel, the crowds following Jesus continue to grow forcing him to preach from a boat on the Sea of Galilee. They come from far and wide, from Galilee and Judea. The mission is going well, so well that today's passage opens with the crowd gathering again 'so that Jesus and his disciples 'could not even have a meal'.

This Gospel takes the form of a 'Markan sandwich' with one story inserted in the middle of another. The opening lines link to the concluding lines. Common to the whole episode is the theme of belonging to Jesus.

It is unclear exactly who tried to restrain Jesus, convinced he was out of his mind. The Jerusalem Bible indicates this was his family, but the Greek is less clear about who 'they' are. It could be those inside the house with Jesus, the newly appointed Twelve plus other disciples. Or it could be people in the crowd outside preventing them from eating their meal.

Switching to the scribes from Jerusalem, who link to an earlier plot against Jesus, we hear them accuse Jesus of being possessed by Beelzebul. No wonder Jesus speaks of a house divided. He is not recognised as the Messiah by those who should accept him.

Returning to the house, the mother, brothers and sisters of Jesus have arrived, standing outside. Inside Jesus is encircled by a crowd. When advised his family is outside, he declares 'Anyone who does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'. Across the stories, inside and outside, he marks out who is the new family of Jesus.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Gen 3: 9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v. 7

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord,
hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to
the voice of my pleading. **R.**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord,
who would survive? / But with you is found
forgiveness: / for this we revere you. **R.**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on
his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord /
more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and
fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will
redeem / from all its iniquity. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made with human hands, in the heavens.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 31, 32

**Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world
will now be cast out, and when I am lifted
up from the earth I will draw all to myself,
says the Lord. Alleluia!**