

GOSPEL

Mk 4: 35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWELVETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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JESUS' SAVING PRESENCE

For the people of Israel, the creation of the world was the act of bringing order where there had been chaos. Like other peoples of the ancient near east, they believed that the primary symbol of all that was uncontrolled and beyond our power was that of the ocean and darkness. Job speaks of how it is God who marks out the limits of the waters that would engulf humanity, waters that once were given their sway in the flood. The act of creation is one where chaos is forced to retreat, where God's creative and ordering power gives us a place where we can live in safety. The story of Jesus calming the storm on the lake was to become a powerful means for early Christians to express their belief in Jesus as sharing in this creative power of God. The disciples are brought face to face with their desperate need for the saving presence of their Master. It is Jesus' powerful word that now brings peace where a storm raged and threatened to overcome them.

Paul is overwhelmed, not by storms and waves that would engulf him, but by the love of God which has been poured into our hearts in Jesus. He has come to see in Jesus' life given for us the means by which we are brought into a new creation. Jesus is the one who has overcome all that would keep us from being truly alive. In the face of his boundless and creative love, even the power of death is bowed and silenced.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Job 38: 1, 8-11

A reading from the book of Job.

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 106: 23-26, 28-31. R. v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships / to trade on the mighty waters. / These men have seen the Lord's deeds, / the wonders he does in the deep. **R.**
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, / tossing the waves of the sea / up to heaven and back into the deep; / their soul melted away in their distress. **R.**
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need / and he rescued them from their distress. / He stilled the storm to a whisper: / all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R.**
4. They rejoiced because of the calm / and he led them to the haven they desired. / Let them thank the Lord for his love, / the wonders he does for men. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 14-17

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

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

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From my desk

Greetings one and all, many thanks to those who, entered into the protest against the NSW government takeover of the Cemeteries Trusts. They have rescinded their decision and will allow Trusts to continue operating as usual. Let us hope that this will be a final deliberation.

In concern with the boom gate that St Andrew's School will be installing across the driveway, between the Presbytery and the School (31 June—1 July), this boom gate is for the children's safety. The boom gate will basically be down during School hours and after School Care, opening at other times and closing around 10pm for the security of the parish site till 6am. It will not operate during Sunday Masses and school holidays. Those attending weekday Masses, can contact the School Office at the boom gate for access. During funerals, the boom gate will be in operation. Many thanks to those at St Agnes' who helped with St Anthony's Bread, \$200 was raised for Vinnes.

There is much restoration needed at St Agnes' and St Andrew's. As part of our 'Go Make Disciples' Mission Program. We must be aware of the rich beauty that has been handed down to us and preserve and enrich our Churches and faith traditions. To this end, we as parish are restoring and maintaining much of our infrastructure and many of the vessels that enrich our wonderful parishes. At our Sunday 10am mass at St Agnes', a restored Altar Cross will be blessed and used on our Altar. Our Donors book has finally arrived, and our restoration envelopes will arrive shortly. You may wish to assist in our restorations. On our restoration envelopes there is a line where you may wish to place your name, your families name or a loved ones name to be put in our donors books.

At our 5pm Saturday evening Mass this weekend at St Andrews's, we will welcome our Year 1 Class, and ask God's blessing on them and their families.

It is hoped that our Children's Liturgy will recommence next term, this I believe is a wonderful ministry, to assist our young parishioners to have Sunday Liturgy in a less formal and informative way of worship.

God bless you all.

Fr John

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for St. Andrew's

Please pick up your new set of envelopes at the back of the church.

A few have a **different** number so please check your name and address.

You are encouraged to stay in or join the Planned Giving Program even if you will not be claiming a tax deduction.

Dear Parishioners, as you may have noticed the Malabar Processional Cross had been missing, for some time? The reason was, that it had been at the Restorers being restored. This is a wonderfully, beautiful cross, that we now can appreciate fully in its restorative beauty. There are other items of beauty that are also in need of restoring, since our church opened in 1977. A book of donors has been acquired, so that anyone wishing to make a donation (please place in an envelope and place in any of the collection baskets), can write your name or your family's name to be remembered and inscribed in the Donors Book. Thank you, for your generous giving.

COVID MARSHALLS – if anyone is able to volunteer, to help as a Covid Marshall on Sunday mornings at Malabar, it would be much appreciated. Please contact the office.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Giuseppe Musumeci, Joseph Sultana, Doleres Ybanez,

Gregorio Waban SR. John Malcaus Charlie Jurisic, and Adriano Maradini.

Anniversary: Bruce Leo, Carmelo Borg, Antonio Lopes, Herbert Milton, Charles Moore,

Maria Lurpes Alves De Araujo, Tony Gauci, John Weeks, George Kerbage, Aldo Viselli,

Leonarda Cipriano Adriano Maradini, Mario Maradini, and Anthony Farrugia



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St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe. Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend. Please observe signs on the pews. Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

Where will Fr John be??

This Week Saturday 19 June - 5.00pm Malabar, Sunday 20, June, - 10am Matraville

Next Week: Saturday, 26 June - 5.30pm Matraville, Sunday 27 June - 9am Malabar

Funeral: For the late Giuseppe Musumeci, Thursday, 24 June, 1.30pm at St Andrew's.