

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

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according
 to Mark.

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Reproduction of this bulletin in any form prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and © 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc. are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2021. No 1894. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

05 SEPTEMBER 2021

JESUS THE DIVINE HEALER

At the heart of our life of faith is the belief that God has the power and desire to enter into our world and bring life where there was death. Prophets such as Isaiah spoke of the impact that the Messiah would have on the life of the people. Through the promised king, God would reach out and set right what was no longer in order; wrongs would be redressed and life would flourish anew in the desert, and in the hearts of the people. How many of Isaiah's contemporaries would have thought his words were simply vain hopes which would never be realised? How many were disillusioned with their past experience of kingship in Israel?

It was into this situation of need, hope and disbelief that Jesus came. His powerful word and healing touch brought hope and new life to those in need. One of the great ironies of today's miracle is Jesus' command that the deaf man keep silent about what has happened to him. Having just found his voice could he be expected not to use it? Mark's point is that having encountered Jesus we cannot keep silent.

Despite its brevity the letter of James contains some of the most hard-hitting teaching in the New Testament. Today the challenge concerns how the voice of the powerless cannot be silenced in the Christian community. The standards of the world have no place in the Christian community when it leads to a distinction between rich and poor, when a person's worth and dignity is only measured by their wealth.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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

Say to all faint hearts,
 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
 vengeance is coming,
 the retribution of God;
 he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 the ears of the deaf unsealed,
 then the lame shall leap like a deer
 and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
 streams in the wasteland,
 the scorched earth becomes a lake,
 the parched land springs of water.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10, R, v. 1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /
 who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is
 he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord,
 who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, /
 who raises up those who are bowed down, /
 the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who
 protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, /
 but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord
 will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age
 to age. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

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

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

■ The word of the Lord.

**St. Andrew & St. Agnes
Twinned Catholic Parishes**
Parish Priest: Fr John M. Knight KCHS



6 Prince Edward Street, Malabar
Ph: 9311 2062

standrewmal@gmail.com

www.standrewsmalabar.org.au

Office hours: Tues, Wed & Fri 8.30am - 2.30pm

Parish Secretary: Julie Lippmann

Secretarial Support: Julie Wright

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Sunday 9am

Tuesday - Friday 9am

RECONCILIATION:

Available by appointment.

Principal: Leonie Burfield

School: 9311 1203



509 Bunnerong Road, Matraville
Ph: 9311 1909

stagnesmatra@bigpond.com

www.stagnesmatraville.org.au

Office located at 6 Prince Edward St Malabar

Office hours: Tues & Wed 9.30am - 4.30pm

Parish Secretary: 9311 2062

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Sunday 9am

Tuesday - Friday 9am

RECONCILIATION:

Available by appointment

Principal: Rose Andre

School: 9311 1995

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Arthur Tidswell, Anthony Gruber, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Anniversary : Giovanni Spano, Ivan Curotta, Henry James Kennedy, Cathy O'Brien, Bill Halcro

The Sick: Yvonne Plummer

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If anyone in the parish has a love of high-tech equipment and is interested in learning the running of our new livestreaming equipment, we would appreciate your help. We are hoping to get enough parishioners involved, to make up a roster system for weekend masses. Anyone who is interested, please contact our offices on 9311 2062 or emailing standrewmal@gmail.com or stagnesmatra@bigpond.com.

Where will Fr John be??

Every Sunday 9.00am Mass Livestreamed

Tuesday - Friday 9am

Please scan QR code to watch on Youtube



SCAN ME

From my desk

Greetings to one and all. Happy Father's Day to all fathers! Please note our Universal Prayer in our Sunday Mass this weekend was prerecorded by our students at St Andrew's Catholic Primary School who offered prayers for all our fathers. We also remember, all fathers who have passed away and pray for them in a special way. A special blessing to all fathers will be given within our Mass today. In this Year of St Joseph, we remember how St Joseph provided for the Holy Family of Nazareth. We ask St Joseph who is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church to send his blessing to all fathers. I hope all fathers have a great day!

We have had some wonderful news this week, last Thursday it was announced that Mr Phill Tax as of 2022, will take over as Principal of St Andrew's Catholic Primary School. Phil is at present, the Principal of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Sutherland. I wish to convey my congratulations to Phil and wish him every blessing here at St Andrew's, I am sure that Phil will build upon the legacy of Leonie Burfield who has been our Principal for the last 8 years. I am looking forward to working together with Phil to continue to build the relationship of Parish & School as true Disciples of Christ.

Sadly, for us at St Andrew's Catholic Primary, at the end of the year, we will be farewell Rachel Baker, as she moves to St Aiden's Catholic Primary School, Maroubra Junction, as Principal in 2022. I wish to congratulate Rachel and wish her every success and blessing, in this her first school as Principal. I have found Rachel in my short time here at St Andrew's a most professional and able Assistant Principal, and I am confident that Rachel will be an authentic educator leading all at St Aiden's, as Disciples of Christ, on the journey, in making the Kingdom of God alive here and now by her leadership.

Congratulation to Ari Tjandra (Rose and Stephan's son) in receiving last Friday the "Archbishops" Award for Student Excellence' 2021. Ari attends Marcellin College, Randwick. and attended St Andrew's Catholic Primary and was School Captain. This award was also presented to, Kate O'Sullivan (Sarah's daughter) who attends St Clare's, Waverley and was a student and Sports Captain at St Andrew's. Well done to both Ari and Kate, we as parishioners are indeed very proud of you both, as I am sure your families are.

Thanks to all who are live streaming our Masses. Just a reminder our livestreamed Masses are Sundays 9am and Weekday Masses Tuesday—Friday 9am. These Masses are recorded so you can watch them as your leisure. I am grateful for St Agnes' and St Andrew's parishioners who minister at these Masses. Now when you go to St Agnes' or St Andrew's websites, and click on the Support tab, our donation button is now activated. All you need to do is to scroll down to find which collection you wish to donate to and follow the prompts. Many thanks for your generous giving.

Please keep in your prayers the fifth Plenary Council of Australia that begins in October, speaking more next week.

Keep safe and well, God bless you all, especially our fathers.

Fr John