



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Vox Populi

The Voice of the People

Message from Rachel Vala

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Sunday Reflection

My dear Parishioners,

In this weekend's gospel of Mark the people of Capernaum recognise Jesus who had come to their synagogue as a teacher, and not just another teacher but a teacher with a difference, His teaching, we are told, 'made a deep impression on people, because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.'

According to Mark, Jesus first appeared on the scene as an authoritative teacher, as someone whose teaching, whose word, could deliver people from their demons, from the forces that were oppressing them and leaving them diminished as human beings.

Ultimately, His authority was rooted in God, in the Spirit of God that descended upon Him at His baptism. God's life-giving- love working through Him gave Him that authority which people found so attractive and so new. For us as Christians, Jesus remains the ultimate authority.

Like the people of Capernaum, we recognise His authority, the authority of His teaching and His deeds, the authority of His life, death and resurrection.

To conclude as the Psalmist says, 'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord' (33:5). It certainly is. The crops keep producing food for our tables. The summer heat gives way to cooling autumn breezes. Most diseases are now curable. Conflicts end in reconciliation. Shaky marriages get patched up. Love survives misunderstandings, thoughtlessness, insults and indifference. Sport keeps contributing to what is good, decent, and noble about human beings.

In short, there is goodness everywhere. But where there is goodness, there too is God and the Kingdom of God. So, God's loving rule is still happening among us.

With every blessing,
Fr Peter de Souza

First Reading

[Dt 18:15-20](#)

The Lord will raise up a prophet like Moses.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9](#)

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

[1 Cor 7:32-35](#)

Devote yourself to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 4:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 1:21-28](#)

Jesus commands an unclean spirit.

31 January 2021 | 4give Day (I forgive day)

A tribute to the "little Saints in heaven"

Anthony, Angelina, Sienna Abdallah
and their cousin Veronique Sakr

"We still feel pain and sorrow everyday, but forgiveness has helped to get rid of the anger and bitterness. It's helped us get through each day and make sure we are there for our other children," said Mr Abdallah.

"Our four children are now our four saints and this day is for them. Forgiveness is the greatest gift you can give yourself and others. The more you practise the better you become at it and it allows you live peacefully and to heal." Leila Abdallah said.

First Friday Adoration on 5 Feb 2021

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. **The hour from 7 to 8 p.m. will be dedicated to praying for Vocations.** All are welcome to join with the Lord in silent, meditative and reflective prayer.

Welcome to our Community

Fr Manoj Emmanuel as our Assistant Priest due to arrive on the 5th February 2021.
Aditya Sugiarto as a Seminarian Student on Pastoral placement due to arrive on 29th of January 2021.

Welcome back to Staff, Students, families and New families both at St Leo’s Catholic College and Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, hope you have a great year of Praying, learning, sporting, fun and excitement on our campuses.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.

We remember those who died recently – Paul Hutchinson, Sr Dorothy Costigan CSB, Arthur Fogarty

Anniversaries – Nancy Richards, Noel Christensen

Our Gratitude to all those who supported us in various Ministries over the Christmas and New Year period, our prayers will continue to be part of your families and your personal commitment for the growth of the kingdom, God bless you all.

Our Gratitude to those who generously donated money for the card system without being asked. God bless you a hundredfold.

Online Parish Giving

In light of the extraordinary circumstances we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

1st Collection is for the support of the clergy in the parish and beyond. Each priest in a parish draws a personal stipend from the first collection for living expenses, food and housekeeping. Funds are also directed to: priests where the first collections is insufficient to meet their stipend; and for Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy).

2nd Collection is for the maintenance and growth of our parish’s mission. For example: Liturgical needs, salaries, utilities, resources, maintenance of the churches, parish sacramental formation and pastoral programs.

[Click here to Donate to our Parish](#)

MASS SCHEDULE

from 27 January 2012 until further notice

03/01/21 Public Health Orders, NSW regarding places of worship: Everyone attending the service are required to sign in using QR Code, and face masks are mandatory in the church.

Weekday Mass Schedule

OLOR:

Monday 7 a.m.
Tuesday 7 a.m.
Wed 7 a.m. and
**9.30 a.m. only for
27 Jan & 3 Feb 2021**
Thursday 7 a.m.
Friday 7 a.m.
Saturday 7 a.m.
At the Cathedral, only 97 people allowed at any one time.

QOP:

Tuesday 8:45 a.m.
Thursday 8:45 a.m.
Friday 8:45 a.m.
Saturday 7:30 a.m.
*(Please note: 30/01/21 No morning Mass at QOP only for this Saturday)
At Queen of Peace Church, only 64 people allowed at any one time.*

Weekend Mass Schedule

OLOR:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Filipino Mass 3:30 p.m.
*(Every 2nd Sunday of each month.)
At the Cathedral, only 97 people allowed at any one time.*

QOP:

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Vigil
Sunday 8 a.m.
At Queen of Peace Church, only 64 people allowed at any one time.

[Streamed Mass](#)

McQuoin Park Mass for Residents only 11:00 a.m. Wednesday (beginning 10 February 2021)

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation
Available only at OLOR Saturdays from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

Private Prayer Our Cathedral *Chapel* is open for private prayer. **It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code for every visit. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the Chapel.**

If a Priest is needed in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

Yakhumndeni Christmas Appeal 2020
The Yakhumndeni Christmas Appeal 2020 was a success, we made \$1220. Thanking all people who supported us.