

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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Lord I Believe...
Help my Unbelief!

Weekend Reflection....

In today's wonderful reading from Mark's Gospel we would expect to find Jesus' home town accepting and welcoming him with open arms. Jesus' ability to teach so well, his wisdom, and deeds of power, however, cause so much offence that the hometown crowd turn on him because he claims too much for himself. Jesus, literally, gets the hell out of there.

The Gospel of Mark, written at the beginning of the persecution of the Christians, finds great consolation in these stories of Jesus' suffering and rejection. And is it any wonder? The first generation of Christians were being expelled from the synagogue and, no doubt, many of them were experiencing similar rejection from their families and friends. Maybe some of them had to leave town as well. In this context their fate was an identification with that of Jesus. It gave meaning and direction to their plight. It gave them hope.

The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having Christian faith these days can see us derided as fools or pushed out of certain circles. In this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that has always sustained the Christian community.

Today's Gospel also has a practical impact in our homes, where we don't get away with very much, and affirmation can be sparingly given. We are often so worried about a family member 'getting a big head' that they never hear from us the encouragement they deserve. As Christians we should look for opportunities to build up and praise those we know and love.

It was too late for Nazareth after it rejected Jesus, in Mark's Gospel he never returns there. But it's not too late for us. May it never be said that we dismissed wise people who have something to teach us, and that we dragged down those whose gifts and talents reflected the power of God.

This Sunday Jesus reminds us that it's never too late to stop our disbelieving. My prayer this week is that we can encourage and affirm those in our lives that may be overlooked.

God bless ~ Jacinta

Readings

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The People are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

I will Glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Mark 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country

Please remember in your Prayers...

Those who are ill: Bernadette Martyka, Judith Keleher, Marc Slevin, Wendy Edwards, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Jim Dickenson, Deb Handley, Damian Wyvill, Kylie Lane, Nev Sarquis, Greg Twidale, Glenna Kasmer, Janice Lockhart, Thomas Lawton, Terry Tyers, Christine Prescott & her son Donncha Boles, Wini Collins, Pauline Anderson, Joan Leonard, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC, Bill Phillips, Peter Erbacher and Betty Saal, Fr Hal and Fr Nandana

Recently deceased: Lesley Mullen

Anniversaries: Fr Simon O'Dea [1975], Fr Ralph Underwood [1988], Fr John Clancy [2015]



SVDP- Winter shelter - 22 July and 19 August
Contact Brendan Doherty at bedoherty14@gmail.com



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED 24TH JULY - 3RD AUGUST. Families are asked to provide all meals, transport to and from school and a friendly home for their student. All family members over the age of 18 require a blue card. Students are between 15-17 years old. There is 24/7 Japanese/English support. Host families receive \$750.

Contact: jane.greenhalgh@twb.catholic.edu.au for more information and for application forms and blue card forms.



Celebration for Fr Hal's Retirement

After 5pm Mass 13th July. St Patrick's will farewell Fr Hal with a morning tea on Sunday. If you would like to make a donation for Fr Hal you can use the Planned Giving account below with reference Fr Hal. You can also drop it into the office or the donation box in the foyer.



End of Financial Year Tithing Receipt

In the foyer there the financial receipts for you Tithing for the year. Thank you so much for your giving to the Parish

Sunday 7 [STM - St Thomas More's] [SPC - St Patrick's]	8.30am STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	Men for all Seasons group outing
Monday 8 St Augustine Zhao & companions	9:00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass Parish Finance council meeting
Tuesday 9	5.30pm Mass STM 9am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith – Presbytery meeting room
Wednesday 10	7am Mass SPC	10am Open Door – Presbytery meeting room
Thursday 11 St Benedict of Nursia	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 12 Sts. Louis & Zelle Martin	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 13 St Henry the Exuberant	5pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 14	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.	

Planned Giving: Direct Debit \$1558.50 Envelopes \$428 Loose \$528 Donation Point \$150

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Please note changes to the planned giving Account Number this will need to be updated

ST Thomas More's, BSB 064-786, Account Number 1000-14249.

Please reference your name/envelope number

WEEK 2 ROSTER	Saturday	Sunday
MASS CO-ORDINATORS	G. Harvey	M & M. Bourke
welcomers	S McNelley	R/J Akins, M Gill
Organist/Singer	M Dickenson, J Farrell	D Phillips, J Killmister, T Delany
Readers	S McNelley, F Mitchell, J Olive	T Carter, M Dodd, S Pfeiffer, L Cargnello
Communion Ministers	M Lobo, G Harvey, B O'Keefe	M Bourke, M Stevens, S Kruger, D Gardiner
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