

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus said sharply, ‘Be quiet! Come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. ‘Here is a teaching that is new’ they said ‘and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.’ And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Today’s Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus’ ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week’s Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus’ teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus’ authority and contrasting it with the scribes’. Early in Mark’s Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus’ preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark’s Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus’ identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus’ ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus’ time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus’ cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus’ power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark’s Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus’ fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

**Pope Francis @pontifex**  
The journey toward Christian unity, which we are on, respects diversity. The Holy Spirit never imprisons us in uniformity, but instead prepares us to embrace each other in our differences.




# Parish Bulletin

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 27/28 January 2024**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said to the people: ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. “Do not let me hear again” you said “the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die”; and the Lord said to me, “All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”’

**The word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9**

**Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

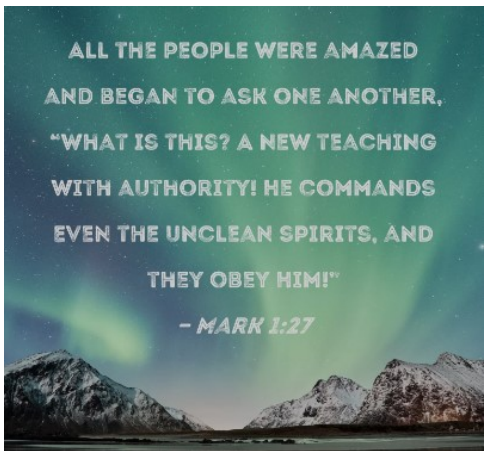
1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**
2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord’s affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world’s affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord’s affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world’s affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**



**A TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY BEHIND IT.**

Power and authority usually go together and are often confused. If Jesus exercised authority it was not in the oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers but in service of the poor. His power was directed towards liberating people from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating illnesses and the slavery of sin. It is this power that is at work in us.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Ps 105:47**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**Tranmere Parish Direct Giving App**

You can now make your donations to the first and second collection online. Direct Giving via the Archdiocesan App is cashless, fast and secure. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese app. Find a mass on your mobile phone and set up Direct Giving to the first and second collections as well as special appeals. Or contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or Direct Credit. The following website provides a direct link to Tranmere Parish from a pc, laptop, or tablet.

<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere>



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Mon to Fri 9:30am – 12:30pm  
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#### Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

#### Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

#### Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

#### Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

#### Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

#### St. Joseph's Primary School

Principal - Adrian Grbin  
Ph: 8431 2834

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Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Chair – Alan Tyson

#### Parish Finance Council

Chair -Edward Konieczny

#### Child Safe Contact Person

Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

#### Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

### Rosters—3/4 Feb 2024 4th Week OT

| Time   | Commentator/Readers   |
|--|---|
| 6.30pm Vigil   | Josh Page<br>Michelle Page<br>Giulia Giuliani                       |
| 9:30am   | Alan Tyson<br>Henry D'Assumpcao<br>Stephanie Roach                  |
| Children's   | Holiday   |
| Count team   | Peggy Buckler<br>Gareth West<br>Doreen Ryan<br>Wendy Rahaley        |
| Altar and Flowers  | Dolores Arboit<br>Christina Wong<br>Sarita Ingham<br>and volunteers |
| All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass |   |

| SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY | 20/21 Jan 2024  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Planned Giving            | \$382.00        |
| Open Plate                | \$489.00        |
| <b>PARISH TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$871.00</b> |

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$606.50

#### Australia Day Mass

Friday, January 26 at 9am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

For over 60 years a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to celebrate and give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

#### Young Adult Summer Eco Camp - Cancelled

Due to low numbers the Eco Camp in February has been cancelled.

Let's pray together

#### Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:  
Susamma Plammoottil

Eternal rest grant to them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

#### Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

#### Fr Roy will be in Vatican Rome In February

Next week Fr. Roy will be going to Vatican- Rome for the International Conference on the Ongoing Formation of Priests, entitled "Fan into a flame the gift of God that you possess" (2 Tim 1:6) In his absence the Parish pastoral needs are looked after by Rev. Frs. Leon Czechowicz, Dean Marin, and Michael Romeo, Sincere thanks to all the priests. We wish Fr Roy a safe journey. Prayers and blessings.

#### Caritas 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

All Caritas Supporters, young and old are invited to **join the Archbishop on Sunday February 25 for Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (11am)** followed by a coffee and sausage sizzle to commemorate **60 years of Caritas in Australia**, with its foundations proudly in Adelaide! **All are invited** to join in unity as we continue to support those most vulnerable in our world. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with all parishes, schools and anyone who proudly supports the good work of Caritas Australia - helping us to create a just and compassionate world. Make it a fun day out and join the **Adelaide Fringe – Festival of Hymns Event – Pipe Organ Recitals at 1pm in the Cathedral.**

### LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE

Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion

Saturday 10th of February 2024

10:00am -12:00noon

Pennington Gardens

Opposite St Peter's Cathedral

#### \$5 Donation Parking

Adelaide Oval carpark  
Enter from Pennington Tce

Don't forget to bring a drink bottle; and remember to slip, slop and slap!

#### Gates

Gates will be open from 9am. Bring your ticket!

#### Tickets

FREE entry tickets at loveadelaide.org.au

#### PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT

NO megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs for the walk. Please follow the direction of the marshals & police and walk peacefully with love.

Free Tickets at [trybooking/CLZHK](https://trybooking/CLZHK)

Please follow the event guidelines.

Every life is a gift

LOVE ADELAIDE  
LOVE AUSTRALIA  
loveadelaide.org.au



#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

#### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL & ROSTREVOR COLLEGE

#### RECONCILIATION

Workshops—

- Monday 4th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
  - Monday 25th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Celebration— Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm

#### CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Workshops—

- Monday 13th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
  - Monday 3rd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Rehearsal—Sunday 23rd June after parish mass  
Celebration— Sunday 30th June 11:00 am

For more information please contact: the Parish Office

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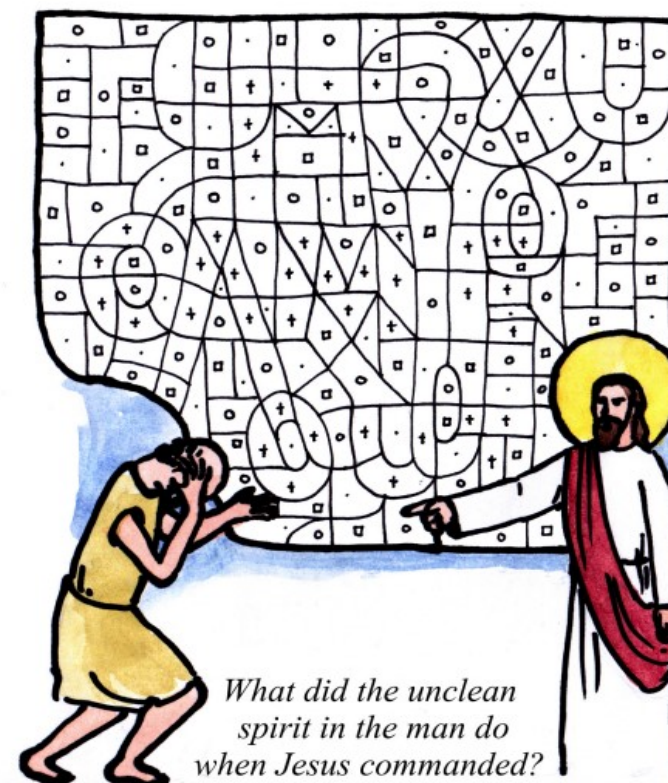
Caritas' annual fundraising for Project Compassion will begin in February. Project information is available on the posters and bulletin notice. Donation boxes and donation envelopes are available at each entrance of the church.

For more information, please visit:

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/>

# The Kids' Bulletin

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28th, 2024



What did the unclean spirit in the man do when Jesus commanded?

Colour in only the spaces that have crosses to find out what it did.

## Baby Jesus is Presented in the Temple

On February second we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. That is the day that Saint Joseph and Our Lady took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate Him to God. The Jews were supposed to dedicate their first-born sons to God, so Mary and Joseph were obedient to the law even though their Baby was God Himself!

This was a most amazing moment, even though almost nobody noticed it: here was the great Temple where the people came to worship God, and now God had actually come into it- as a little Baby! But only Mary and Joseph and the prophets Simeon and Anna knew what had happened.

Saint Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Every time you receive Holy Communion, it's like baby Jesus entering the Temple. When you go to Communion, remember that you know that amazing secret- that even though the rest of the world might not know, you have just received Jesus! What a special moment!



Answers to Unscramble: man, Jesus, saying. AUTHORITY.