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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

Most of us have known the experience of feeling powerless in the face of rejection, especially when it is rejection from those who are closest to us, from those who might normally be expected to understand and affirm us. That seems to have been the experience of the Markan Jesus. Earlier in the gospel (3:20-21) Jesus is misunderstood by his family who, along with the Jerusalem leaders, think he is out of his mind. His family tries to control him, to take hold of him and save him from himself, as well as from what they perceive to be his crazy lifestyle. When they come to take him away, he leaves them outside and continues to teach about a new sort of kinship.

In today’s gospel reading (6:1-6), it is the neighbours and friends of Jesus’ family who have trouble coping with him. They admit that his teaching demonstrates considerable wisdom. They also acknowledge his extraordinary power as a healer. From their perspective, however, something doesn’t add up. After all, he is basically just one of them.

Jesus’ hometown people don’t simply puzzle over his extraordinary powers. They are actually “scandalised” by him. He experiences their response as rejection and tells them how he feels. In so doing, he identifies himself with the rejected prophets of old. The townspeople’s lack of faith renders the prophet Jesus powerless: according to the Markan author, he is simply unable to perform any mighty deeds among them. There is a hint in the text, however, that some few do have faith: “he cured a few sick people.” He cures these people “by laying his hands on them”. We have seen, with the request of the leper (1:41) and the action of the crowds (3:10,) the people’s faith in the healing power of touch.

At times, we may be like Jesus, bringing the wisdom and power of God to our families or local communities, only to meet with rejection. Sometimes, we may be like the few who come in faith and experience a healing touch. At other times, we may replicate the behaviour of the opponents of Jesus. Australians are said to be adept at putting tall poppies down, discounting the achievements of those who excel. We probably should all look into ourselves in order to check whether or not we are mirroring the behaviour of the people of Jesus’ home town. To refuse to see the goodness in another may have something to do with a lack of faith and may actually stymie the power of God at work, even in the lives of those closest to us, our neighbours and our friends. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

 **July 8th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 7th & 8th July   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Peter Malone |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Anita Mason  |  Howard Young  |
| Commentator |  Anne Huebner  |  Mary Kelly  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica  |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |  Jessica & Emily Kelly  |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little | Group 2: Anna, Pat, Sophie, Fabiana & Richard Fox |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 14th & 15th July  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Barry Madigan |  Sue Bulger |
| Reader |  Carmel Butler |  Pat Spannagle |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook |  Cathy Purcell |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Chloe Turnbull & Lily Webb |  Gabbi & Maggi Dalisay |
| Church Care | ----------------------------------------  |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m FEAST DAY 11thJuly: Saint Benedict**

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**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR June 2018**

**1st: $2164.15 2nd: $3364.25 D/D: $1730.00**

**~PARISH NEWS ~**

**PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES** for 2018-19 are now available. Please collect your package from the church foyer. If any family or individual would like to join our plan giving please contact Anna at the Presbytery. We sincerely thank all our generous givers for their continued support. **NIGIERIAN BISHOP VISIT** we welcome Bishop Michael Ekwoy Apochi from Otukpo, Nigeria to our lovely town. Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass on Thursday morning 12th July in the Chapel at 8am followed by morning tea at Pie in the Sky. Everyone is invited. **BAPTISMS** we pray for all baptism familiesand warmly welcome thisweekend into our community Makenna Lee Bye daughter of Blake and Amy and Christian James Smithson of Gerard and Jessica. **CATHOLIC VOICE** July edition will be available next week. **SPECIAL THANKS** to our faithful Sunday Altar Servers this weekend **Jessica & Emily Kelly**

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**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Andrew Sturt., Chris Ballard, Brian Rosetta, Paul Kelly, Sr. Valerian, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Pat Malone, Joan Malone, Frank Delany, Ken & Brian Gee, Mazx Butler, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Cecilia Haddah, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Filomena Comai, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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