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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 the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end, attending to the story line, to indications of place and time, to all the actors or characters in the story, human and other-than-human. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. The “worlds” we encounter include the celestial world, the world of spirits and demons, the human, the animal and the plant worlds. In many ways, we can resonate with the worlds that Mark creates. In other ways, they are alien to 21st century scientific sensibilities. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, “the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties” (*GS* 1) of our world today. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text.

As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama (Mark 1:1-8:26) raises the question, “Who is this?” The central scene (Mark 8:27-30) provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One, the Christos. The second act of the drama (Mark 8:31-16:8) is full of surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death.

The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teach-ings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God’s kin-dom, God's way of being in the world. Jesus proclaims the advent of God’s “time” or *kairos*, as opposed to ordinary clock time (*chronos*). It is crisis time*,* time to attend to the cries of the earth and the cries of those rendered poor in every age.

One might get the impression that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women “who came up with him to Jerusalem” from Galilee. The central section of the gospel (Mark 9-10) makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. So let us imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests. Women, men, and children, all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's empire into our world. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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**Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

**Sunday: 10am (children’s liturgy) Talbingo Sunday: 8.am**

 **‘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 8.30asm (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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**3rd Sunday of Easter Year B**

 **April 15th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**Cry out with joy to
God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Lord, let your face shine on us.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. 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 14th & 15th April   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Trish Matthews |  Sue Bulger |
| Reader |  Carmel Butler  |  Pat Spannagle  |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook  |  Cathy Purcell  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman  |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  Gabbi & Maggi Dalisay | Chloe Turnbull & Lily Webb |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little | Group1: Claire, Anne Hickson & Bev |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 21st & 22nd April  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butller |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  Monica Webb |  Barry Madigan |
| Commentator |  Lana Turner |  Patricia Wilks |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman |  Patricia & Monica  |
| Altar Servers |  Jessie Raftery & Dana Parry | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |
| Church Care | --------------------------------------- |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m**

 R O S T E R S

~ ~ ~ **St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers The centre is looking for new volunteers who would like to assist in the shop – if you are interested – please call in and speak to the Manager.**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**Reminder to parishioners the weekly bulletin is available on our Web page www.cg.org.au/tumut – please remember to log on for weekly roster reminders if in doubt.** **PARISH STREET STALL** was a hugh success – prize winners were:- Wood, Sue Kennedy, Coles Voucher, Mary Kelly, Fruit & Vege, Wendy Hargreaves amount raised was $1502.10. We would like to sincerely thank everyone for there help support and conrtibution. **GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL** 21st and 22nd April 2018. SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF OUR PRIESTS. Our Archdiocese has five young men who have answered God’s call to serve as priests and are currenty studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney. As a practical sign of hope and encouragement for the future of our hurch we can financially support them through the many years of academic training and seminary formation they will serve in preparation for priesthood. The appeal will be held at all Masses next wekend. Please give generously. **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** please return these boxes. **CATHOLIC VOICE** April edition is now available for your collection. **BAPTISM**  we welcome into our commumity this weekend **Ella Grace Twomey** daughter ofJason and Kristy. We pray for all baptism families. **WISHING MCAULEY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS A HAPPY HOLIDAY**

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

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

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, Yvonne Harrison, 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, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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