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|  Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

Last Sunday, we reflected on the “healing” of a man with an “unclean spirit”. Jesus, healer and teacher, expelled the unclean spirit and thus restored health to the man and to the worshipping community. The healing took place in the Capernaum synagogue on the Sabbath. This story began Mark’s account of a typical day in Jesus’ ministry. Today’s gospel passage continues that account. Jesus leaves the synagogue and moves, in the company of two of his new disciples, to the house of Simon and Andrew. In other words, he shifts from a long established gathering place for God’s people, the synagogue, to a prospective new locus of communal engagement, the house church. This new locus does not preclude the older locus: Jesus continues to teach and heal in the synagogues throughout Galilee.

In this new place of encounter with God, Jesus heals a woman with a “fever” who is identified only in relation to her son-in-law, Simon. Jesus takes her by the hand and raises her up. She is the first human character in the Markan gospel story who is said to “minister”. In other words, the love of God working through Jesus draws her beyond herself to engage in a ministry of leadership in the community of God’s people. A little earlier in Mark’s gospel we heard that angels “ministered” to Jesus in the desert. In other words, God looked after Jesus as he embarked on his mission of bringing God’s love into a broken world. Later in the gospel, Jesus insists that he came “not to be served but to serve/minister” (10:45). This woman is caught up in the same mission of bringing the community to health and wholeness.

That same evening, Simon’s house becomes a magnet for “the whole city”. Jesus heals their sick and afflicted and, early in the morning, he seeks the solitude of a “desert” place for prayer. The disciples seek him out, as everyone is looking for him. Jesus makes it clear to them that he must move on and bring God’s word and healing beyond the city to the neighbouring Galilean towns. The message is for us as well as for those early disciples. Amid all the demands of a sometimes frenetic program, we too must search out the solitude of a “desert” place for prayer, and engage with renewed energy and insight in whatever the new day brings ***An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson***



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

 **‘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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 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

 **February 4th 2018**

 ***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 3rd & 4th February   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Trish Matthews  |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Anita Mason |  Howard Young |
| Commentator |  Shirley Kenny  |  Anne Huebner |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica  |  Maureen Norman |
| Altar Servers | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Marie Ambrose |  Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Maureen & Bev |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th February  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler  |  Anita Mason |
| Reader |  Cath Purcell |  Mary Kelly |
| Commentator |  Claire Cole |  John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman |  Patricia & Monica  |
| Altar Servers |  To be advised |  To be advised |
| Church Care |  ------------------------------------ |

 Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy \**

 R O S T E R S

 **COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR JANUARY 2018 1st: $2112.35 2nd: $2070.65 D/D: $1560.00 Christmas Dues: $750.00**

**May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about mutual understanding and forgiveness. (Pope Francis)**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** will resume today during the 10am Mass, could the volunteer rostered please be present and let Fr. Sijo or Fr. George know they are available. **ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCE Good News in Tough Times DVD** is available to order from the Bookshop on 0262399888 or online:[www.faithresources.org.au](http://www.faithresources.org.au) **SCHOOL OPENING MASS** will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 10am. **ASH WEDNESDAY** Mass will be celebrated on the 14th February at 10am. **CATHOLIC VOICE** please collect your Februaryissue. **SPECIAL THANKS** this weekend to our Sunday Altar Servers **Xavier & Riley Feast Days** 5th February: Saint Agatha 6th February: Saint Paul Miki & Companions 10th February: Saint Scholastica

**Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice. *~Pope John Paul ll~***

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

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

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, Marie Quinn, Brian Muir, Jack Sunners, Joseph & Maureen Hetherington, 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, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Christine Welsh, Allison Brady, Scott Payne, Ben Roddy, Paul & Nick Young, Julie, Jack & Thelma Cobden, Jamie Nixon, Stan Kenny, Marzol family members, members of Young, Egan, Breward & Van de Brug families, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Jean Kelly, Margaret McMahon, Mollie Fuller, Joan Malone, Ken & Brian Gee & family members, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Celia Mullaly, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Timothy Blakeney, Madelin Fenn, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, John Callister, Joan Stockwell, Pauline Shedden, John Hourigan, Tom & Dorothy French.

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