

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus preached the Good News of the
 kingdom
 and healed all who were sick.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

GOD WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

A myriad of images unfold God's restoration in Isaiah: God will come and save you. These images speak of restoration to wholeness both to people with impairments of sight, hearing or speech, and to a natural world ravaged by drought.

This sounds like the Good News of God's salvation in the Gospels. As we hear from Mark, Jesus returns to Galilee, healing a man described as deaf and with an impediment to his speech. It is 'they' who brought the man to Jesus, beseeching him to lay his hand on him. Previously we have seen Jesus reach out his hand to touch and heal a leper and to ask the man with the withered hand to stretch it out to be healed. In this instance, Jesus is reported to take the man aside in private, that is, 'away from the crowd'. We see Jesus touch him, putting his fingers in his ears and on his tongue as well as looking up to heaven in a gesture of prayer to God saying 'Ephphatha' – be opened.

The healing is instantaneous giving an impetus to the whole narrative, moving it forward towards the Passion. The people who witness this are filled with unbounded amazement. Even though urged not to tell anyone, they do so more and more. They acclaim Jesus in words akin to those we heard from Isaiah of the salvation of God. This public acclamation points to recognition of who Jesus is, a question Jesus will pose to the disciples.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
 'Courage! Do not be afraid.
 'Look, your God is coming,
 vengeance is coming,
 the retribution of God;
 he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 the ears of the deaf unsealed,
 then the lame shall leap like a deer
 and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
 for water gushes in the desert,
 streams in the wasteland,
 the scorched earth becomes a lake,
 the parched land springs of water.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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thank you, Fr Mark

St Patrick's Cooma Mass
Mass Sunday's at 10am
Cooma Reconciliation available as
requested following Mass
Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm
St Patrick's Weekday
Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
Except Third Friday of Month
Nursing Home Masses
9.30am Yallabee Lodge
11am Sir William Hudson
Adaminaby -9am 2nd Sunday

Nimmitabel
Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
*5pm Sat Vigil Mass
1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
Mass 4th Sunday at 5.00pm
LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale
Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month
Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm
1st 3rd & 5th Sunday Liturgy
of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th = Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

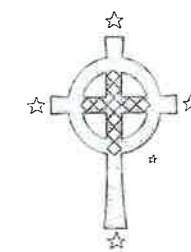
*Please Pray for our Recently Deceased, "We have loved them in life,
let us not forget them in death"*

Desmond 'Bill' Smith, Rosina Patat, Norma Shorten, Michelle O'Neill, Kevin Hambly.

*Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of our departed
family and friends we also remember those who have no one to pray for
them"*

Ugo Patat, Yarra Gregor, Stuart Fletcher

*Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for all who are sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and
find comfort and hope in His constant presence"*



*"Every
conversation
matters"*

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

18-20 October | Come, Holy Spirit - Archdiocesan Assembly

All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit.' This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.



Where Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn
When Friday 18th October - Sunday 20th October 2024
Info Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly

Father's Day Appeal envelopes can be returned in the Parish collections, thank you for your support of our Clergy in their retirement.

Fr Mark's Jokes:

Who is the Pharisee? Father O'Malley was going through the mail one day after his powerful sermon on the Pharisaic life of some of his parishioners on the previous Sunday. Drawing a single sheet of paper from an envelope, he found written on it just one word: "FOOL." The next Sunday at Mass, he announced, "I have known many people who have written letters and forgot to sign their names. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name and forgot to write a letter."

| Roster | 8 th Sep | 15 th Sep |
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| Acolyte | Richard Cmunt | Darren Steinke |
| Usher | Carol Byrne | Kathleen Bashford |
| Reader Commentator | Jo-Anne Brown Tony Goodwin | Kaitlyn Bosco Kevin Dunne |
| Special Minister | Leah Baker | Beryl Barron |
| Mass Servers | | Bosco family |
| Children's Mass | Suja Tessy | Carol Byrne |
| Linen | Jan McLean | Gaie Mooney |
| Church Care- reminder <i>(always shown week in advance)</i> | 15 th J Brown J Kelly G Mooney | 22 nd Bilish family |
| Hospital | Joan Simpson | Leah Baker |

Flowers: Claire Neumeyer

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Next weekend Readings

Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9

2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35