



### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021

In today's Gospel, Jesus has returned to Nazareth, among people who have known him for much of his life.

Until recently, they hadn't seen anything extraordinary about him. Now, in a short time, Jesus has become an itinerant preacher, healer and prophet of sorts. This was more than they could accept. They found him too much, and did not have an ear for his message.

In 2009, 'Britain's Got Talent,' a woman made her way to the stage and said she wanted to sing like one of Britain's most acclaimed stars. The judges for the contest barely concealed their amusement, and after a few minutes, the

audience was whispering their doubts and criticisms.

As Susan Boyle's beautiful voice delivered note after note, the shocked audience stood and applauded. Boyle had been judged unfairly by those who assumed they knew what to expect from her.

Three days after that broadcast, in her Herald Scotland column, Colette Douglas Home, called Boyle's story a modern parable and a rebuke to the human tendency to judge others based on physical appearances,

We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

#### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Foundation Leader In Office

1. Identity and Community

2. Worship and Prayer. Uta France Mon

3. Formation and Education

4. Mission and Outreach.

5. Leadership and Structure. John France & Sat & Sun

Juliet Hutchins Tues

Email: morparishplt@mn.catholic.org.au

If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 2pm Wednesdays)

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our Parish bulletin, please call the parish office or send an email request to morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE CALLINAN CENTRE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR MASS ON SUNDAY.-COVID DIRECTIVES.

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES:**

Sunday 4th July 9.30am

Mass— Morisset

Tuesday 6th July 9.30am

Mass— Morisset

Sunday 11th July 9.30am

Mass— Morisset

Tuesday 13th July 9.30am

Mass— Morisset

### <u>DUE TO VERY LIMITED CAPACITIES</u> BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

**Book via the Eventbrite App or Website:** 

http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com or click on the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or call the Parish Office between 9am & 2pm Weekdays.

When you come to Mass or Liturgy please be aware that the <u>NSW Government requires</u> you to check in and those who are able to check in electronically with a QR code or via the Service NSW website are <u>required</u> to do so

It is mandated that Face Masks must be worn by those in Places of Worship, on Public Transport, and those Carpooling.

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you would like to speak with or see a priest please contact Fr Kevin on 02 4973 1537.

#### **PPC REPORT TO PARISH**

On Thursday 24/6/21 we had our first face to face Parish Pastoral Council meeting with the Leadership team since March of last year. We were hoping at this stage to be able to say to you that we would be able to relax some of our restrictions. Unfortunately, given the situation in Sydney at this time, this cannot be. This was a unanimous decision of the meeting, for the protection of everyone.

We are very aware that everyone wants to get back to life as it was early last year; everyone is feeling sick and tired of the restrictions. They have certainly required much more work on the part of our volunteers.

Since our meeting the situation has deteriorated with increased numbers of infections of the highly contagious Delta strain of the virus. The requirements of the Department of Health and the instructions from the Diocese now include the mandatory wearing of masks; social distancing of 1.5 metres remains; the 4 square metre per person has been reintroduced. This means that we have to continue with booking in to Mass and Liturgy through Eventbrite because our spaces are limited. Checking in with the NSW Covid App is also to be done wherever possible. Communion will continue to be only in one form - the host - and there is to be no communion given on the tongue. We will continue with hand sanitising and also continue offering to take your temperature as an added precaution, especially given our proximity to the Central Coast.

We are aware that some Parishes are ignoring some of these requirements, but we have chosen to follow the guidelines for everyone's protection. We are also aware that some of our community have been very upset about not being able to sit together, but the configuration of our church means that, if they do, it eliminates other places in the seat behind and also makes the job of our ushers that much harder. We would like things to be different, but they are not.

If you have booked in but are unable to attend on the day, please let us know; we are then able to offer the place to someone on our waiting list or to a visitor who arrives, not knowing the booking requirements.

We are very grateful that most members of our community have been very gracious and cooperative under these circumstances. Unfortunately, there have been a couple of occasions when members of our Leadership Team and our Parish secretary have borne the brunt of people's frustration. Please let us each always treat each other with respect and let us all help to keep each other safe.

Pam Melvey on behalf of the PLT and PPC

#### Extract from Message sent by Fr Andrew Doohan V.G.

The memo has been prepared because both the Bishop's Office and the Liturgy Office have been contacted by a range of individuals expressing confusion or concern about what is or is not permitted under the current Public Health Order

Some of those contacting the Bishop's or Liturgy Office have expressed concern that some persons, have said publicly that there are no restrictions currently in place in the Hunter Region. This has particularly been the case when it comes to wearing face masks in our church buildings.

This is simply **NOT** true.

The current Order established a range of restrictions that are applicable in Regional NSW

You will be aware of media reports of fines being issued for breaches of the Public Health Order, including the Deputy Prime Minister and some local examples. I would strongly encourage you to be attentive to the legal requirements currently in place and comply with them, regardless of your personal position on the need to do so or not. Non-compliance is simply not an option

Singing in Churches Clause 14(1) prohibits singing in our churches. This applies to congregational singing, singing by a choir, or singing by an individual.

#### The aMeN caMiNo

During the last week Rose McAllister, the Manager for Formation and Education in the Diocese, lead a diocesan spiritual pilgrimage of five days, the *aMeN caMiNo*, along with Parish-Family Liaison Officer, Helene O'Neill. Fr Kevin was also one of the pilgrims on the journey and the pilgrims called into the Cooranbong Church last Monday, where they enjoyed light refreshments before continuing their journey. This experience will be run five times this year with groups of people from across our Diocese. If you wish to know more about this, please view the video on our diocesan website.

#### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. This year is particularly important following the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we interacted and made contact with one another.

This year the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have adopted the NAIDOC theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday-**Heal Country**. In **Laudato Si**, Pope Francis has called us to continue to seek greater protection for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

#### REFLECTION for 14th Sunday -OT-Yr B 4th July 2021

ALL of today's readings speak about the difficulties that arose when the people were confronted with an unwelcome truth - their reactions were particularly hostile when the proclaimer was considered by others to be insignificant or not qualified to do so!

The 1st Reading reveals the daunting task of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Prior to this time, Jeremiah had the thankless task of warning his contemporaries about the looming disaster of the Exile, while Ezekiel had the unenviable task of interpreting the exile as divine punishment for Israel's infi-

Although these Prophets were just ordinary citizens, they were called by God to deliver these unwelcome messages that would certainly generate resistance & rejection. When their listeners doubted their authority, they could become angry or indulge in self-pity or denigrate their accusers.

In the 2nd Reading from Paul, we see how aggressively he defends his Apostolic mandate & mission! He is angry at the criticism he receives & passionately boasts about his qualifications & hardships, in particular his visions & revelations. He insists that he is happy to endure whatever insults, persecutions & agonies he receives as they will help him to put all his trust in the power of Christ rather than self-reliance. He tells his audience "For it is when I am weak that I am strong".

We have all heard the phrase "Familiarity breeds Con-

In the Gospel we see that Jesus certainly gets a taste of it upon his return to his hometown of Nazareth. By now he is well & truly into his public ministry & his reputation as a healer & teacher is certainly growing. But despite the many amazing miracles & healings he has performed, his own townsfolk are now questioning his ability as a teacher & quickly "put him in his place".

They all remember the boy, the teenager, the young man apprenticed to his father's craft, BUT right here & now he is treated as a nobody-- just young Jesus who grew up there. What could HE possibly teach them?

Sadly, this same pattern is happening within families & local communities in OUR society today- no matter how successful & authoritative some young people may have become, often a trip home will quickly remind them that, in the eyes of those where they grew up, nothing has changed!

Why is this so? Is it because we have certain expectations about the way our friends usually act or think & when they behave differently, we pass judgement on them? In reality we are taking away THEIR freedom to grow & change. Surely, if we want the best for those we love & care about, they need to be constantly growing & becoming all that they can be!

This section of Mark's Gospel deals with the lack of faith & understanding displayed by the disciples, so the hometown experience is a big lesson for them, showing that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus & those who follow him will falter, as we are told that " He could work no miracle there--- He was amazed at their lack of faith". His townsfolk had seen & heard him, but failed to experience the divine presence in him. WE, now, are the faithful followers of Christ- His present-day disciples, who walk by FAITH not SIGHT. We are told that God is everything to us because it is "in Him we live & move & have our being "Acts17:28 Aristotle, the great Greek Philosopher said "We are what we repeatedly do".

Maybe at this present time when we are experiencing so many changes to our way of life, we need to stay positive, flexible & most of all TRUST GOD. TALK to Him always but stop to HEAR His voice! He will speak to our inner conscience if only we listen.

St. Mary McKillop's advice to us is: "Let us humbly wait & pray" - is it worth a try?

Heather White

### THE DIOCESAN LITURGY COUNCIL is seeking new mem-

bership in two areas - the Council itself as well as the establishment of a Working Party with a focus on issues of modern slavery. If you or someone you know has the passion, experience and time to nurture the rich liturgical life of our local Church please consider this invitation. For all information including Expression of Interest form/s go to https://mnnews.today/liturgy-matters and access the June 22, 2021 article on 'liturgical opportunities'. Submissions close Sunday 18 July.

### OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING COURSE: SAFEGUARDING **IN PARISHES**

Who is this for: If you are a paid or unpaid worker of a parish who has not yet attended any Safeguarding training, formerly Child Protection training, or need to update your training this is for you.

How do I register: Registrations are made via HR HR-Training@mn.catholic.org.au

If I have a question: For information about the course or questions in relation to your participation, or to check on your attendance history, please call the Office of Safeguarding directly on 4979 1390 or email at oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au.

Current available sessions for 2021:

Friday 16 July - Gloucester/Krambach, 10.30am-2.30pm Tuesday 10 August - Diocesan Offices,

Murray Room, Newcastle West, 10am-2pm

Tuesday 10 August -

St James PS Muswellbrook, 10am-2pm

Saturday 14 August -

St James PS Muswellbrook, 10am-2pm

Refreshments will be provided.

#### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES**

The parish office will be closed this from 2pm on Thursday 24th June until 9am Monday 5th July.

You are still able to call the parish office number and speak to a member of the Parish Leadership Team during this time.

#### **VINNIES WINTER CASH APPEAL**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is holding their Winter Cash Appeal during this month of June.

Any cash donations for our local needy people will be gratefully received.

There will be a 'Bucket' in the Church, or you may leave an 'Envelope' with a Donation in the 'Mail Box' outside the office. Receipts are available on request. Thankyou. Monica Gray

#### **ALPHA ONLINE**

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will be offering a 10-week online course for anyone who would like to explore questions about life, faith, and Christianity through the Alpha program.

Days: Thursdays, Start Date: Thursday 15 July 2021 Time: 6:30-8:00pm RSVP through Eventbrite Alpha by 8 July so you can be sent the Zoom link!

WEEKEND ROSTERS			
		THIS WEEK	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	Mass	Mass
PROCLAIMER:	9.30	U France	J Shamley
PSALMIST:	9.30	J France	M Shamley
<u>Universal</u> <u>Prayer</u>	9.30	J France	M Shamley
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	M Melvey
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	T Alexander	U France
SOUND/ VID- EO:	9.30	L Hutchinson G Hutchinson	L Hutchinson G Hutchinson
Sign In	9.30	U France	J Hutchins
<u>TEMPERATURE</u>	9.30	B Hutcheson	M Foo
<u>USHERS</u>	9.30	M Sloman L McRae	P Herbert M Melvey
COMMUNION USHERS	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team
CLEANERS	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team

#### **UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES**

SAINT BONAVENTURE— 15TH JULY
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE— 22ND JULY
SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE— 26TH JULY
SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS— 29TH JULY
SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA— 31ST JULY
SAINT DOMINIC— 3RD AUGUST
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY— 4TH AUGUST
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD— 6TH AUGUST
SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP) - 8TH AUGUST

# Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:

Mark Patrick, Bill Fenton, Maureen Phillips, John Francisco, Ian Douglas, Patricia Jones, Bev Loft, Robert Jay, Michelle Clipsham.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.

Remembrance: Bruce White



#### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office. All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

#### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.







# **SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE**

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Sunday 04 Jul 2021

# **The Introductory Rites**

# **Gathering**

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross. A short hymn might be sung.

# **Sign of the Cross**

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

# **Greeting**

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one, and strengthens us by the power of his Spirit.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

# **Introductory Remarks**

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ, although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day, we gather in God's name for when two or more come together God is always with us.

We worship in union with the whole Church keeping this day of the Lord holy.

# **Opening Rite**

### LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are the wisdom of God: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you come to us in our weakness: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, your grace is enough for us: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

# **Opening Prayer**

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

God of the prophets,

In every age you send the word of truth,

Familiar yet new,

A sign of contradiction.

Let us not be counted among those who lack faith,

But give us the vision

To see Christ in our midst

And to welcome your saving word.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

# **First Reading**

### Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

# **Responsorial Psalm**

### Ps 122. R. v.2

- (R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
- To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
- 2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
- 3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

# **Second Reading**

#### 2 Cor 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

# Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

ΑII

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

### Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

- Q. Have you ever had an experience like that of Jesus when he returned home?
- Q. Have you ever reacted to an old friend in the way Jesus' childhood neighbours did?
- Q. Have you experienced an unlikely or unexpected encounter with the presence of God?
- Q. Why do some people find change and growth threatening?
- Q. What do you feel is the message of this passage for a contemporary audience?

### **Profession of Faith**

#### Leader:

In union with the whole Church let us profess our faith.

#### All:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

# **Prayer of the Faithful**

Leader: Dear friends, with faith in Christ, we bring our prayers to the Lord.

Reader: That a spirit of mercy and humility will rest upon Christ's holy Church.

(pause)

In your mercy:

### All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have rejected Jesus will regain inspiration through Christ's

teachings.

(pause)

In your mercy:

### All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That governments will act quickly to protect the weak and vulnerable.

(pause)

In your mercy:

### All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That prophets and messengers who are despised in their own communities

will be accepted and respected.

(pause)

In your mercy:

## All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That missionaries and messengers will be blessed as they inspire and

strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

(pause)

In your mercy:

## All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will lovingly proclaim Christ as our Lord and

Saviour to all we meet.

(pause)

In your mercy:

### All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Christ's healing touch will comfort all who are sick, including those in our

community and families.

(pause)

In your mercy:

### All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all those who have died will be rewarded with eternal life, especially

those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your mercy:

### All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Father, our eyes are fixed on you. Hear our prayers and intercede for us

as we gather with faith in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. We ask this through

Christ our Lord.

### All:Amen.

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# The Lord's Prayer

#### Leader:

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

# The Concluding Rite

# **Blessing**

Leader:

May the Lord be with us and protect us now and for ever.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

### Amen.

### **Dismissal**

Leader:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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