

GOSPEL

Mk 3: 20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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BINDING THE STRONG MAN

Today's Gospel offers a fast-moving account of a complex episode in Jesus' ministry. Jesus' family is troubled by the enthusiasm with which he is being surrounded by the crowds. He is not "out of his mind", as they fear, but his passionate teaching about the offer of his Father's unconditional forgiveness and love taps into something deeply longed for in people's hearts. Hence the enthusiasm that it generates.

The ancient world attributed to demonic possession many pathological conditions that modern medicine would assign to natural causes. This made Jesus' healing activity, interpreted in a hostile sense, open to the accusation that he expels demons in alliance with demonic power—a charge that he easily dismisses through the image of a divided kingdom.

The second image that Jesus employs—that of a burglar binding up a strong man in order to burgle his house—is a striking comment upon his entire ministry. Jesus is "the Stronger One" (cf. Mark 1:7) who has come to bind up the Strong Man—Satan—and "burgle" his house in the sense of reclaiming human beings for the freedom of God's Rule.

By attributing the liberating power of Jesus to demonic influence rather than to the power of God's love—the Holy Spirit—that he proclaims, the adversaries are excluding themselves from the community of salvation. It is in this sense—and this sense only—that their sin is "unforgivable".

Jesus' final pronouncement is not a putdown of his Mother. Rather, it is a declaration of the privileged position of disciples within the new family of God.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Gen 3: 9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:
you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v. 7

**R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord,
hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to
the voice of my pleading. **R.**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord,
who would survive? / But with you is found
forgiveness: / for this we revere you. **R.**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on
his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord /
more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and
fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will
redeem / from all its iniquity. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 4: 13–5: 1

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made with human hands, in the heavens.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 31, 32

**Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world
will now be cast out, and when I am lifted
up from the earth I will draw all to myself,
says the Lord. Alleluia!**



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POPE FRANCIS' FIRST FIVE YEARS:

A SEMINAR Friday 15 June, 10am-3pm Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville This seminar will celebrate Pope Francis's pastoral vision of mercy, justice, love and care for the earth.

You are invited to join Cardinal Charles Bo, SDB of Myanmar and leading Australian theologians and community leaders to discuss:

A field hospital: Pope Francis and the Church's engagement with the world

Pope Francis and Laudato si'

Pope Francis and his impact on the Church of Asia

Pope Francis' interpretation of Vatican II

The spiritual roots of 'reform' in Pope Francis

Pope Francis: a theologian of migration.

Cost: Free, but please register Details and registration: Br Mark O'Connor on 9389 3106 or mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

Special Collection—next weekend

St Vincent de Paul (Mass for the Poor) winter appeal will take place next weekend. Appreciate your generosity.

Pranzo Speciale

La comunita Italiana di S.Clemente Bulleen organizza un pranzo per "La Festa di S.Antonio" presso il Ristorante Carlucci in Templestowe per il 17 giugno 2018 alle ore 12.30pm. Vino BYO

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"The Listening Church@ St. Clement of Rome"

What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

"Being Church means being God's people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly love. This means that we are to be God's leaven in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bringing salvation into the world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way. The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good news of the Gospel." (Evangelii Gaudium #14)

"How can St. Clement of Rome be a place of mercy, hospitality, hope and forgiveness?"

We would love to hear your story of the Church as a place of mercy freely given, where people are welcomed, loved and forgiven and encouraged to live the good news of the Gospel. Two sessions are available for all to attend on 22nd June 2018 @ 11.00-12.30 and a repeat @7.00pm-8.30pm.

Plenary 2020: Please pick up a handout to have an understanding of what Plenary 2020 is about.

RCIA: These sessions are for anyone wishing to know more about the Catholic faith and those who wish to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Inquiry Night @ 7.30pm	Topic
Thursday, 21 June 2018	A belief that prayer gives life
Thursday, 2 August 2018	A belief that trusts the world is graced
Thursday, 16 August 2018	A belief that works for justice for all

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Death Anniversaries : Vincenza Fiorito, Luigina Varalla, Rocco & Elisa Rapone, Esterina Petricca, Maria De Giacinto

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Sun 10th June @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café
Tue 12th June @ 4.30pm—Reconciliation Classes in the Parish Office
Thurs 14th June @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Parish Office
Thurs 14th June @ 7.30pm—Scripture Studies in the School Library
Sat 16th June @ 5.30pm—Baptism Welcoming
Sat 17th June @ 10am—SVDP Meeting in the Clifton Centre

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
Actual — 2,262
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
Actual — 1,166
Many thanks & every Blessing!

Sacramental Program 2018

All enrolments for the year are closed. Please register your interest for 2019 once the dates for 2019 have been organized.

RECONCILIATION: TERM 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 23rd June @ 10.30am (ASRE)

FIRST EUCHARIST: TERM 3

Classes commence: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Parish Office

Parents' Information Evening: Tuesday 17 July 2017 @ 7.30pm in the Clifton Centre 2,262

Commissioning Mass: Saturday, 21 July @ 5.30pm

Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 8 September 2018 @ 10.00am

First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 15 September 2018 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$200 per sacrament per child from 2019. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for

Year of the Youth: Lunch on 27 May 2018

Thank you to those who responded to the lunch. A small, animated conversation with two willing to serve community here at St. Clement of Rome Parish. Let us thank God for the young people in our midst, few though they may be, but precious in God's sight and ours. Look out for our next gathering of young persons.

Scripture Classes :

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" - St. Jerome

You are invited to come to some or all of our gatherings for an in-depth exploration of Mark's Gospel. Meetings are fortnightly and held in the School Library from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please contact: Mark Gregor @ mgregor@bigpond.net.au or Sue De Bortoli @ sue.28@bigpond.com or Martin Teh @ mcyteh@gmail.com or cecilia.tan@cam.org.au Resources will be provided. Dates are as follows:

14 June 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 5
28 June 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 6
12 July 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 7
26 July 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 8
9 August 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 9
23 August 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 10
6 September 2018 (Thursday)	Extra Day in case a class has to be cancelled
20 September 2018 (Thursday)	Extra Day in case a class has to be cancelled

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
9/10 June	Sacristan Rita Gagliardi	Francis Ng
	COMMENTATOR May Teh	David Mitchell
	Reader John Bruce	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers Enza Wilcox	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	Warwick Wright	Gabriella Grande
	John Bruce	Eleanora Mascitti
		Pam Mitchell
		David Mitchell
		Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan
16/17 June	Sacristan John Bruce	Francis Ng
	COMMENTATOR John Bruce	Maria Papalia
	Reader Linda Cultrera	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers Rene De La Cruz	Trish Atherton
	Corinne Goh	Grace Canatelli
	Cecilia Lam	Anne Fusca
		Rita Gagliardi
		Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Gabriella Grande
		Eleanora Mascitti

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL'EUCHARISTA
17/06	U.ROMANIN G.VARASSO	FAM.SOR.RATTI	T.RECINELLA L.CIAMPA J.FAGGION

Mario & Angela's Café

This Sunday after the 9am Mass. All are welcome. If you attend the 11am Mass, please come early and join us for a cuppa.



Eat, Knit, Pray

We have had a gentle but good start to our gathering. The conversation was convivial, the friendliness and hospitality real and heart-warming. The seeds have been planted and with faith, hope and love, the group the conversation and the work to meet the needs of others will come to fruition. Our meetings: Every last Friday of each month. Please pick up a brochure from the foyer for more details.

Jewish and Catholic Friendship Dinner

Sunday 17th June 2018, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Catholic Leadership Centre
Corner Albert Street and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne.
Cost \$50.00 each for 2 course buffet, Kosher Meal including drinks
Bookings : www.trybooking.com/VSMN : Tel : 9272 5641