

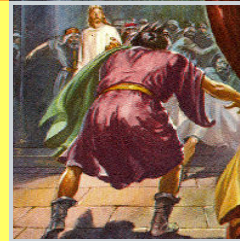


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**Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**(Year B)**

**29th January 2012**



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**In Our Prayers** We pray for the wellbeing of all parishioners their families and friends who are currently in ill health. We pray for the recently deceased, Phyllis Gauci and also for those whose anniversary occur at this time especially Mark McGowan, Ana and Alex Galawyn.

*“May they rest in Peace”*



**Reflection for the week**

*If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person.  
 If there is beauty in the person,  
 there will be harmony in the house.  
 If there is harmony in the house,  
 there will be order in the nation.  
 If there is order in the nation,  
 there will be peace in the world*

*Chinese Proverb*

**Christmas Offerings 2011**

*Thank you to all parishioners and families for your support through the priest's offering at Christmas....*

Barden, Plunett, Brassel, Dunworth, Maxwell, Duggan, Kays Morrison, Sexton, Caggiati, Kilgariff, De Lai, M. Haire, Cassidy, Degen, Morton, Ritchie, Somers, Clifford, Peavey, Wallace, Moore, De Silva, O’Dea, Hall, Ruth, Wilson, Kays, Peterson, Borg, Fisher, P. Haire, White, Hayes, Power, Daghish, Seric, Dillon, Lo Giudice, Plowman, T. Wojtylak, Mirando, Sultana, E. Wojtylak, Jackanic, O’Sullivan, Bialobrzdeski, De Rosayeo, McManamny, and those who were anonymous.

**Macedon Ranges Food Bank**

Please try and bring a food or grocery item to church each week and place in the box or basket at the door. They are used by the Kyneton Riverside church Food Bank for families in need. They are so grateful for what we provide but desperate for more donations.

Thank you  
 Anne Earley (St Brigid’s), Mae Smith (St Patricks) and Carolyn Peterson (St Ambrose’s)

**The Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28**

Having called His first disciples, Jesus continues on His way. His mission is to proclaim God’s Kingdom - but this is to be done not just in words but in actions too.

So, Jesus comes into the synagogue at Capernaum on the Sabbath and begins to teach there. His teaching strikes a chord with His listeners who sense that He teaches with authority. This must have come across in what He said - but probably even more simply because of His presence.

The presence of Jesus in the synagogue was recognised by an unclean spirit which possessed one of those gathered there. Whilst the people and His new disciples heard His words with respect and admiration - it is the spirit who recognises who Jesus is: the Holy One of God. In a room full of good people - it is the force of evil which first identifies the true nature of this Man.

Jesus rebukes the spirit and orders it to be silent - casting it out of the man and liberating him from its power.

Often in the course of Mark’s Gospel, Jesus tells someone not to disclose what they have discerned in Him. Mark gives us a sense of a Jesus who is waiting for the right moment to show the world who He is - and who, until then, will keep it hidden. This is sometimes, referred to as Mark’s “Messianic Secret”.

Writing as he was for a beleaguered community, Mark would have been aware of their vulnerability and the need to keep some things hidden from prying eyes around them.

The Roman emperors of the day certainly had an authority - but it was upheld by force of arms and by the persecution of those who stood up against them. Jesus’ authority is His simply because He is who He is.

The community - though largely composed of women and slaves and those on the margins - was being persecuted as a threat. This seemed out of all proportion to their strength. Yet, as the Gospel shows, evil recognises the force of goodness and reacts against it. The Christians could identify the evil with the worst qualities of the Roman regime - and could see their persecution as a consequence of being the force of good daring to confront the power of evil.

**What does it mean for me?**

- When have you felt as if you were confronting something evil?
- How can today’s Gospel help when you are in similar situation– good confronting evil?

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**Departing Parishioners -**  
 We’ll miss you.

Please notify the presbytery.



**New Parishioners -**  
 Welcome to St Brigid’s Parish.

Please register at the Parish Office.





# Rosters and Events



## Ministers for next weekend's Masses:

### 6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

**Reader:** Volunteers  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** Volunteers

### 9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

**Readers:** Volunteers  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** Volunteers  
**Children's Liturgy:** No Liturgy



### 8.00am Mass: St Ambrose's

**Welcomer:** Max McMahon  
**Readers:** Volunteers  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** Volunteers



### 11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

**Readers:** Volunteers  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** Volunteers  
**Children's Liturgy:** No Liturgy  
**Flowers:** Volunteers



**Counters:** P. & J. White & L. O'Brien  
**Please keep both sides of envelopes together.**

### St Brigid's Feast Day

The Feast of St Brigid is on 1st February.

The Parish Feast Day will be held at St Ambrose's Riddells Creek on Sunday 5th February at 10.30am, followed by a sausage sizzle.

**Please note:** There will be only one other Mass that weekend, being 6.00pm at St Brigid's on Saturday 4th February.



### Lenten Faith Groups

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on 22nd February, to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey to the celebration of the suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

One way of active participation for Lent is to join a Faith Discussion Group as a preparation for Easter.

If you would like to participate in such a group—either during the day or in the evening—please add your name and phone number by Sunday 12th February to the clip board provided in each of the Churches or Schools, indicating a day of preference.

Or contact the Parish Office on 5428 2591  
(Tues, Wed, Thurs – 9am–3pm)



### Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of envelopes begin 4th March. They will become available for pick up after Mass from the rear of the church in the coming weeks.

Thanks Doris

### Catechetics Classes for 2012

Enrolments for all Sacraments 2012 must take place by the commencement of classes Tuesday 7th February 2012.

Any enquires contact

Robyn Angarano—Parish Facilitator 0418 993 991 or  
Parish Office 5428 2591

Reconciliation classes commence Tuesday 7th February at 5.30pm and run until 6.30pm every Tuesday in the Library at St. Brigid's school.

### Humour for this week

Be careful about reading health books.  
You may die of a misprint

Mark Twain

### ROSARY

We invite you to pray the Living rosary on Tuesday mornings at 11am at St Brigid's Church. Bring your personal prayer requests.

We welcome you to experience the PEACE given by this miraculous meditative prayer.

### ADVENT GIVING TREE 2011

The Parish Columban Partnership team wish to thank all those who contributed towards the giving tree.

Total figure raised was \$2393.00

### PARISH MISSION / RETREAT

Make a note in your diary for the Parish Mission/Retreat to take place from Sat 26th May to Thurs 31st May. The Title of the Mission is "Spirituality for the New Millennium", which will be led by a team from Wisconsin (U.S.A.). It will be a time of renewal of mind and heart, and is particularly suited to parents with children at both Primary and Secondary Schools.

So, take some time out to be renewed spiritually.

More news in the coming weeks

### Weekday Masses: Tues 31st Jan-Friday 3rd Feb

Tues: 5.00pm  
Wed: 9.15am  
Thur: 8.00am  
Frid: 9.15am



Reconciliation & Spiritual Direction: Saturday 9.00 - 10.00am

### St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving

Total Amount Received \$1032.50  
Total Amount Pledged \$2028.00  
Presbytery Collection \$676.00



Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.  
May the Lord bless you all.