



### Gospel Mk 1:21-28

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

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## WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

*St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**31 January 2021**

### First Reading Dt 18:15-20

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9**

*(R.) If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw  
my work.' (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***A people in darkness have seen a  
great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost  
in death.***

**Alleluia!**

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**NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.**

**Mass and Prayer times at our affiliated Churches:**

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>St Bridget</b>		9.00am Meditation 9.30am		<b>First Friday</b> 8.30am	5.00pm	10.00am 5.30pm
<b>St Bede</b>	9.15am		9.15am		9.00am 6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
<b>St Anne</b>		9.30am		9.30am	5.00pm	10.30am
<b>St Joachim</b>						8.30am

We are no longer using Trybooking for pre-booking for Mass attendance, as numbers do not require people to pre-book. We are now using the State Government QR Code service to register all Mass attendees. This allows quick contact tracing in the event it is necessary. Once you have downloaded the QR app, there is secure communication of your details to the database. Any entry is automatically deleted after 28 days. Once you have saved your details on the app, you only need to open and scan the QR Code whenever you come to the church. If you do not have a mobile phone, or cannot download the app, there will be someone available to help you book in. To download the app at home search for Service Victoria. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register.

To assist with compliance, ushers and door marshals are required to monitor numbers and assist parishioners who may be having registration problems. If you can assist, please make yourself available when at Mass.

**Rosters for February 6 & 7:**

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am	Sunday @ 5.30pm
<b>Lectors</b>	L Sanders	M Buxton	J Truong
<b>Minister of Holy Communion</b>	Sr P Keogh	M Stewart	T Tjitji

*Note: For the time being only one Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is required at Mass.*

**Feast of St Bridget:** The Feast of St Bridget, the Patron Saint of our Parish is being celebrated today. We pray to St Bridget for our needs:

*“St. Bridget, Patroness of our parish, we ask you to protect our parish community and preserve the Faith in all our parishioners.*

*Obtain for us the grace to walk faithfully in the path of Christian perfection during life, and so to secure a holy and happy death, with life everlasting, in your blessed company, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.”*

**We Remember:** We pray for Marie Holmquist and Dominic Quy Nguyen recently deceased; and for Frank Formica and William O'Connor whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

**LENT 2021 – Lenten Small Groups:** The Comfort Lenten Program 2021 from Wollongong contains short daily reflections as well as longer Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions for Lenten Group Gatherings. Monsignor Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Sunday Gospels through art and Susanna Edmonds OP provides extra meaning and insights. The groups are a wonderful preparation for the joy of Easter and also provide opportunities to share different perspectives and ideas with each other. If you are interested in forming/joining a Lenten Group or would like a copy of the Comfort Lenten Program 2021 book for personal use, please register your interest in the clip board provided in the narthex. Books cost \$9 each

**NOTE: The 5.30pm Sunday Mass at St Bridget's will resume next Sunday 7 February.**

**NEW LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** are needed at all four of our churches. Volunteers are asked to commit for two years. Please contact the parish office by **16 February 2021** if you are interested or for further information.

**Training For New Lectors:**

A training session for all new lectors at our four churches will take place on **Thursday 18 February, 7.30pm, at St Bede's**. A reminder that you will need to provide a Working With Children Check to the office before beginning to exercise this ministry. If you have any difficulty in applying, please contact the parish office.

**Training For New Extraordinary Ministers Of The Eucharist:**

A training session for all new Extraordinary Ministers at our four churches will take place on **Tuesday 23 February, 7.30pm, at St Bede's**. A reminder that you will need to provide a Working With Children Check to the office before beginning to exercise this ministry. If you have any difficulty in applying, please contact the parish office.

**Parish Survey Update:** Following on from the recent Parish Survey many respondents expressed an interest to participate in a focus group to receive feedback, and more importantly discuss the future of St Bridget's now affiliated with the parish of St Anne and St Bede (including St Joachim).

Two Focus Groups will be held in the church narthex an afternoon session and an evening session. Date will be advised shortly. All parishioners are invited. Limited transport will be available if you would like a ride.

**Scripture Reflection:** Group will commence today Sunday 31 January at 11.15am. Please contact Susi Hii for further information or Zoom connection details.