



The Vicar writes...

Welcome to our worship today at St Peter's. This week's Gospel contains a powerful account of the return of Jesus to his hometown. The truly sad and astonishing thing about this story is that the townspeople's suspicion and resentment diminished Jesus's ability to work good on their behalf. "He could do no deed of power there," Mark writes with grim finality. In some mysterious and disturbing way, the people's small-mindedness, their lack of trust, and their inability to embrace a new facet of Jesus's life and mission, kept them in spiritual poverty. They were unable to welcome the unfamiliar within the familiar. They were uninterested in glimpsing the extraordinary within the ordinary. They couldn't imagine a newer and roomier story when the old one was so juicy. So they missed the presence of God in their midst. I can't help but wonder how, when, and where I misuse origin stories — my own or other people's — to limit God's "deeds of power." How do I refuse to let others in my life grow and change? When do I box them into stories that are unfairly narrow and constricting? Where in my life do I take offence at the new and the unfamiliar, instead of leading with curiosity and delight? Do I allow the people I am close to to become? Do I allow myself to become? Or do I cut myself and others off with burdensome narratives none of us can bear: You will always be... small, weak, broken, insufficient, and disappointing. You will never outgrow... your background, race, family, upbringing, wounds, and addictions. May God help us to be open to allowing others and ourselves to become all God calls us to be!

"AND HE COULD DO NO DEED OF POWER THERE, EXCEPT THAT HE LAID HIS HANDS ON A FEW SICK PEOPLE AND CURED THEM?"

I KNOW, RIGHT?



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THEIR UNBELIEF CONSTRAINS, BUT WON'T STOP JESUS. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMES WITHOUT OUR PRAYING FOR IT..."



IT'S LIKE HE CAN'T EVEN HELP BEING THE MESSIAH.



MARK 6:1-13

## Sentence:

Of Jesus many said, 'What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!' Mark 6.2

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them; and more willing to give than we desire or deserve: in our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## First Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10

<sup>1</sup> Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup> For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' <sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup> David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. <sup>5</sup> At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. <sup>9</sup> David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. <sup>10</sup> And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

## Psalms 48

<sup>1</sup> Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:  
in the city of our God.

<sup>2</sup> **High and beautiful is his holy hill:  
it is the joy of all the earth.**

<sup>3</sup> On Mount Zion, where godhead truly dwells,  
stands the city of the Great King:  
God is well known in her palaces as a sure defence.

<sup>4</sup> **For the kings of the earth assembled:  
they gathered together and came on;**

<sup>5</sup> They saw, they were struck dumb:  
they were astonished and fled in terror.

<sup>6</sup> **Trembling took hold on them, and anguish:  
that shatters the ships of Tarshish.**

<sup>8</sup> As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts:  
in the city of our God, which God has established for ever.

**<sup>9</sup> We have called to mind your loving-kindness, O God:  
in the midst of your temple.**

<sup>10</sup> As your name is great, O God, so also is your praise:  
even to the ends of the earth.

**<sup>11</sup> Your right hand is full of victory – let Zion’s hill rejoice:  
let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgements.**

<sup>12</sup> Walk about Zion, go round about her, and count all her towers:  
consider well her ramparts, pass through her palaces;

**<sup>13</sup> That you may tell those who come after that such is God:  
our God for ever and ever, and he will guide us eternally.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – <sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark, Chapter 6, verses 1-13

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>1</sup> He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ <sup>5</sup> And he could do

no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

For the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### Years Mind

Evelyn Carty-Salmon, Fr Kevin Joyner, Mark Borg, Harold Shepherd, Mary Carden and Annie Carter, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



### Prayer Points

*The Church:* The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People); Social Responsibilities Committee (Gordon Preece, Chair); St Andrew's Aberfeldie (Michael Danaher, Lynda Crossley.

*The Parish:* Give thanks for all those who volunteer in our parish.

*The World:* Pray for the people of Myanmar and for the people of Syria.

*The Nation:* Pray for all our state leaders and chief medical officers.

### Prayer of the Week

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Daily Readings

Monday	Genesis 28.10-22a	Ps 91.1-6	Matthew 9.18-26
Tuesday	Genesis 32.22-33	Ps 17.1-7	Matthew 9.32-38
Wednesday	Genesis 41.55-57, 42.6-24a	Ps 33.13-21	Matthew 10.1-7
Thursday	Genesis 44.18-29, 45.1-5	Ps 105.16-22	Matthew 10.7-15
Friday	Genesis 46.1-7, 28-30	Ps 37.18-26	Matthew 10.16-23
Saturday	Genesis 49.29-33, 50.15-25	Ps 105.1-7	Matthew 10.24-33

## ABM Pew Reflections

St Paul writes about strength in weakness to the Church today. He tells us that whenever he is weak then Christ is strong. It is the same with us: whenever we let Christ take us over our lives and weakness, insult, hardship or persecution that we face is insignificant because the power of Christ makes us strong. May our egos get out of the way so that Christ can take over our lives so that we may be truly strong. Give thanks for the work and witness of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.



*If you have a notice to be included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing **before** Thursday 9899 5122 or [anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)*



## AUSTRALIAN WELSH MALE CHOIR CONCERT

at ST PETER'S

2.00pm Saturday, July 24

Tickets \$25 and \$10 concession

Tickets available from the office or after the 9.30am service.

## SAMARITANS PURSE

Yes, it is that time again – Shoe Box Sunday is on **October 25<sup>th</sup>** (covid or not!) I have starter bags ready (\$10) and I will have boxes. Now is the time to start collecting useful bits to put in. Please let me know if you want me to do a box on your behalf. Donations towards freight or things such as the knitted beanies would be appreciated. Jan Gunst

## MOTHERS' UNION

**Next meeting Wednesday August 4** (*not* July 28). We will take part in "Wave of Prayer". Don't forget to bring your item of interest to talk about.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to pick up the bread from Ashburton at 5.30pm on a Friday afternoon on a monthly roster. The bread is of great help to the Saturday School families and appreciated by our congregation, but help is needed if we want it to continue to be available. Please speak to Fr Alasdair ASAP if you can help.

Ph: 0438 323 059



# Week Ahead

## SUN 4.7.21

### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am and 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

## MON 5.7.21

9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*

6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

## TUES 6.7.21

8.00-11.00am Men at Work

8.30am-12.30pm Office open

5.30-7.30pm Bellydancing, *hall*

## WED 7.7.21

10.30am Eucharist

10-11.30am Tai Chi *hall*

8.00pm Choir practice, *undercroft*

## THU 8.7.21

10.00am-2.00pm Office open

6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

## FRI 9.7.21

7.30am Eucharist

5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

## SAT 10.7.21

10am-1.30pm Saturday School, *hall* and *Undercroft*

## SUN 11.7.21

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am & 9.30am Eucharist

11.30am Mandarin service

2.30pm Dinka service

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# For the Diary

## July 15

Playgroup resumes

## July 18

Family and Children's Service (FACS)

10.00am

## July 24

Welsh Male Choir Concert, 2.00pm

## August 29

11.00am Combined Service  
Celebration of St Aidan's Day  
and the 7<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Chinese  
congregation

## October 25

Shoebox Sunday

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**FIRST AID KIT** – Located in the office and kitchen.

**TOILETS** – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

**WHEELCHAIR** – Located in the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

**FIRE & EMERGENCY** – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

**OH&S** – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.



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### Office Hours:

Tues 8.30am – 12.30pm

Thu 10.00am – 2.00pm

### Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to  
Kooyoora Professional Standards  
1800 135 246

### Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News  
Telling the story afresh  
Expressing God's love  
Serving the community  
Nurturing and sharing faith  
Equipping to serve

### Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

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### Roster for 9.30am

	<b>Today 4.7.21</b>	<b>Next week 11.7.21</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Martin F, Rosemary S	Sandra L, Noel W
SERVERS	Sophia E, Michele M, Kim C (c)	Sophia E, Kim C, Garry M (c)
READERS	Margaret D, Michele M	Garry P, Conrad H
INTERCESSOR	Keith W	Sophia E
COUNTING	Hilary B, Ken McD	Michele M, Ted G
MORNING TEA	<i>No morning tea</i>	<i>TBC</i>