

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah



Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass on Saturday night 4pm & 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

(Reconciliation: Saturday - 10am-11am)

Adoration: Tuesday: 6pm-6.30pm, Wednesday: 8.45am-9.15am,

Friday: 8.45am-9.15am & Saturday: 9.45am-11am

Bookings are available too.

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Julian Belich

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and
Friday - 9am - 4pm

In considering the Church as '*the home of the word*', attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.

Verbum Domini (2010) 52.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

30-31 January 2021

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	6.30pm Feast The Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday	9.15am St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr (Optional) St Ansgar, Bishop (Optional)
Thursday	7am
Friday	9.15am St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)
Saturday	9.15am St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church family this weekend through the waters of Baptism:

Charlotte Mary Arona
Noa Tiarne McGloin
Olive Rose Wells

Please pray for them and their families

Baptisms can be booked online. Anyone interested to have a child Baptised, please go to the following website: www.olofcaringbah.org.au and fill-in the Registration Form. Parents must choose 3 dates:

(a) Baptism Preparation with the Priest,
(b) Naming Ceremony and (3) Baptism Ceremony.

Dates are available until May 2021.

For those who are unable to register online,
please ring the Parish Office on 9524 7283.

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 105: 47

SAVE us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

**If today you hear his voice
harden not your hearts.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

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

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 21-28

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

Communion Antiphon

cf. Psalm 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Bible Study with Fr Julian Belich



YOU ARE INVITED!

COME ALONG to the Bible Study starting Tuesday, 9th February 2021 after the 6.30 pm Mass: **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**. In these eight videos, Edward Sri provides a captivating overview and explanation of the Gospel of John.

Presentations included:

1. "In the Beginning": Jesus at the Center (John 1:1-18)
2. "Come and See": Becoming Disciples (John 1:19-2:25)
3. At the Well: Our Deepest Thirst (John 3:1-4:42)
4. "Believe in Me": Trust and Surrender (John 4:43-6:71)
5. Encountering Mercy (John 7-9)
6. The Law of Self-Giving (John 10-12)
7. The New Commandment and Life in the Spirit (John 13-17)
8. "It Is Finished" A Dying and Rising Love (John 18-21)

Venue: Parish Meeting Room.

The Bible Study will be ongoing from 9-2-2021.

Historical Context – He said what?

In an age when most people were illiterate, Jesus appears to have been quite well educated. Some suggest that he may have spoken three or four different languages. He obviously spoke everyday Aramaic, as it was spoken in that region. Jesus also appears to have been taught Hebrew, the language of religious texts and religious practice. Greek, the language of trade in marketplaces, was a language that Jesus probably used when helping Joseph sell his carpentry products at stalls and markets. Finally, Jesus probably picked up a reasonable amount of Latin, the language of the Roman occupiers – he was able to hold a conversation with Pontius Pilate.

Scriptural context – The Messianic Secret

A feature of the Gospel of Mark is an element of secrecy and confusion that surrounds Jesus' identity. He silences demons who would announce his identity and warns those he heals to be quiet about what has occurred. There is a real lack of understanding displayed by the disciples about who Jesus is. At one point, Jesus asks the disciples, 'who do you think I am?' They identify him as the Messiah but immediately demonstrate that they don't really understand what that means. The theme that runs through the gospel is a developing understanding of what it means that Jesus is the Messiah.

Gospel Focus – Exorcisms

This week's gospel features an exorcism by Jesus – driving an unclean spirit out of a possessed man. Some people read these acts of exorcism as being literally true. Others are keen to demonstrate that these 'possessions' described in the gospels are able to be explained by various manifestations of mental illness. The thrashing fits described in the gospels have been likened to epileptic seizures, and episodes of paranoia and schizophrenia might explain the first century understanding of possession. Rather than trying to justify or explain away these events, we must seek to understand the gospel writer's purpose in including such episodes. **By: Greg Sunter**

Thinking About Priesthood?

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 14 February 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9 am and a public Mass at 10:00 am. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided. For registration or more information visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org.

Please RSVP by Friday 5 February 2021

2021

Look to Jesus is a new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups.

Look to Jesus will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter.

The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond.

Anyone interested in getting a copy of the book, please ring the Parish office: 9524 7283. The cost is \$5 per copy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for the faithful departed

Recently DECEASED: Noel Roy Randle, John Edmund Stewart, Carlo Taliapietra, Joan Connell, Yvonne Elbert, Jane Wickam, Lorna Mildred Kane, Joan Hagley, David Ramsay Stephenson, Aldo De Martino, John Bernard, Martin, Maria Rosa Bova, Elizabeth Alma Burnett, Domenico Antonio Filardi, Walter Perez.

Anniversaries of Death: Seamus McGreevy, Carmela Zappia, John Druon, Isabelo Rodriguez Snr, Rita Agius, Charles John Montgomery, Albert Montgomery, Jean Montomgery.

ALSO: All the souls in the November Mass Intentions and all the Souls in Purgatory.

May they rest in peace.

We pray for all the sick and those who are suffering in anyway.