

ST PAUL'S NEWS

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WELCOME

At St Paul's "we love because God first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). We believe in the inherent goodness of all people - that the divine dwells at the heart of all living things. We believe the whole world is sacred and so we seek to celebrate God's presence among us with joy.

As such, we are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong. St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community.

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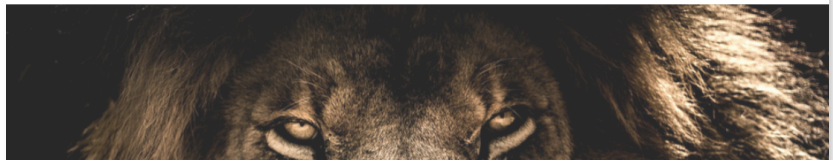
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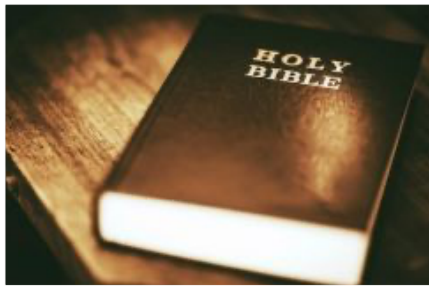
Mark's take on the story of Jesus

Pastoral Message

In Ordinary Time 2021, St Paul's will take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark. Our teaching series, *The Lamb Is The Lion*, offers insights into this powerful text and a series of reflections for each Sunday of Ordinary Time as drawn from the Revised Common Lectionary.

If you're looking for the "Greatest Hits of Jesus", you won't find them in the Gospel of Mark. Well known stories such as Jesus' birth, the parable of the Good Samaritan, the prodigal son, the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, the Golden Rule, even the raising of Lazarus, are not found in Mark's account of Jesus. Ideas central to the life of the Christian Church today, like Ascension and Pentecost, are not found in Mark as his account ends with an empty tomb.

Mark is the shortest of the four canonical Gospels. The author focuses on the crucifixion of Jesus and the events leading up to it. So much so, that nineteenth century biblical scholar, Martin Kähler, described Mark's Gospel as "a passion narrative with an extended introduction". What is present in Mark's take on the story of Jesus is an emphasis on frailty, suffering, failure, emotion. The humanity of Jesus is more pronounced in Mark's



June Readings & Services

Sunday Holy Communion 8.30am
 Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.30am
 Tuesday Lota House 11am

Sunday 6th - Pentecost 2

Genesis 3.8-15
 Ps.138
 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.2
 Mark 3. 20-35

Sunday 13th - Pentecost 3

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13
 Ps. 20
 2 Corinthians 5.6-17
 Mark 4.26-34

Sunday 20th - Pentecost 4

1 Samuel 17.32-49
 Ps. 133
 2 Corinthians 6.1-13
 Mark 4.35-41

Sunday 23rd - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21
 Ps. 104.26-36
 Romans 8.22-27
 John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Sunday 29th - Patronal Festival

Acts 12.1-11
 Ps. 87
 2 Timothy 4.6-18
 John 21.15-22

Gospel than in any of the other canonical accounts.

Couple this with the author's tightly constructed plot, punchy writing, discrete literary devices and unvarnished Greek prose, and we have today more a single opus than a compilation of the "Greatest Hits of Jesus". Less complex and verbose than Matthew and Luke and much less philosophical than John, scholars have long considered Mark a masterpiece of Biblical literature, a lively and colourful account of Jesus of Nazareth.

You are invited to sit with the text itself, work your way through our guide and open your heart to Mark's take on the story of Jesus. We pray you find this series helpful in your journey with Christ.

Pace e bene,
 Fr. Daniel+

June Ministry

5th Cursillo Group 10am speak with Jennifer Crisp
 22nd Mother's Union Eucharist & Meeting in the Church
 29th Shared St Paul's/St Peter's Patronal Festival, Wynnum 8am
 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th centERed - speak with Asta
 13th and 27th PeACE Patrol after church Sundays - Asta

June Notices

1st SAILS at Bayside Meeting 7pm St Peter's, Wynnum
 3rd Parish Council 7.15pm
 17th Tatters & Chatters 9.30am - speak to Lynn
 July 10th - Street Market - speak with Isobel or Ailsa

For Our Prayers

Please hold in prayer those who are unwell at this time or have asked for our prayers: Ellen, David, Nancy, Veronica, Helen, Michael C, Gloria, Margaret, Anise, Graham, Michael N, Gerald, Annie, Marie, Barry, Eddie, Joan, Shirley G, Glen, Shirley & Gordon, Ellen, Shirley, Yvonne, Gayle and Lowie.

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