



Tallangatta & Corryong



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January 31st - 2021 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Looking At The Readings:

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

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Word of God Sunday

From this Sunday to the Sunday before Lent we hear five passages from this letter. Paul is tough, he is writing to a tough people living in tough times. But he urges them to live morally without the excesses surrounding them: debauchery at one end of the graph to denial of their physical humanness at the other end. Find the middle way and live according to the Lord Jesus. We are in tough but different times ourselves; may our lives reflect the Good News.

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

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.

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Weekend Masses

Every weekend

Tallangatta

St Michael's Church

Sunday - 9.00 am

Corryong:

Sacred Heart Church

Sunday - 11.30 am 2nd,

4th & 5th Sunday.

Walwa. Christ The King,
1st & 3rd Sunday - 11:30am

Mitta North, St Joseph's
Sandy Creek, St Michael's
No Masses

TANGAMBALANGA
Our Lady Help of Christians
2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

BETHANGA
St Francis No Masses

DEDERANG
St Joseph's
1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass
5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy of
The Word and Communion

MT BEAUTY
St Joseph's
1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am
5th Sunday 8.30am
Liturgy of The Word and Communion

WEEKDAY MASS:
Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

SATURDAY
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:
Sacred Heart Church Saturday
9.00am to 9.30am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries January & February:

Tallangatta: February 5th: William Kevin Griffiths

Corryong:

Prayers of Intercession:

Celebrant:

Through the Gospel, Christ speaks to us with words of eternal authority and deeds of healing power. Through him, let us pray with confidence.

Our Prayer: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader:

That the Church may continue to teach Christ's truth with authority:

Lord hear us

That the hearts of world leaders may not be hardened as they hear Christ's voice today:

Lord hear us

That those considering the religious life may do the will of God:

Lord hear us

For a safe, happy and productive return of the staff and students of our schools.

Lord hear us.

For all the sick in our community, those suffering from COVID19 throughout the world, those care for them and those who have asked for our prayers:

Lord hear us

For the members of our faith community who have died recently, especially and those whose anniversaries we now remember that they may enjoy the radiant dawn of eternal life:

Lord hear us

Celebrant:

Father, all powerful, we place before you our needs, and pray confidently for your help and mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings this week:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Reading next week

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Responsorial Psalm: If today, you hear His voice, harden not your heart

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.