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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B

**4TH & 5TH SEPTEMBER
2021**

COVID-19 UPDATE

**Places of Worship and Religious Services
DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS
ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

NSW Police have visited parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to check on the use of buildings. Fines can be issued to each person who is in attendance if a breach has been identified.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for any updates.

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Funerals

Funerals are permitted with a maximum number of 10 attendees only.
If the funeral takes place in a church building the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres must be observed and face masks must be worn.

Weddings

Weddings are now on hold until further notice.

Live Streaming

Live streaming of Mass is recommended. Priests may have up to five assistants at the Mass, including personnel who are operating the live stream. Many of our parishes are also live streaming their services.

For a list of these parishes, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19>.



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Xavier College – ph 4777 0900
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)



Parish News

Parish office Hours

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CURRENTLY HAVING
TELEPHONE AND INTERNET PROBLEMS AND AT
THIS TIME THERE IS NO WAY TO CONTACT THE OFFICE.**

We hope to get this rectified as soon as possible.

In case you need any pastoral support please contact
Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.

Prayers and Sympathy



We extend our prayers, love and sympathy to
Greg Hall from our parish on the sudden loss
of his dear wife Rosemary last Tuesday.

Our prayers and love are also with Greg &
Rosemary's children and extended family. May Rosemary
be welcomed into the embrace of the risen Lord and may
her prayers assist the faith and hope of this special family.

**ROSEMARY'S FUNERAL IS SCHEDULED FOR
11.00AM THIS FRIDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER.**

For those who would like to pray with Rosemary's family
at that time, please use the following link to the livestream
and follow the directions on the page.

<http://www.angelstreamsydney.com/rosemary-clare-hall>

Sacrament of First Communion 2021

**PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE. WE ARE WAITING ON
UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING
RESTRICTIONS AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT THE
SACRAMENT PROGRAM.**

**DATES HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST HELPERS NEEDED

*Sharing our faith with the children of our
parish community is a very rewarding opportunity.
This period of staying at home is a perfect time to reflect
on your faith and consider sharing your journey with
Christ with the children in our government schools.*

If you feel you can help as a teacher or assistant once our
Covid-19 lockdown is over or to find out more information
contact Marie at the Parish Office by telephone or email.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Rosemary Hall, Magda Ghali, Charlie Vassallo, Joseph
O'Neill, Sam Vassallo

Anniversaries:

James William Sinnet (20/08), Kevin Hennessey
(30/08), Anthony Azzopardi (08/08/2015), Bibiana
Zahra (22/07)

Mass Intentions:

Jovito Jr, Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret &
James Vella

And for those who are sick:

Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



Diocesan News

Caring for the Health and Wellbeing of our Retired Priests

*Please support our priests' dignified retirement and those
clergy who are in ill-health.*

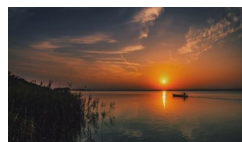
This Father's Day, please spare a thought for our humble
priests who have cared for our faith community's spiritual
nourishment and wellbeing for all their lives, asking little
for themselves. When their time comes to retire, many are
without family to support them and assist with everyday
essentials for a comfortable retirement.

With your generosity, the Clergy Support Foundation can
help them with the personal, professional and practical
care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and
well-deserved retirement.

**Due to the current lockdown,
the Appeal will be held via mail and online.**

Your thoughtful donation will mean so much to those who
have put the care of others before themselves.

**Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal
at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call 8838 3482.**



*A father is neither an anchor to
hold us back nor a sail to take us
there, but a guiding light whose
love shows us the way.*

Online Masses in the Parramatta Diocese

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Monday – Friday at 9.30am
Saturday Vigil at 6pm; Sunday at 10am

ST MATTHEW'S WINDSOR:
YOUTUBE
Sunday at 9am

PADRE PIO GLENMORE PARK:
FACEBOOK
Sunday at 10am

**Please visit www.parracatholic.org to check which other
parishes are celebrating Mass online.**

Join us on 'Home Ground'

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'.
Join us online for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most
of all – fun and connection. All information for the events
can be found on parracatholic.org/homeground.

If there are any issues, or if you need more information,
please email our team at met@parracatholic.org
The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team
look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

'The Well' Offers Spiritual Nourishment

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement
during lockdown? Why not check out The Well?

The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of
video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage
with during this difficult time. Check it out on
www.thewell.org.au

The Living Word

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

5th September 2021

First Reading

Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land sprouts of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Jas 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle.

Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Living the Gospel – Open to Compassion

When Isaiah described the signs by which the Messiah would be recognised, he identified those people who were isolated from society by their physical afflictions. He portrayed a Messiah who released them from those afflictions and allowed them to re-enter society. That is what Jesus did time and time again. In the healing of the deaf and dumb man, Jesus called on all those around him to also be opened – that their hearts may be opened to compassion. Jesus calls to us through today's gospel to also be open to compassion and open to the needs of those around us.



What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,

He called it ... Dad



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Ephphatha

As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It wouldn't be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical.

Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'.

Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing.

It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith.

We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us.

God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why did Jesus take the man aside in private rather than healing him in front of the crowd?
- * What is significant about Jesus touching the man in such a personal way?
- * Why did Jesus travel and perform miracles outside of Jewish territories?
- * In what areas of your life do you need to 'be opened'?
- * How can you cross the boundaries and make a difference in someone else's life like Jesus did?

Questions for Adults

- * What message emerges from the gospel passage for you?
- * Why did the gospel writer make reference to the passage from Isaiah in the words of the crowd?
- * What might have happened next in the life of the man who was healed?
- * Why was Jesus so keen to keep his actions quiet?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * Who has been sick and had to stay at home from school?
- * Who looked after you?
- * What did they do to make you feel better?
- * In today's gospel Jesus showed concern for someone who could not speak or hear. What did Jesus do?
- * Why did Jesus touch the man so that he could hear and speak?
- * Jesus showed how much he cared about people who were sick or in need.
- * Who are the people in need that we should care about?
- * We pray that we will always be kind and care for people who are in need.

Jesus cures a man who cannot hear or speak

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Finish the story of Jesus healing the deaf man by adding the missing words and pictures.



Jesus travelled to the land of Decapolis.

A crowd of people _____ Jesus to heal a man who was _____ and could not speak properly.



Draw Jesus walking along the road

Draw the deaf man

Jesus touched the man's _____ and tongue and said, 'Effathal', meaning '_____ up'.



The man was very happy because now he could hear and talk! The people praised Jesus.

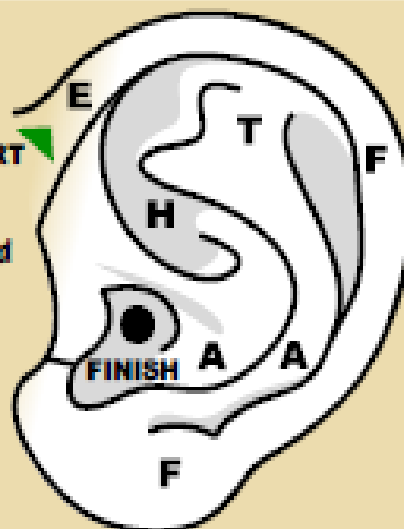


Draw the people celebrating and praising Jesus



Jesus did many good things, such as healing people and helping those in need. What are some good things you can do for others?

Follow the path into the ear to find out what Jesus said to the deaf man. Write down each letter in sequence as you pass them.



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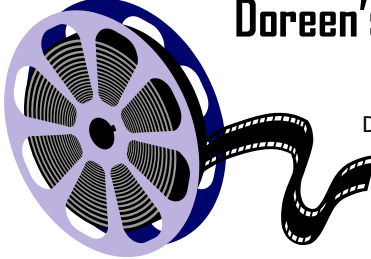
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