



Pentecost 15 and Fathers' Day 5 September 2021

Dear Friends,

In today's reading from Mark's Gospel, Jesus is preaching, teaching and healing, firstly in Tyre, where he heals the young daughter of a woman who expresses complete and utter faith in Jesus' ability to do so; there is no shred of doubt in her mind that Jesus cannot (or will not) heal her little girl. Even though Jesus challenges whether, as a Gentile, she should receive this gift, the woman stakes her claim on his mercy, pleading that even dogs receive the scraps from under their master's table. Moved by her sincerity and her belief, Jesus assures her that when she returns home, she will find her daughter healed. Then, back in his home region around the Sea of Galilee, a man who is both deaf and unable to speak is brought to Jesus and he heals him, asking only that those who witness the healing say nothing about it. However, the healed man and those who saw what happened cannot keep silent, so great is their excitement and wonder, and so Jesus' healing powers are marvelled at by all who hear. In this way, the news of Jesus' extraordinary powers spread abroad.



My sincere thanks to those of you who support the parish financially with regular offertory. It is truly gratefully received. It is the means by which we can continue our ministry as effectively as possible during these discouraging times. Please give regularly, according to your means. Offertory may be hand delivered to the Parish Office or sent by post: (St Luke's Church Mosman, PO Box 162, Spit Junction NSW 2088), or deposited directly into our bank account (St Luke's Church Mosman, BSB 032-291, A/C 810105). Or you can contribute your offertory via: <https://donorbox.org/st-luke-s-anglican-church-mosman-support> (type or copy and paste into your browser).

If you would like to reach out to me for any reason at all, please use the contact details on the back cover to do so. Be assured you all remain in my thoughts and prayers daily. God bless each one of you and all those whom you love.

Fr Max

The Reverend Dr Max Wood, **Rector**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel
The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards
Northern Region: Parishes of St Clement's and St Luke's Mosman,
and Naremburn/Cammeray;
Year 12 students sitting trial examinations
Local churches: Catholic Sydney Harbour North Parish: Sacred Heart,
Blessed Sacrament, St Thérèse, St Joseph's

Missions 2021

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;
Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,
The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;
The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Shannour, Chloe Turner,
Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Robert Rowlands, Tim Bolot, Robb Crawford,
Dorothy Bashford, Robert Alexander, Jenny Willis

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby,
Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson, Nancy Lovitt

The Prayer for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase our faith, hope, and love;
and, that we may receive all you promise,
make us love what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*This first Sunday in September is a day set aside for honouring fathers and father-figures in our lives. So, **Happy Fathers' Day** and **thank you** to all the Dads amongst us, for the love, care and guidance given to your children throughout the years. Every blessing!*

James 2.1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7.24-37

From Bethsaida Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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