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A kingdom of nuisances and nobodies



In 2006, Franciscan theologian Richard Rohr visited Australia and was interviewed on ABC Radio National's "Religion Report". At the time, I was particularly impressed by a point Rohr made in distinguishing between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", where the first constituted a challenge to the prevailing wider societal mores and values, while the second supported the cultural status quo.

Whatever one may think of Rohr's distinction between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", it does open up a fruitful line for discussion of the meaning of Mark's gospel. Written at a time when the Jesus movement was anything but part of the status quo, the gospel is culturally subversive.

The problem that confronted the Markan Christians, as it does us today, is to steer a middle course between the twin tensions of conformity to cultural expectations and the vocation to be counter cultural (where necessary) in working for a better world. Mark's Jesus proclaimed a new world order that would privilege the marginalised and the forgotten; or as Biblical scholars John Dominic Crossan and Tom Wright have variously called, "a kingdom of nuisances and nobodies".

In Mark's gospel, Jesus is a man who haunts the fringes of society, fraternising with the marginalised, touching the untouchables, speaking to those with whom he should not speak and, thereby, breaking the taboos of his Jewish faith and the mores of the Greco-Roman culture.

Positive interactions with Jesus are typically displayed by characters living on society's margins – the "nobodies"; people who were of no

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consequence: the leper (1:40-45); the paralytic (2:1-12); the deaf (7:31-37); the blind (8:22-26; 10:46-52); the widow (12:41-44); as well as tax collectors and sinners (2:15).

In his preaching, Jesus repeatedly criticises the abusive use of power by society's wealthy and respectable authorities. And it is this critique of abusive power that eventually ends in Jesus' arrest and execution as a rabble rouser and a criminal of the State.

As Richard Rohr points out, Jesus was not an "insider" or a "company man" (Rohr, 2006); which is not to say that Jesus is an "outsider" per se. Mark's Jesus is a reputable teacher and scholar – a man of some consequence – but he refuses to operate within the boundaries set by either the religious elites or civil authorities, the somebodies of "good society". Indeed, he even refuses to stay dead! Mark's Jesus is not interested in "Churchianity" – that is, sticking to rules that govern membership in the club or the "ekklesia" (assembly or church). He is a social reformer who seeks the company of those deemed to be "beyond the pale"; an agent of God who proclaims, not a kingdom of the wealthy and notable – the "somebodies" in society – but that of the poor, the forgotten, the "nuisances and nobodies" – and he calls his disciples to go to the margins and do the same.

The final command in Mark's gospel is the call to "return to Galilee" (16:7), to the dirt-poor farmers and fishers at the rural fringes of Roman Palestine.

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to our lovely South West and Parish? Please write your details in our *New Parishioners Book* in the foyer. We can then be in touch to arrange a time convenient to you to reach out with Parish information and a friendly welcome.

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

For more information please contact the parish office. Our phone number for the parish office is **9797 1886**. However, the quickest way is to contact us by email so that the required forms and information can be forwarded straight back to you **admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au**. The office is usually attended on a Thursday, but email is usually the best contact

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Anyone in the parish who cannot attend Mass due to illness or being house bound is welcome to contact **Anne Stanaway** who can arrange for a Special Minister to call. Anne is available on **0400 492 592**.

**SAFEGUARDING
OFFICERS**

Our parish safeguarding officers are Cath Di-Bona; Anna Stevens and Laurie Sutherland

Call 0431 502 560



to discuss
any
safety
concerns
or
incidents.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please leave a message on 1300 794 054 and a member of the team will be in contact.

**Next Meeting:
Thu 28 March at 5.30pm
New Members Welcome**

**PREGNANCY ADVICE
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**PREGNANCY
ASSISTANCE**

Support for any
pregnancy
Call 97924759



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Noongar people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of Christ the Living Vine, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, create a community of Christian love by reaching out to meet the needs of all in our Parish and beyond in a spirit of love, acceptance and compassion.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Joe Sherrington—Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday 26 March at 10.30am. Condolences to Joe's Family.

Remembrances:

Prayers for the Sick of the Parish: Delores Fisher; Pat McKenna; Myrna Vandeleur; Ray Green; Rosemary Spurgeon; Robin Samuels; Sheila Tuppen and Lennie Hynes.

Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm. Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses: Wednesday 9am, Thursday—see Holy Week timetable

Bethanie: Liturgy of the Word: First Thursday of each month at 11.00am

Mass: Third Thursday of each month at 11.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5-5.45pm or by arrangement

TAX RECEIPTS

If you wish to receive a tax deductible receipt for Project Compassion, please ensure you have ticked the box on the envelope.



**Second Sunday of Lent
24 & 25 February**



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Sunday 24 March 2024
Mark 14:1 – 15:47
**Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord**

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus' friend

Peter was one of Jesus' best friends. He loved Jesus.

Unscramble these words to see what Peter said to Jesus at the Last Supper



Peter got very scared when Jesus was arrested.

What did he say about Jesus then?

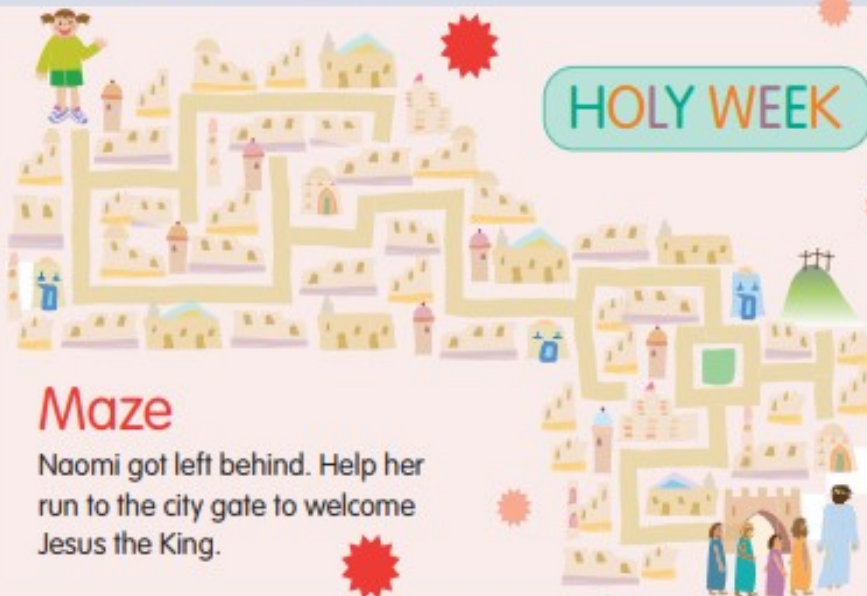


Jesus loved Peter too. Even though he let Jesus down, Peter was sorry and put it right. Peter was the first leader of the Christian Church.

A PRAYER TO SAY

I am so sorry, Jesus, that you suffered. Please help me to always be a good friend and never let people down when they need me. Help me to treat others fairly and to stand up for anyone I can see is in trouble. Amen.

We hear the story of holy week today. Jesus is welcomed as a king by the crowd – but later this week they turn against him. Jesus is taken and treated cruelly by lots of different people.



Maze

Naomi got left behind. Help her run to the city gate to welcome Jesus the King.

Matching up

Match the picture and draw a line to the day it goes with.



Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

What happened to Jesus?

Fill in the missing letters to find out.

Jesus eats his last meal with his _____ ds (rifen).

One of his friends b _____ ys (eart) him.

Peter is afraid and pretends that he does not _____ (nwok) Jesus.

The priests want Jesus to _____ (ied).

Pilate orders for Jesus to be cru _____ ied (fci).

Joseph takes Jesus' _____ (dyob) away and buries him in a tomb.

Answers: Jesus' friend: I will never leave you. I don't know him. What happened: betrays, know, die, crucified, body.

PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW BISHOP

Shepherding God, you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion, knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them. We, your people of the Bunbury Diocese, are without a bishop to shepherd us. We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians: *pray for us.*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: *pray for us.*

Caritas – Project Compassion Morning tea

Congratulations and thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners in helping to raise \$564.65.

The Project Compassion Morning Tea last Sunday was run by the students from Our Lady of Mercy College under the guidance of Ms Karyn Cronin from the College. The students were resplendent in their Caritas t-shirts as they brought the gifts to the Altar during the Mass.

Thank you again for your generosity—Peter Williams.

Christ the Living Vine Parish Stations of the Cross

The parish is seeking students in primary school year 3-6 and students in high school year 7-12 to help lead the Parish in the Stations of the Cross on Good **Friday 29 March** in the parish grounds (or Church depending on weather).

There will be a rehearsal from 8.30am with the stations at 10am.

To register participation or more information please contact:

Miss Brigid Mills brigid.mills@cewa.edu.au or text **0473447296**

First Holy Reconciliation lessons have been underway this term. I would ask the parish to keep **Aviana and Imogen** in their prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

A reminder that First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation lessons will begin in Term 2, so please get in touch with Mel Ryan (0491662641) if your child is interested in attending.

Please note, the next PPC meeting is the 21st March, NOT the 28th as previously advertised.

The Dinner table

Majellan are on a mission to reunite families at the Dinner Table.

Join Majellan to help families reconnect and communicate more effectively, help families be closer, sharing and loving. The dining table is not only for eating at, but a place for gathering, sharing, communicating and where relationships grow.

When was the last time you sat at the dinner table with your family and friends to simply share a meal and be present with each other? For more information, please visit **Majellan.media/the-dinner-table/**

Christ The Living Vine HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday—Commemoration of the Lord's Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem

March 23—Mass—6pm

March 24—Mass—8.30am

Holy/Maundy Thursday

March 28—Mass and Washing of Feet—7pm

March 28—No morning Mass

Good Friday— Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death on the Cross

March 29—Stations of the Cross—10am

March 29—Celebration of the Lord's Passion-3pm

Easter Vigil

March 30—Vigil Mass—7pm

Easter Sunday

March 31—Mass—8.30am

PARISH DATES

Baptisms—Sunday 24 March

Fin Ramsay

Eloise –Puchala Fitzgerald

Millicent Fielder

St Vincent de Paul Meeting—

Thursday 28 March—5.30pm

Morning Tea—after Mass

Good Friday 29 March

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CHRIST THE LIVING



This weekend we welcome to our community of faith
through the Sacrament of Baptism

Eloise Danielle Puchala
Child of Natasha and Henry

Finn Lucas Ramsay
Child of Demi and Dylan

Millicent Maisie Fielder
Child of Melissa and Matthew



Want to put your faith into action?

Volunteer to be a Caritas Australia Ambassador!



Caritas Australia is the Catholic agency for international aid and development, working to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to marginalised communities throughout the world.

We're inviting a parishioner to volunteer to help coordinate Project Compassion in your parish community. The volunteer Caritas Ambassador can do as much as they are comfortable with, for example distributing Project Compassion boxes or envelopes to parishioners, showing the Project Compassion films and/or giving a short talk.

Many other opportunities also arise during the year should you be keen to continue helping your parish community to put their faith into action, in solidarity with some of our world's most vulnerable communities.

To find out more or register your interest, please email education@caritas.org.au.

ROSTERS	23-Mar	24-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	6PM	8.30AM	6PM	8.30AM
ACOLYTE	Paddy	Laurie	Peter	John
LECTOR/s	Anna Stevens	Marisa Pawlowski	Anne Mills Pia Doyle	Judie Hynes
		Judith Mills		Sharon Kavita
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MORNING TEA				
COUNTERS	Richard & Gwenda Panizza		Kerry and Tim Hunter	



PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

John Borserio (Chair)
 Karyn Cronin (OLMC)
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 Penny Elliott
 Melissa Ryan
 Colin Fredericks
 Cathryn Cox



STAMPS

Thank you to all our parishioners for donating stamps to support Mary MacKillop Today. I have recently posted two large envelopes of stamps. A reminder, the collection box is in the Church foyer. The Autumn 2024 edition of the Mary's News Today newsletter has arrived and will be displayed on the church's noticeboard. Anna

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

ANTIPHON: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

LECTOR: All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend." **R.**

LECTOR: Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

LECTOR: They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

LECTOR: I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. "You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons." **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 - 15:47

NEXT WEEK (Easter Sunday) Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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