



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3-4 July 2021

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PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS, SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING. PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter

Recorded Masses available at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website: www.holyspiritparish.org.au

The Parish Office will be attended most days and the staff continue to monitor the phone, mail and emails regularly. Please ring the regular parish phone numbers (9876 3077 or 9876 3717) to speak to staff. If the office is unattended at the time, please leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.
Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Saliba, Donatella Antonino (in Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Elizabeth Unger, Grenwill Newness, Esther Wyatt, Sofie Nemec, David Barro, John Collins, Chris Egerton and Patricia Culhane

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Christopher Woolley

Readings this week: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mar 6:1-6

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

ST VINNIE'S \$2 COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

PARISH OF ST GERARD AND ST ANNE

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EMAIL SCAM ALERT

If you receive an email from

Father Arsenio Tuazon <headoffice61965@gmail.com>

Hi, are you available via email?

Sent from my iPhone

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND THIS IS A SCAM.

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners

Regular Mass arrangements:

With slight easing of restrictions, we can now have 75 people attend mass while still maintaining the 1 person per 4 square meter rule. **At this stage, booking are no longer required**, however, with constant changing of restrictions, this may be reviewed again.

To comply with COVID regulations, anyone attending mass will need to use the QR code for electronic contact tracing purposes.

You will need to bring your mobile phone to use the QR code system. If you do not have a phone, or your phone does not work with the QR system, there will be welcomers on duty to assist. For your convenience and to relieve congestion at the entrance, the code has been stuck to the back of each seat in the church. Please arrive early to ensure you are seated and registered well before Fr Arsenio is ready to commence Mass.

Weekend Masses are Saturday evening at 6pm, Sunday morning at 9am and 5pm in the Church.

Please note: under current guidelines, our maximum capacity in the church is **75**.

Wednesday & Friday morning Masses will be celebrated at **9:15am** in the Chapel. The capacity is 15. This will be reviewed weekly, depending on numbers attending..

All Masses will continue to be celebrated under guidelines, which have been approved by Archbishop Comensoli.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

The restrictions are as follows:

- **You must wear a face mask indoors.**
- **Sanitize your hands on arrival.**
- **Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.**

The chairs are not to be moved from the pre marked space.

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

Fr Arsenio



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

Holy Spirit Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

Collection Notice

For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to:
<https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice>

Holy Spirit Parish Vision

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 5th-11th July 2021

MONDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TILL MONDAY 12th JULY 7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Community Centre
TUESDAY	8.00 pm Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Rosary Group, via Zoom 7.30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Community Centre
THURSDAY	6.00 pm Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 8:00-9:00 pm Choir, Holy Spirit Chapel
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	9.00am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 10th-11th July 2021

Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

Mass Coordinator:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan 9.00 am: Peter Parle 5.00 pm: Volunteer please

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio 9.00 am: Sharon Hipwell 5.00 pm: Volunteer please

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh and Jean Smith

9.00 am: Don Schroder and Tina Toomey

5.00 pm: Volunteers please

Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm: Ron/Jean Smith 9.00 am: Maryann Street

5.00 pm: Volunteer please

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm: 9.00 am: Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

Garden Maintenance: Dale Sebire, Jacek Holewa

As we resume our "Covid normal" celebration of Mass, we will be returning to some of our usual practices. Everything we do must be in accordance with the DHHS guidelines, so there will be some changes to the way we operate! **We particularly need volunteers for the 5pm Sunday Mass.**

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au

PARISH DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Thank you.

This week on the Journey

On the Journey this week: Fr Brian Steele MGL asks are we the same as the Nazarene villagers. Would Jesus be just as amazed at our lack of faith? Mother Hilda compares a deciduous tree to the barren times in our life. Francine Pirola has a top tip on giving freely, without resentment to the other. Fr Dave Callaghan says we are at risk of losing the language & culture of worship but also says there's a simple solution to rescue our culture. Plus, more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



Heal Country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July 2021
Visit www.natsicc.org.au to access a variety of resources



This year the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have adopted the NAIDOC theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – Heal Country. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis has called us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

Today's Gospel is very fitting because Mark tells us of Jesus returning to his 'native place' – Nazareth – to a non-accepting, hostile reaction. Jesus had been welcomed and revered in other places, why is it that he is mocked and disregarded in his own home? "Is he not the carpenter?" the crowd called because they saw him as "without honour" and were unable to believe in him. He did not fit into their ideological view and thus did not deserve respect in their eyes.

In Australia, our own First Nations people have suffered a similar reception to Jesus in Nazareth. Their knowledge and complex cultural systems, created and honed over millennia, are often dismissed as primitive and irrelevant to our fast-paced world of today. This could not be further from the truth, particularly as we become more aware of their continued care, love, and respect for 'country', grounded in a relationship with the creator that formed independently of Western influence.

2021 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto the original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of the birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind and, most importantly, in silence. Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, a respected Ngangiwumirr Elder, artist and 2021 Senior Australian of the year explains the importance of listening and understanding the silence:

"My people today, recognise and experience in this quietness, the great Life-Giving Spirit, the Father of us all. It is easy for me to experience God's presence. When I am out hunting, when I am in the bush, among the trees, on a hill or by a billabong; these are the times when I can simply be in God's presence. My people have been so aware of Nature. It is natural that we will feel close to the Creator."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are inextricably connected to country in Australia and its waters. This connection to country and all of God's creation is core to their spirituality as a people and that of their ancestors. The term itself – Country – encompasses far more than the physical land. "For us, Country is a word for all the values, places, resources, stories and cultural obligations associated with that area and its features. It describes the entirety of our ancestral domains." explains Professor Mick Dodson.

Deacon Boniface Perdjert, who was both Australia's first permanent Deacon and first Aboriginal Deacon clearly expressed the translational role that 'country' or nature plays bringing together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture and Catholic faith:

"We like the way he uses the things of nature to teach, and the important part nature plays in the Sacraments"
Deacon Boniface specifically mentions sacraments, because to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, all elements of life are sacramental. The gifts of God are evident and intertwined into every aspect of life, not just on Sundays, or when convenient. First Australian's are called to be stewards of creation, to care for and watch over their gift, and this responsibility is intrinsic to their belief systems. Many Language groups assign a Totem (a natural object, plant or animal) to a child at birth. This totem defines the responsibility of care between individuals and with creation itself. It is intrinsic and it is core to their survival and relationships.

For Catholics, the Eucharist itself is a foundational sacramental reality in which natural elements—grain and grapes—symbolize not only our lives but also Jesus' farewell meal and his presence today. In those natural elements and through the Eucharistic prayer, Christ is truly present to us. These elements display the abundance provided by the Creator to sustain us, both physically and spiritually. It is a very natural and familiar 'ritual' to First Nations Peoples because it combines the elements of life with a greater being. It brings all aspects of life together.

Because of the connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people recognise between country, faith and the wellbeing, it is no surprise that when the world is in pain, Australia's First Peoples are in pain. During the COVID 19 Pandemic, many of the trappings of Western life became impossible. The rivers were calm and clear from the absence of boats, the cities were quiet and still as restrictions took hold. We saw images of animals returning to previous habitats, and the smog clearing from above cities across the world as our common home took a 'breath' from our constant consumerism and drive for development.

On this special Sunday, a day where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-indigenous Catholics come together and sit side by side (adhering to COVID restrictions of course!), we should acknowledge that we are united in a fight to save God's creation. It is one we cannot fight alone. We must combine the knowledge of First Australians with the technology borne of Western culture to ensure that future generations shall have the opportunity to experience the gifts of God's creation as intended.

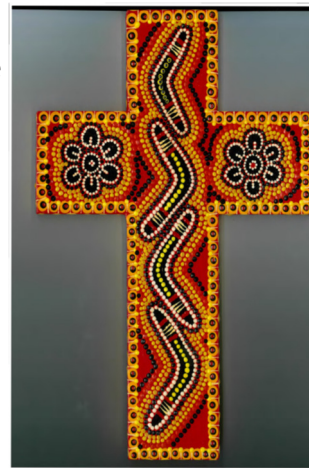
Again, today's Gospel also speaks of the need for faith and acceptance to enable gifts to be shared. Mark says "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them." Without faith, Jesus knew his miracles would not be accepted as such. This teaches us that we must have trust and faith to truly accept the wonders of God.

To sit, talk, and listen is the first step towards acceptance and understanding. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have longed to share their knowledge and wisdom about the seasons, animals, and flora, but until we, as a society and a country are receptive, their contribution goes unappreciated and unutilised.

The more we share with each other, the more we realise that as humans, we have more similarities than differences. The differences between our cultures should not be seen as weaknesses, for they can also be where our strengths lie. Embracing these differences is an aspect of inculturation. Christian faith must find appropriate expression in each culture—that is what is meant by inculturation. Pope Francis, in his exhortation *Beloved Amazonia* says:

"Inculturation elevates and fulfills. Certainly, we should esteem the indigenous mysticism that sees the interconnection and interdependence of the whole of creation, the mysticism of gratuitousness that loves life as a gift, the mysticism of a sacred wonder before nature and all its forms of life."

Let us move forwards as a united people in Christ, committed to embracing the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge to not only Heal Country, but to Heal our relationships with one another, and in doing so our creators' gifts to us all – this world.



NATSICC Palliative Care program

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples suffer from the worst health outcomes of any group in Australia. Hospital visits are more frequent and life expectancy is much lower than the Australian average.

NATSICC has developed the Palliative Care Packages to provide those at the end of their lives with items to ensure comfort, both physically and Spiritually.

The Packages include: Blankets, beanies, shawls, canvas and paints, notebooks with a pen

How can I help?

There are many ways you can help!

We are confident that the Catholic community as a whole can contribute to the project. School classes, lay groups, Parishes and individuals are encouraged to look below and see where your skills and gifts might be best utilised.

Knitting or crocheting

Are you handy with the needles or hooks? We are always accepting beanies, blankets and quilts for inclusion in the packages. There are strict regulations regarding the sizes, materials and construction of the blankets going into Hospitals, Hospices and Palliative Care Services. Before starting construction, please refer to the below guide:

BLANKETS: (Knitted and crocheted): MUST be 8 ply acrylic wool, Squares must be 20cm x 20cm

Whole blankets MUST be 125 cm x 112 cm (or close to this size). All colours are acceptable.

For more information on the project and to find out where to send your finished items please visit <https://www.natsicc.org.au/palliative-care-packages.html>

Engaging with 'Take the Way of the Gospel'

Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal, warmly invites you and your community to engage with the heart of this renewed vision for our Archdiocese through prayerful reflection and dialogue.

1. 'Take the Way of the Gospel': Together we Pray

You are invited to take up the invitation from Archbishop Comensoli to pray for our Archdiocese as we begin the journey of 'Take the Way of the Gospel'. This significant time of discernment begins with prayer and with calling upon the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

To allow for differing availabilities, each week the same session will be run twice:

Wednesdays 7.30–8.00pm: 16, 23, 30 June and 7 & 14 July.

Thursdays 12.30–1.00pm: 17, 24 June and 1, 8 & 15 July (repeat sessions)

Go to <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/mission> to find the link

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

Prayers of Intercession

Sisters and Brothers, let us pray for the needs of our world, especially the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples during this challenging time.

We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops and all the clergy, religious and laity. May they be faithful to Christ's teaching of truth, justice and peace. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for all ministers of the Gospel; that they may bring us to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and a stronger love for each other. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for the success of the forthcoming Plenary Council; that all participants will listen to how God is calling the Church in Australia to be Christ-centred and inclusive. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for unity in our community and culture; that the journey towards reconciliation within the Church may encourage each and everyone of us to make reconciliation our story. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for all members of our communities; that they may discover the spiritual riches of God and our First Nations cultures so they can pass these treasures on to younger generations. **LORD HEAR US**

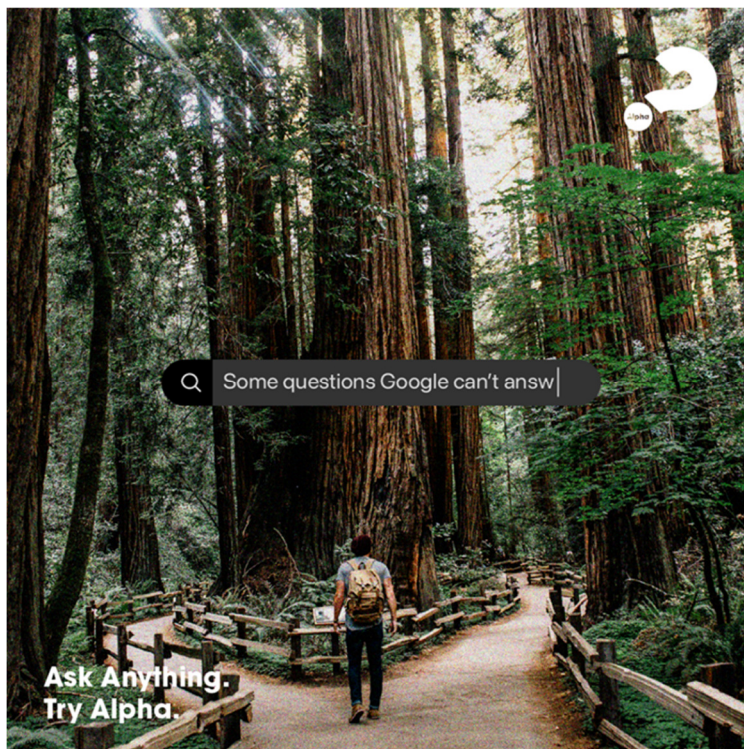
We pray for all Elders in our communities; that we may honour their lives and legacy and embrace the love and peace that they show us everyday by how they live their faith. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for all young people that they find the love and peace Christ has for them as they search for meaning in their lives. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities and all cultural communities; that God's Spirit of reconciliation will live in their hearts and minds and help them to embrace the diversity that makes for a richer country and stronger Church. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently Donatella Antonino, Frank Saliba and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Elizabeth Unger, Grenwill Newness, Esther Wyatt, Sofie Nemec, David Barro, John Collins, Chris Egerton and Patricia Culhane. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. **LORD HEAR US**

Life can be so busy, we don't have time to take stock. Alpha is a 'timeout' where you can think about the big questions, listen to others, and discuss your own thoughts. None of us know it all, but together we can seek some answers.



Alpha is a friendly informal opportunity for people of all ages and beliefs to explore the big questions about life, faith and God.

Try Alpha Online

Sunday 1st August 2021, 7:30-8:45pm

via [Zoom](#) – link to be sent directly to those who register via Eventbrite

Further details and registration: <https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/alpha>

Link to short Try Alpha video: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/182479526>



'Mindfulness & Meditation via Zoom, 1hr x 4 Tuesday nights, 7.30pm-8.30pm, 6-27 July 2021'. This is an evening series on the practice of contemplative mindfulness and meditation. It provides input and guidance, encouraging regular practice within a supportive group. The series is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

'Reframing Retirement', Saturday 24 July 2021, 10am-3pm. Does our sense of vocation or calling end with Retirement? Does the final 'third' of life signal a decline, or an opportunity to encounter an unexplored terrain of life...and of oneself? And what can our faith journey become at this time of transition? Whether voluntary or involuntary, Retirement can be a wake-up call, summoning us to reframe our vision and our purpose. This reflection day is led by Simon Jenkinson, qualified clinical psychologist and spiritual director. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60 (morning tea provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

"Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat – Moments that are Grace" – over five weeks, beginning Tuesday, 3 August and concluding 31 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion on how God might have been present for you. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 28 July

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2.2-5

They are a rebellious house.

They shall know there has been a prophet among them.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

When I saw this, I fell on my face,
and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

² When the voice spoke to me,
a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet;
and I heard one speaking to me:

³ “Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel,
to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me;

⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn.
I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them,
‘Thus says the Lord God.’

⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear
(for they are a rebellious house),
they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.”
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 123.1-2a, 2b, 3-4, (R.2)

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

¹ To you I lift up my eyes—
O you who are enthroned in the heavens—
² as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master. **R.**

² As the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us. **R.**

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴ Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn
of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12.7-10

*I gladly will boast of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

7 Considering the exceptional character of the revelations,
to keep me from being too elated,
a thorn was given me in the flesh,
a messenger of Satan to torment me,
to keep me from being too elated.

8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this,
that it would leave me,

9 but he said to me,
“My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.”
So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore I am content
with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities
for the sake of Christ;
for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
The Spirit of the Lord now upon me
has sent me to bring good news to the poor
Alleluia

G O S P E L

Mark 6.1-6

Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

1 Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astounded.

They said, “Where did this man get all this?
What is this wisdom that has been given to him?
What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary
and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon,
and are not his sisters here with us?”
And they took offense at him.

4 Then Jesus said to them,
“Prophets are not without honour,
except in their hometown,
and among their own kin, and in their own house.”

5 And Jesus could do no deed of power there,
except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

6 And Jesus was amazed at their unbelief.
Then he went about among the villages teaching.

The gospel of the Lord.