

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 5 September 2021



Readings for
Isaiah 35:4-7
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37



Readings for
Isaiah 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35



Liturgical Jottings

The Senses

A month ago Australian residents completed their 2021 Census. This article is about the other Senses. The five senses are sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. Through our senses we experience the world and with our intellect, enquiry, learning, spirit and faith we try to make "sense", or meaning of our world and ourselves.

The Scripture Readings for this 23rd Sunday highlight the senses of hearing, sight and touch. Our liturgy, as in Jesus ministry, utilises the sense to engage our minds and effect the sacraments. Jesus touched to bring healing of the sense of hearing and gift of speech. The Church uses the senses are to convey meaning and celebrate the works of God: his creation and our salvation.

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Focus on the Readings

"Ephpheta" is the Aramaic / Hebrew word Jesus speaks in healing the deaf-mute. Mark thought that it was important to record the actual word of Jesus in his Greek Gospel. To his readers and us he adds the translation: εφφαθα "be opened" (7:34). Mark earlier records Jesus Aramaic words: "Talitha kum", "Little girl, I say to you: arise!" at the healing of the synagogue official's daughter (5:41) and later in Jesus' prayer to the Father he says "Abba" (14:35-36). These four words are the only Aramaic words recorded in the Gospels and only in Mark. In the healing accounts the words have immediate effect: the girl gets up cured and the deaf-mute begins to speak clearly. The Aramaic "Ephpheta" quickly came to be used in the Baptismal rite and is still used as the title of the prayer over the ears and mouth. Centres for the deaf in Melbourne and around the world are also so named.

In healing Jesus often uses touch, symbols and words. He uses things from our natural world, arms, hands and fingers of his incarnate body and words from the vernacular language to convey meaning, healing and the announcement of the kingdom of God. The readings from Isaiah and Responsorial Psalm speak of the coming of the Day of the Lord that will be recognised by the blind seeing and the deaf hearing and the dumb singing for joy. Jesus fulfils the prophecies and teaches us about the power of symbol and word which we take up in our liturgy, evangelisation and promotion of justice and peace.

Season of Creation Themed Notes

Week 1: OIKONOME ~ A Just Home For All People

Oikos, the Greek word for 'home', is the root word for 'economy' which, at a global level, is about planetary house-keeping. How far have modern understandings of the importance of the economy drifted from the root meaning of creating a secure and just home for all. 2021 Celebration Guide

A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God

Quote for the Day

The Bishop said "Ephpheta" and touched your ears so that they might open to the bishop's words and speech and the nostrils that you might receive the good odours of divine goodness, so that you might say, "For we are the aroma of Christ for God," as St Paul said. (2 Cor 2:15) St Ambrose Des Sacraments 1.1-3 (339-397)

On the Lighter Side

If Woolworth's burns down what do you have left? Coals! If Myers

is flooded what chance do you have? Buckleys and none! If all the Fast Food outlets are flattened by earthquakes how do you eat? With your Slow Cooker!





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Our sick and their carers
Carmela Minicozzi	Carmel Sie, Saveria Muto, Nell Mulchay	Mary Lalor

Prayer for Fathers

Lord, Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES WHEN WE ARE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO LIVE MASS

The times for Mass will be altered and Saturday Mass will be celebrated on alternate weeks. Details are as follows:

Saturday Mass
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass
Every Sunday 10:00 am

Anointing Mass
1st Wednesday of the month 9:15 am

Reconciliation
1st Saturday of the month 11:30 am

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

To celebrate the feast of the birth of Our Lady, Fr John will celebrate Mass via zoom on Wednesday 8th September at 6.00pm.

Zoom will be opened from 5.30pm.

Following Mass, there will be time for a catch up. You can join with the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=VERURsQVJ4OFBhUDZPUhVhZmU0T090>

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030, Passcode: 4YRfmr

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Prayer for First Eucharist Confirmation Candidates

Lord,

You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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