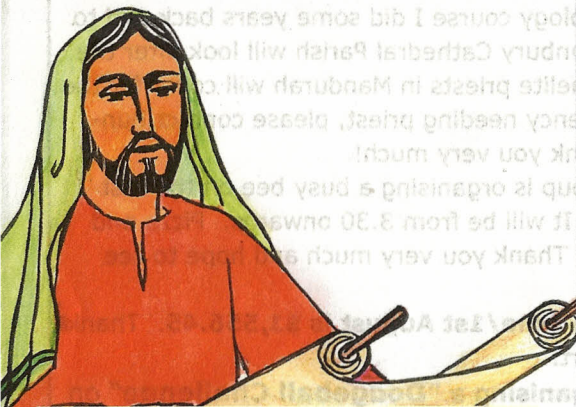


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# The World Gospel

## HONOUR AND SHAME

The core-value among Middle Eastern societies in Jesus' time was honour-shame. In biblical times, honour meant everything, including survival. Honour is the status one claims in the community, which the community bestows in return. Shame, on the other hand, is the absence or withdrawal of status recognition. Honour serves as a social indicator that enables and guides the person to interact in a certain way with his superiors, equals or inferiors.

Honour can be ascribed or acquired. Ascribed honour derives from birth; being born into a family held in honour makes one honourable in the eyes of others. Acquired honour, by contrast, is derived from one's skills and achievements.

When Jesus returns to Nazareth and preaches in the synagogue, his teaching is so impressive that he acquires honour from his audience. They are astonished by his words.

But this bestowal of honour stops short when others refuse to concur. They consider his family and do not ascribe honour to him. After all, Jesus does not appear different from them. He is a manual craftsman, like his father Joseph before him. And how could a man busy with his craft ever obtain wisdom?

As a man of honour, Jesus takes the offensive against those who would shame him. He quotes a proverb: 'A prophet is not without honour except in his native place and among his own kind and in his own house.' People in Capernaum and other towns by the Sea of Galilee give honour to God by accepting his 'prophet' Jesus. On the other hand, Jesus' very own townspeople do not render honour to God by taking offense at Jesus.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

# The Saving Word

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

8 July 2012

## FIRST READING

Ezek 2:2-5

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v. 2

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

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, / you who dwell in the heavens: / my eyes, like the eyes of slaves / on the hand of their lords. **R.**
2. Like the eyes of a servant / on the hand of her mistress, / so our eyes are on the Lord our God / till he show us mercy. **R.**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. / We are filled with contempt. / Indeed all too full is our soul / with the scorn of the rich, / with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

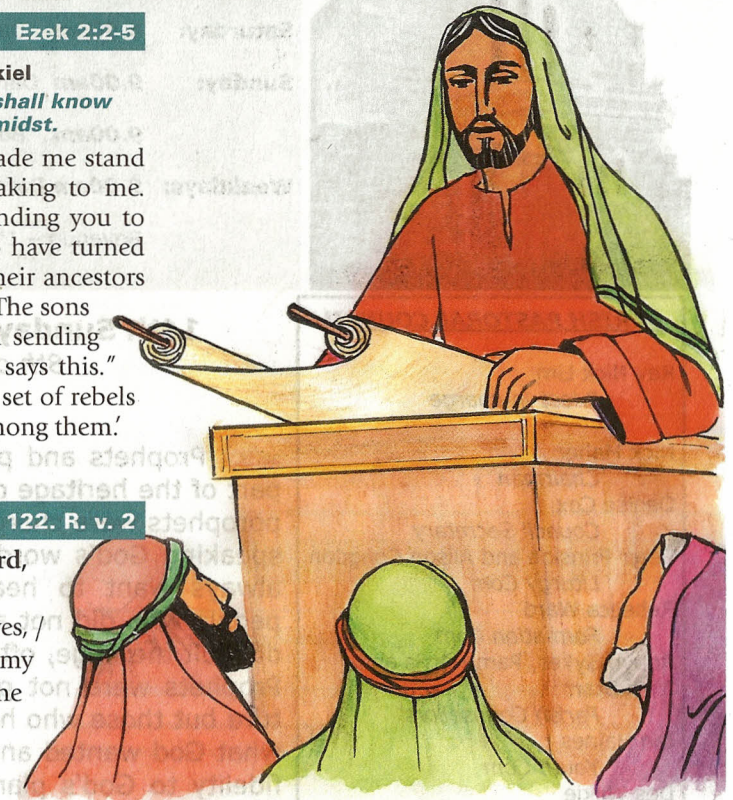
## SECOND READING

2 Cor 12:7-10

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded



with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

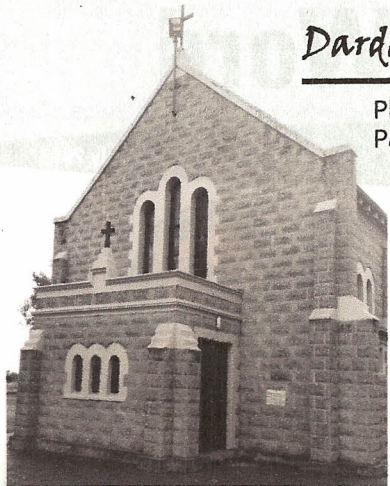
cf. Lk 4:18

**Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: / he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. / Alleluia!**



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## MASS SCHEDULES

**Saturday: 6.00pm** Dardanup Immaculate Conception Church, Ferguson Road  
**Sunday: 9.00am** Dardanup on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month  
**9.00am** Boyanup, St Louis, Bridge Street on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
**Weekdays: 9.00am** Dardanup - (Except Thursday 8.15am)  
Boyanup - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (with Eucharistic Exposition) & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. - **9.00am**

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th of July 2012

Prophets and prophesy have always been part of the heritage of the people of Israel. The prophets were charged with the difficult task of speaking God's words to a people who did not always want to hear such difficult message, people who did not always want to hear such a difficult message, often about their own failings. Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed. Even today, there are people who speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the way things are is the way things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended!

—From the Summit, vol 39 no 2; May 2012.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### PARISH SECRETARIES

Kirsten Italiano and Wendy Prinsloo

**Parish Vision Statement:** *In union with the entire Church, we aim to be a Christ-centred Family of families, spiritually alive and growing in our faith, reaching out, welcoming and engaging all in a spirit of generosity, compassion and love.* **Parish Mission Statement:** *Through the example of our lives, we proclaim the Gospel by: Actively seeking opportunities to engage everybody in the sacramental life of the parish; Answering the call to serve with generosity; Providing opportunities and on-going support for the deepening of our faith; Recognizing the value of the parish school community to the life of the parish and supporting them in their faith journey; and Looking for ways to engage and include the broader community.*

### Communion Antiphon:

*"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;  
blessed is he who hopes in God."*

### PRAYER FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Our Father in Heaven, You call us to form a Family of families, A community of Families, Led by your hand and guided by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Grant our parish and home: Unity and Creativity in serving one another; Imagination and Right Motivation in spreading the Good News of your Kingdom; Joy and Enthusiasm as we grow in Holiness through the celebration of the Sacraments, the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and the Deepening of experiences through our Catholic Christian formation. Make our parish and home a worthy dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, who will throw Fire into our hearts and minds; to enable us attain Unity that will move us towards Mission. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception  
St Louis de Montfort

Pray for us!  
Pray for us!

### PLEASE STAND FOR THE ENTRANCE HYMN!

### NOTICES

- Fr Nick will be going away from July 27 till the last week of September.** This is to finish a requirement in the theology course I did some years back and to have my annual holiday for this year. Bunbury Cathedral Parish will look after the weekend masses in August and the Carmelite priests in Mandurah will cover for the month of September. Any parish emergency needing priest, please contact Bunbury Cathedral Parish on 97212141. Thank you very much!
- Parish Youth Group:** The Youth group is organising a busy bee on the first Saturday of August. (4th August 2012). It will be from 3.30 onwards. Pizza and refreshment will be served before mass. Thank you very much and hope to see you there.
- Parish Banking for last weekend, **30th June/1st August is \$1,556.45.** Thank you very much for your continued support.
- The Diocesan Youth Ministry is organising a "Dodgeball Challenge"** on Sunday, the 22nd of July. This is the last day of the mid-year school holidays! Details are posted in the parish bulletin board. Thanks!

### Message from the Bishop:

*Dear parishioners, Fr Nicandro Lim will be taking his annual leave from 27th of July. I have asked him to take an extra month's leave to complete his outstanding requirements towards his theological qualification from San Carlos Graduate School of Theology in Manila. Fr Nick will return to the parish at the end of September. I apologize if this inconveniences parishioners in any way but it is important for Fr Nick to complete his course requirements. God bless!*

— Bishop Gerard