



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

This Week at the Priory

**The Priory will be closed
January 1st till January 31st
with the exception of Sundays.**

**February 4th
2nd Sunday before Lent
10:00am Solemn Mass**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia,
Blessed are you, Father Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere
children. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Hymns: 716

For your prayers this week

Pray For The Church in Brazil: Abp. Francisco De Assis Da Silva, Jonathan Bishop of Ebbsfleet and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp John Goddard. St Peter and St Mary Magdalene, Barnstaple, Fr David Fletcher. St Helen, Abbotsham, Fr Francis Otto. St John, Bovey Tracey, Fr Gregory Stanton. St Lawrence, Exeter, Fr Jolyon Seward. St Michael and All Angels, Heavitree, Fr Robin Eastoe.

Pray for this Priory, Fr. Paul and the Trustees

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for those in need: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

Pray for those who are sick or in need: Simon Plummer, John Clothier, Naomi Puttick, Derek & Barbara Scroggins, Ray Cook, Patti Sibbons, Lisa Bradley, Vienne Moore, Helen Coles, Karen, Jacqui, Jill Butcher, Helen, Elizabeth Wright, Johara Valenzuela, Duncan Payne, Marion Mills and family, Marjorie Saunders, Jakki Mattick.

Pray for the Departed: Fr. Hugh Dawson, Amelia Wade, Fr. Ernest Winstanley, Bp. Edward Talbot, Fr. Harold Barrett, Freda Worthington, Robert Berry, Alice, Countess of Chichester, Fr. Henry Davies, Fr. Lancelot Mallor.

Readings for Next Week: Epiphany 4

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-14



St. Mark has selected this exorcism story to inaugurate the public ministry of Jesus. Our text for this Sunday follows the title and promise of the Gospel (1:1), the identity of John the Baptist (1:2-8), Jesus' baptism and voice from heaven (1:9-11), God's Spirit driving Jesus into the wilderness and encounter with Satan (1:12-13), Jesus' announcing of the presence of the kingdom of God and call to repentance (1:14-15), and Jesus' calling of Simon, Andrew, James and John (1:16-20).

We have experienced early in our hearing from the Gospel of Mark a story which proclaims the lordship of Jesus Christ. The immediacy of the story is continuously present as the adverb "immediately" appears three times in this brief story (1:21, 23, and 28). The evangelist emphasizes the immediacy of God's reign and rule breaking in and present in the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

Whether in the first century world of a healing in a synagogue in Capernaum or in our gathering of worship today, the kingdom of God, the reign and rule of God's power and authority is manifested in Jesus Christ.

The question for us is, "How in our so-called sophisticated 21st century world do we live out this truth?"

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