

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

31st January/1st February, 2026

Welcome:

Good morning/evening. My name is and I welcome you to mass at St Mark's. Today is the fourth Sunday in Ordinary time. In today's Gospel reading Jesus presents the essence of Christian life and discipleship.

We begin our Mass with an Acknowledgement of Country: St Mark's respectfully acknowledges the past and present traditional owners of this land on which we come together, to celebrate the Jagerra people. We remember the many footprints that have gone before us on this land and waterways. We are thankful to be praying and gathering on Jagerra country

Please stand for the opening hymn.

Intercessions:

Celebrant: Trusting in God who blesses all those who are poor in spirit, we bring our needs before the Lord:

Reader: That the Church may be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and walk humbly with Christ.

(pause) Lord hear us

Reader: That God will bless the efforts of all peacemakers in these troubled times.

(pause) Lord hear us

Reader: That Christians who are persecuted and abused will find courage and strength in Christ. (pause) Lord hear us

Reader: That the sick of our parish and their families will be strengthened and renewed by the healing spirit of Christ. (pause) Lord hear us

Reader: That those who mourn will feel God's presence in their sorrow.

(pause) Lord hear us

Reader: That our loved ones who have died will receive eternal glory in your presence.

(pause) Lord hear us

Celebrant: Loving God you sent Jesus to be our teacher and our saviour. Hear our prayers and form us as a community of faith where all in need are welcomed. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.