

30 August 2020
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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Website: <https://stpatrickswesttamworthparish.org/>



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WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30 pm
**72 people only in the church

WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon: **No Mass	Tues: **No Mass
	Wed: 12 noon	Thurs: 9am St Gregory the Great
	Fri: 9am Spring Ember Day	Sat: 9am

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm
*Or by appointment



May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Dudley Ryan, Sr Kathleen Price (sjm), Elizabeth (Betty) Perry, Max Kennedy, Joy Aurelia Trowbridge, Lionel Grattan, John French, Thomas Brown.

Anniversaries: Eric Graham (3/8), John Jackson (8/8), Jack Sampson (9/8), Stan Hobbs (16/8), Andrew Tickner (20/8), Mel Arnold (22/8), Geoff Lillcrap (23/8), Arthur Blanch (29/8), Betty Lynch (2/9), Matthew Moloney (9/9).

Deceased: Margaret O'Callaghan, Michael Scott, Pauline Connor, Michael Scott, Pauline Connor, Br Bernard Murphy, Tony McDonald, Mary Sampson, William Coulston, William Grima, John Killen, Eibhlin Killen.

Sick: Kim Myers, Rachel MacPherson, Shirley Hobbs, Deacon Peter Harrison, Jenny Buxury, Aria Lee Hawley, Joy Makepeace, John Joe Kieley, Monica Austin, Joe Lew, Trisha Aquino, Paul Steer, Baby Jack Smith, Noel O'Brien, Bill Press, Karen Guillermo, David Owens, Yvonne Tarrant, Terry Lee, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Greentree, Janice Rizzi, Richard Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Judy Cumins, Brindley Cavallaro, Maureen Harrison, Elaine White, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.



CRACKERS TAILS

Struggling to make ends meet on his meagre COVID salary, the pastor was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$250 dress she had bought. "How could you do this?!"

"I was outside the store looking at the dress in the window, and then I found myself trying it on," she explained. "It was like Satan was whispering in my ear, "You look fabulous in that dress. Buy it!"

"Well," the pastor replied, "You know how I deal with that kind of temptation. I say, "Get behind me, Satan!"

"I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, "It looks fabulous from back here, too!"



COMING EVENTS

- 30 August First Holy Communion Mass
- 30 August Social Justice Sunday
- 13 Sep Postponed Good Friday Collection
- 13-16 Sep Clergy Assembly Armidale
- 20 Sep Marriage Preparation Course, Gunnedah Parish

'Great is the strength we possess in our unity.' (1874)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: Will be celebrated at St Patricks this Sunday 30 August at 9am. This year we have six children receiving this most important Sacrament. As a parish we celebrate together this special occasion. Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all the Communicants.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020: The 2020-2021 Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia Today*, encourages faith communities and others to make mental health a priority. It is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year the Statement and prayer card will be available as a free download from:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/>

HOLY LANDS COLLECTION: Holy Father Pope Francis transferred the Pontifical Good Friday Collection to September 13, 2020 due to the closure of Churches during the Coronavirus. Your support of this important collection is greatly appreciated.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut, Aid to the Church in Need Australia is running a national emergency appeal to support the people of Lebanon. To help the appeal visit www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call 1800 101 201 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm AEST.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Are you or someone you know considering marriage? The next course will be held on at St Joseph's Gunnedah Parish 20 September 2020. Please contact our office.



COVID-19 UPDATE: Masses are continuing in line with current COVID-19 restrictions. **ONLY 72 PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO ATTEND MASS AT ANY ONE TIME AT ST PATRICKS.** It is preferable for you to register with the Parish Office. **PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS AND PREFERENCE TIME FOR MASS ATTENDANCE (Saturday evening or Sunday). The parish phone is not always attended so please only call if you do not have email. If not registered you may still attend mass, however you MUST leave your name and contact details on the sheet upon entering and can only enter if less than 72 people have registered on the entry sheet already. **Masks are currently strongly recommended however not mandatory at the time of print.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING - *YOU MUST - *REGISTER TO ENTER - *SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING - *KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

COLLECTIONS: The Parish continues to be financially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Thank you to those parishioners who are continuing their planned giving by direct debit. The option of electronic transfer or direct debit is always available, and preferable. Collections will be gratefully received by placing both first collection and second collection (envelopes/loose) into the relevant slot in the box at the back of the church or alternatively they may be placed in the plates as offered by the collectors. Please do not touch the plates.

Sat Cleaning Roster: 5/9/20 M Vella & R Pace
12/9/20 B & B Lane

First Collection
WEST TAMWORTH PRESBYTERY
BSB 082105 Acc 001023642
Second Collection
WEST TAMWORTH CHURCH
BSB 082105 Acc 001041198

First Communion Blessing

Jesus rejoices as you have received Him in your heart, soul and life.
May you always be united with the Holy Spirit at the Lord's table and may Jesus bless you as you walk through life's beautiful journey.
May He be your Shepherd and guide you on your way and for all eternity.

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2020

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

In last week's Gospel, Peter expressed his God-given insight concerning Jesus' identity as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God'. He received a blessing in response and appointment as the 'rock foundation' of the future Church.

But when, in today's Gospel, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples that he is destined to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die, Peter, who had so conspicuously got it right, equally conspicuously stumbles at the truth Jesus now goes on to reveal: the more closely, as '(beloved) Son' he is related to God, the more closely he is aligned to the divine will that he enter into the pain and suffering of the world.

Peter's protest is subtle. The suggestion, 'Lord, this sort of thing is not for you!' recalls Satan's earlier attempt (4:8-9) to lure Jesus away from his God-given path by proposing an easy route to rulership of the world. Hence the sharpness of Jesus' rebuke: 'Get behind me, Satan!'

Peter's understandable human desire to preserve the Master from suffering aligns him with the demonic in a way that would thwart Jesus' God-given mission to save the world.

Jesus goes on to speak more generally to all the disciples, describing the conditions for any who want to follow him. It is human to want to avoid suffering and preserve those we love from it. But evil cannot be defeated without cost. Joining Jesus in his mission will mean taking up one's own cross and, in various ways, losing life, in order to find it.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; /
for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines
for you / like a dry, weary land without
water. R.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see
your strength and your glory. / For your love
is better than life, / my lips will speak your
praise. R.

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your
name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall
be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall
praise you with joy. R.



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow
of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to
you; / your right hand holds me fast. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy
of thinking beings, by offering your living
bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.
Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of
the world around you, but let your behaviour
change, modelled by your new mind. This is
the only way to discover the will of God and
know what is good, what it is that God wants,
what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of
our heart, / that we might see how great
is the hope / to which we are called. /
Alleluia!

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