

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 JANUARY 2022

GOD'S WORD PREVAILS

Prophets are normally understood as foretellers, but more often their role is that of being forth-tellers, that is, those who have the often-dangerous role of proclaiming God's word. Since God's word to Israel was often one of challenge, the ministry of the prophet was undertaken in the midst of opposition, rejection, and misunderstanding. As Jeremiah begins his ministry as prophet, he is prepared for the difficulties that lie before him but encouraged with the knowledge that God will protect and defend him. One of the ways that Luke portrays Jesus is as a prophet and, like the prophets before him, his message will lead to rejection by his own people. At first Jesus' message is received with wonder but as the challenge of Jesus' words comes to be understood, his own people become enraged and seek to destroy him. As Jesus slips from their grasp we see the promise of protection made to Jeremiah being fulfilled. Despite opposition, God's word will be proclaimed.

During Paul's ministry, there were occasions when it was necessary for him to speak uncomfortable truths to his fledgling communities. The Christians in Corinth had been blessed with many spiritual gifts – tongues, prophecy, knowledge – but these very gifts had become a source of division and competition within the community. Paul knew that the only lasting foundation upon which the community could be built was that of love. It is only with the eyes of love that one can see clearly enough to come to maturity in Christ.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17. R. v. 15

R. I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; / let me never be put to shame. / In your justice rescue me, free me: / pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, / a mighty stronghold to save me; / for you are my rock, my stronghold. / Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, / my trust, O Lord, since my youth. / On you I have leaned from my birth, / from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

4. My lips will tell of your justice / and day by day of your help. / O God, you have taught me from my youth / and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 13:4-13.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

■ The word of the Lord.

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:31–13:13

30 Jan 2022
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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES	Sat: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am and 5.30pm	CONFESSIONS
	Mon: No Mass	Tues: No Mass	Sat: 4.30-5.15pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	Wed: 12 noon	The Presentation of the Lord	
	Thur: 9am	Fri: 9am	Sat 9am St Agatha

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTI PHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
To give thanks to Your holy name, And make it our glory to praise you.

COMMUNION ANTI PHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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

Recently Deceased: Neville Smyth (WA), Shirley Tiberi, Mary Maher, Gwen Tufrey.

Anniversaries: Mary Sampson (2/1), John O'Brien (3/1), Pam Davy (nee Barry) (6/1), Terry Sweeney (7/1), Ivan Lillcrap (18/1), Rod Kelly (20/1), Lawrence Vella (23/1).

Deceased: Joe Chetcuti (Malta), Kevin Hamilton, Sr Geraldine Maher OP. Eva McLean, Joe McLean, Bill McLean, Richard Bowler, Bernard Blanch, Irwin Brady, Shirley Burke, Aileen McDonnell, Pat Smyth, Andrew Tickner.

Sick: Paul D'Elbeoux, Shirley Hobbs, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Maria Mood, Sophie Littlejohn, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

PADDY'S CORNER:



*Advice on a couple's wedding day:
To keep your marriage brimming with love in the wedding cup,
whenever you're wrong admit it; whenever you're right shut up!*



DID YOU KNOW? Early Christians lived in fear of gathering and used these symbols, unknown to others, to organise secret meetings and masses.

COMING EVENTS:

1 Feb	School returns	2 Mar 22	Lent begins
5 Mar 22	Save the Date Special Event TBA	19 Mar 22	Diocesan Men's Gathering

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642
(contactless option) **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

We must take things quietly and just do what our good God enables us, and no more. (1875)



NSW STATE COVID RULES: **PLEASE NOTE**

- ** YOU MUST REGISTER TO ENTER USING EITHER QR CODE AT ENTRANCE OR PAPER REGISTER ON ENTRY TO CHURCH.
- ** FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY WHILST INSIDE.
- ** ONE PERSON PER TWO SQUARE METRES ALLOWED AT EACH MASS.
- ** SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING.

COVID SIGNING IN: We ask that if you are using the QR code for signing in that you DO NOT also sign in on the paper sheets. The Service NSW App is the preferred method and links with any notifications of close or other contact locations. Please still feel free to greet those on the table and collect a bulletin and only sign in if you have not used the Services NSW mobile app. Thank you for your co-operation.

LENT: With less than five weeks until Lent is upon us. Keep this in mind if you are wanting to participate in any program, even though we realise they could well be by virtual means.

5 MARCH SPECIAL-SAVE THE DATE: Sr Kathryn has asked that we all save the date Saturday 5 March 2022. Something special is coming ... watch this space for details.

SCHOOL RETURNS: Schools (including St Joseph's) will return this Tuesday 1 Feb 22 for Years 1 to 6. We pray that our children and their teachers will experience an ever-closer relationship with God, and that He will bless all their endeavours in 2022.

CALL FOR CATECHISTS: St Patrick's is privileged to provide religious education at West Tamworth and Westdale Public Schools. This is a hugely rewarding calling for those who think they might be able to bring knowledge of God and His love to our little ones. Lessons are approximately 30 times per year for a half hour on Thursdays. Do you think this might be what you're called to do? If you have the slightest interest, please speak with Fr Anthony or get in touch with Anne Bowden on 0419 42 5555.



WEEK 4 ROSTER: 30/1/22

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman
9am Sun: R R Paull M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team S Brown, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 5/2 K O'Brien, J Cunningham
Altar Linen H Reid

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 6/2/22

Vigil: R D Gowing D Bolitho
9am Sun: R R Paull G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team P Sheils, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 12/2 J Hutt & J Moran
Altar Linen: J Hutt

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

