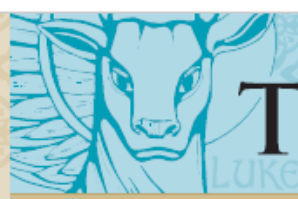


Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:32-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 12:32-48

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A TWO-EDGED SWORD

The word of the Lord is said to be a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12) and so it is with the readings for today – encouragement and warning stand side by side. Both the passage from the book of Wisdom and that from Hebrews, invite us to see our journey of faith in a positive light. The examples of Abraham and Sarah, as well as the people of the Exodus, show us that others too have had to trust in God's promises when the way forward has not been clear. The most vivid instance of this is when Abraham was called to sacrifice his only son Isaac. One can only try to imagine his distress when called to sacrifice the very one by whom God's promises were to be accomplished. Despite revulsion and fear he still took the leap of faith, and his faith was rewarded.

The two-edged sword of God's word continues as Jesus reminds his disciples that while there is no need to fear we must live in a manner appropriate for people of faith. The leap of faith may not call us to sacrifice our children but it will challenge us to show that our hearts are in the right place by being prepared for the Lord's return. The example of the faithful servants who are ready for their master's return, even after a long delay, is powerfully contrasted with those who lost sight of the trust that they had been given.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance



given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been

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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 Sat: 4.30-5.15pm *Or by appointment
	Mon: 9 am Mass St Mary of the Cross MacKillop		
WEEKDAY MASSES	Tues: No Mass	Wed: 12pm Mass St Lawrence	
	Thurs: 9am Mass St Claire	Fri: 9am Mass	Sat: *No Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

Recently Deceased: Bill (William) McCulloch, Coleen Dunn, John Fittler.

Anniversaries: Sheila McNamara (20/7), Heighton Betts (28/7), Bridget Teo (29/7), Betty Hodgens (31/7), Jack Sampson (9/8).

Deceased: Molly Miller, Judy McGregor, Vincent O'Shea, Shirley Chandler, Mary Sampson.

Sick: Joan Crowe, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

VEENA'S VERSIONS:



An Irish family sent their son to university and after a while the lad was awarded his B.A. On graduation he received the following telegram from his father: *Congratulations on your B.A. Now for the other 24 letters and this time try to get them in the right order.*

COMING EVENTS: **7 Aug** Good Shepherd and Retired Priests Appeals
8 Aug Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop

EXPENSE ITEM	COST	EXPENSE ITEM	COST
Computer and IT	\$2,135.32	Agents Fees	\$3,575.05
Postage Printing Stationery	\$1,944.03	Energy Costs	\$5,366.35
Telephone & Internet	\$2,608.78	Grounds & Mtce	\$2,035.03
Adult Education	\$2,066.19	Insurances	\$14,321.00
Church Requisites	\$2,261.28	Loan interest	\$4,483.05
Special religious Education	\$769.77	Rates and Strata Fees	\$6,687.76
Repairs and Mtce	\$27,098.98	Security	\$6,265.00



"There must be charity and gentleness towards the erring of others".

NSW STATE COVID RULES: * FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED



CLERGY EDUCATION AND RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION: Will be taken up this weekend at all masses. Thank you for your generosity.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK will be celebrated in Australia during the week of August 7-14, 2022. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."

NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS: The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 mths plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details, and application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725; Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for children in schools other than St Josephs. There will be reconciliation preparation lessons from Monday 8th August with children preparing to receive reconciliation on 24th August. If you would like more information please contact the office on 67658211.

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY: On Monday the Church celebrates the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We reflect on the life of Mary. *"Very simply, Mary drew near to people. She lived in poor little cottages; she visited people in their homes. She befriended the outcasts of her time. She knew the prostitutes and alcoholics loitering in the back lanes of the city. In a climate of sectarianism, she loved and admired friends who were Protestant and Jewish. Once there was a poor lady who was ill, sitting in the gutter. Mary's companion thought she was drunk but Mary MacKillop sat down with the woman and realised that she wasn't and needed help as she was very ill. She helped the woman to the chemist shop where she could get assistance for her. May we entrust our needs to the intercessions of St Mary MacKillop.*

GIVING COLLECTIONS: Planned giving may be given by several means: Cash on 2nd plate collection, Electronic transfer to the Church account below or Direct Debit arranged from your bank to the Church Account. The parish is looking into an App that may be used to give to your preferred Church via your mobile phone or device. We will give more information on this as it is provided. An example of some of the expenses incurred in the running of St Patricks are shown opposite.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Church (St Patricks) Ac 001041198
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WEEK 1 ROSTER: 7/8/22

Vigil: R D Gowing, P Bamford
9am Sun: R S Nichols, G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell, M Murray
Counting Team R Paull, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 13/8 S Brown, V Griffiths
Altar Linen: B Flood

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 14/8/22

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R D Bearman J Murray
Counting Team S Brown, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 20/8 K O'Brien, J Cunningham
Altar Linen E Smyth

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.

