

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Jeremiah could have been excused for thinking that he had been taken out of the frying pan and cast into the fire! No sooner had he been released from prison and placed under the watchful eyes of the royal guard, than he found himself up to his neck in mud in a water cistern! Little wonder he poured out his heart to God 'the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision' (Jeremiah 20:8). The lot of those who speak the word of God is often one which meets with misunderstanding, rejection and isolation. Speaking the truth is no guarantee of being accepted. Jesus was aware that his mission of preaching the good news to the poor, bringing freedom to captives, and proclaiming the Lord's year of favour (Luke 4:18-19) would bring about division and rejection. As the early Church knew all too well, even family members could be divided based on their response to Jesus' message.

The letter to the Hebrews continues its reflection on the life of faith by noting that despite opposition and difficulties we are not alone. Just as the people of Israel in the desert were accompanied by a cloud that guided them, we are now surrounded by a cloud of witnesses – people of faith that stretch back through the ages to Abraham and Sarah. Above all, Jesus' presence, his example of endurance and his courage in facing the cross, can help us to keep running steadily in the life of faith.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

14 AUGUST 2022

FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14
R. Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock / and made my footsteps firm. **R.**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear / and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**
4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, / O God, do not delay. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

■ The word of the Lord.

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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
	Sat: 7 pm Vigil Mass for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin		
WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon:	9 am Assumption of the Bless Virgin Mary	
	Tues:	No Mass	Wed: 12pm Mass
	Thurs:	9am	Fri: 9am Mass
			Sat: *No Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one: One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony Cavanagh, Lois O'Brien, Bill (William) McCulloch, Coleen Dunn, John Fittler.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eric Graham (3/8), John Jackson (8/8), Jack Sampson (9/8).

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

SICK: Pauline Whiley, 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.



COMING EVENTS:

Mon 15 Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - *A Holy Day of Obligation*

VEENA'S VERSIONS:

Wife: I'm going shopping, do you need anything?

Husband: I'm looking for inner-peace and happiness, an answer to my doubts, a sense of fulfilment, a medium through which I can transcend consciousness and reach true spirituality, calmness and...

Wife: Oh please! Be specific; Jonny Walker or Black Douglas?

GIVING COLLECTIONS: Keep an eye out for our new parish app information. Until then giving to St Patricks Church is possible contact free by electronic transfer to the Church Account as shown below or by Direct Debit arranged via your bank. The parish is so thankful for all your support

PARISH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Church (St Patricks) Ac 001041198
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"Bear in mind that we are only poor travellers, that our home is not here."



NSW STATE COVID RULES: * FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
* ANTISEPTIC WIPES ARE AVAILABLE TO WIPE OVER SEATS
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

CLERGY EDUCATION AND RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION: Your envelopes may still be returned this weekend and we will then advise the total collection amount donated. Thank you to all those who have already so generously given.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK was celebrated this week. 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 invitation.

ASSUMPTION OF OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: On this holy day of obligation, we remember that Mary's bodily assumption is a natural consequence of being full of grace. Please note the Vigil mass on 7 pm on Sunday 14 August for those who have difficulty attending mass on Monday 15 August, and 9 am mass on Monday for others.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Armidale.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons,

who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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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

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 21/8/22

Vigil: R G Styman D Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R D Bearman M Murray
Counting Team O and J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 27/8 J Hutt, J Moran
Altar Linen: H Reid

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.

