

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever:
it is the word given to you, the Good

News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Reproduction of this bulletin in any form prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and © 1966, by Derton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc. are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © StPauls Publications, 2022. No 1951. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

Breaking Open the Word

INCREASE OUR FAITH

On the journey of faith there are moments when we may lose heart or be discouraged. Faced with opposition or misunderstanding it is no easy matter to maintain our trust in the Lord. At times the responsibilities of our Christian lives may be experienced as a burden. Like the first disciples, we find ourselves turning to Jesus saying, 'increase our faith!'

When we look around us there is so much suffering caused by injustice and our violence to one another. It is only natural that we question how God's plans will come to fruition when they clash head-on with human weakness. Habakkuk found himself dealing with many of the same issues. His time was one of violence and his hope and faith in God's power and the realisation of God's plans was flagging. Habakkuk is reminded in a vision that while the wheels move slowly, they are moving nonetheless, and God's purposes will come to pass for the upright who remain faithful.

In the second letter to him, Timothy is also called not to lose heart and remain faithful to his responsibilities as a young pastor. Having been commissioned and called to this ministry he may have been discouraged by its demands and complexity. The sound advice that is given is to remember there is no need to rely solely on his own resources. The precious gift of the Spirit has been given. In the ministry of leadership, it is the Spirit that will guide, empower and strengthen – there is no need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

2 OCTOBER 2022

FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at
rights,
but the upright man will live by his
faithfulness.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail
the rock who saves us. / Let us come before
him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the
Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us
kneel before the God who made us / for he is
our God and we / the people who belong to his
pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**



3. O that today you would listen to his
voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at
Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the
desert / when your fathers put me to the test; /
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift
that God gave you when I laid my hands on
you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but
the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control.
So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing
to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his
prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for
the sake of the Good News, relying on the
power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you
have heard from me, in the faith and love that
are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to
look after something precious; guard it with the
help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

■ The word of the Lord.

2 Oct 2022
Week 27 Year C

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Website: <https://stpatrickswesttamworthparish.org>
Email: westtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au



Parish Priest Fr Anthony Koppman
Pastoral Associate: Sr Kathryn Sweeney RSJ.
Administration Di Bolitho, Anne Bowden, Wendy Emery
Sacristan Elaine Smyth
School Principals Greg O'Toole and Maree Holland

Office Hrs: Wed & Thurs 8.30-11.30 am

Presbytery 67658211
Pastoral Associate 0411703608
St Josephs School 67654079

WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass
Wed: 12pm Thurs: 9am
Fri: 9am Our Lady of the Rosary Sat: No Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seek Him.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth, Patricia Howlett.

ANNIVERSARIES: Matthew Moloney (9/9), Lawrence McDonall (11/9), Sr Maureen Casey OP (13/9), Dulcie Smith (19/9), Mary Betts (24/9), Barbara Scott (25/9), Warren Doherty (6/10), Bill Teo (29/10).

DECEASED: Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp, Lois O'Brien, Bill McCulloch, Hugh O'Brien, William Grima, John Fittler.

SICK: Shane Davidson, Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Lisa Foster, Barbara Brennan, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

VEENA'S VERSIONS:



A doctor answers his phone and hears the familiar voice of a colleague on the other end of the line. "We need a fourth for poker," said the friend. "I'll be right over," whispered the doctor. As he was putting on his coat, his wife asked, "Is it serious?" "Oh yes, very serious," said the doctor gravely. "There are three doctors there already."

COMING EVENTS:

29 Sep.-2 Oct. - Ignite Conference Sydney

10 Oct 22 - Schools reopen Monday 10th.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY STORIES IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION:

- Trail of Blessings
- Men from around the world recite the Rosary
- Pray for Cardinal Zen
- Boost for Palliative Care research
- Requiem for a Monarch
- Movie review: *A Terminal List*

'Time, charity and patience will make all things right' . 1890)



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

WELCOME: We welcome Fr John McHugh and thank him for his pastoral support to us in this and the coming weeks. We also thank Fr O'Brien for his support and wish good health upon them both.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY: Friday 7 October is this special feast day,. As the Patroness of our Diocese it is a special day of devotion for all us.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS: If you would like to order one of these calendars, please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Orders to be in by end October. \$10 each.

Enquiries Cheryl Lavell 0402124333.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC VEIPOINT: The September 2022 Catholic Veivpoint, produced as an electronic publication, can be found at [Catholic Viewpoint – July – September 2022](#). For those who receive the bulletin by email. There are many interesting articles about activities in our Diocese included - it is well worth a read.

EVANGELISE – OCTOBER 20-22: Special Diocesan Session: Fri, Oct 21: 6 pm- 9 pm. Catholics around the Diocese of Armidale are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by renowned Australian Catholic speakers, 'Evangelise' will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. This is an event you do not want to miss! Find out more, including the event program and keynote speakers at www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. www.aidtochurch.org/construction

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: The parish is so thankful for all your support. The first collection goes to the Armidale Diocese to support diocesan clergy with the second collection supporting the running of St Patricks.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Ch. (St Pats) Acc 001041198
West Tamworth Presbytery (Dioc) Acc 001023642

POPE FRANCIS SAYS:

"We are not called to serve merely in order to receive a reward, but rather to imitate God, who made Himself a servant for our love. Nor are we called to serve only now and again, but to live in serving. Service is thus a way of life".

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 2/10/22

Vigil: R G Styman D Gowing
9am Sun: R M Holley S Brown
5.30pm Sun: R Volunteer M Murray
Counting Team O and J Whale A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 8/10 S Brown, V Griffiths
Altar Linen: J Hutt

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 9/10/22

Vigil: R P Bamford D Bolitho
9am Sun: R A Sartori M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R Volunteer J Murray
Counting Team G & M Thrift, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 15/10 K O'Brien J Cunningham
Altar Linen: E Jackson

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.

