

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 OCTOBER 2022

SALVATION HAS COME

'Could God really love me?' All too often Christians labour under the burden and misapprehension that God's love and forgiveness must be earned or merited. Aware of their frailty and need for God's mercy there is the fear that God could not love them given the mistakes they've made. Sometimes there is a sense that while God might be gracious and forgiving for others, this would be too much to hope for themselves. The book of Wisdom reminds us that while God patiently longs for our repentance we are always loved because our very existence is proof of God's love for us.

As Paul writes to the Thessalonians, he sets out to calm their fears about the return of the Lord at the end of time. He encourages them with the knowledge that he always prays that they will become worthy of the call that they have received as Christians. Paul knew that none of us can ever earn our salvation, it is always God's free and loving gift. His concern was more that we would learn to respond generously and appropriately to the marvellous gift we have received.

Zacchaeus is a fine example of a generous response to the Lord's loving initiative. Experiencing Jesus' openness and love leads him to offer to give half his considerable wealth to the poor. This meeting with a known sinner provides Jesus with the opportunity to state the purpose of his life and mission - to seek out and save what was lost.

FIRST READING

Wis 11:22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things

and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,

how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**



3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Thess 1:11-2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

■ The word of the Lord.

30 Oct 22
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WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm

Mon: No Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES Tues: 12 pm All Saints Wed: 12 pm All Souls

Thurs: 9am Fri: 9am St Charles Borromeo Sat: No Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God, be not far from me!

COMMUNION: Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

COMMUNION: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jill Moroney, Peter Yandall, Gwen Gerathy, Les Wallworth (Sydney), Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth.

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Doherty (6/10), Ned Clarke (12/10), Michael Brady (13/10), Msgr Tuttle (14/10), Michael Lillcrap (27/10), Bill Teo (29/10), Alma Mulherin (29/10).

DECEASED: Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp, Lois O'Brien, Bill McCulloch.

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

VEENA'S VERSIONS:

I was shocked to read in the papers today that a short person had been pickpocketed.

I just thought to myself "How could someone stoop so low?"



COMING EVENTS:

- Nov 1** Feast of the Holy Saints 12 noon mass
- Nov 2** Feast of the Holy Souls (Commemoration of all the faithful departed) 12 noon mass
- Nov 6** Prison Sunday—prayer for chaplains and those in gaol
- Nov 9** St Edwards Closing of the Jubilee Year and Holy Door

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*'I trust that you keep up your spirits,
and your trust and confidence in the goodness of God.'*



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

THANK YOU to Fathers John McHugh and Ross O'Brien for their pastoral care during Fr Anthony's absence. May God's blessings be abundant on you. We will welcome Fr Anthony home this week.

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY: Special masses 12 NOON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER for All Saints Day and 12 NOON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER for All Souls Day.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Please use envelopes to make requests for November Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their **names written very clearly** so they may be printed and displayed. Thank you

MISSION SUNDAY: Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia. Your gift is helping the Church and local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. Envelopes are still able to be given this week..

ST EDWARDS CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR AND HOLY YEAR: The clergy and parishioners of St Edward Parish South Tamworth invite you to a special Festival of God's love and forgiveness in giving thanks for the Diamond Jubilee (60th) of their Parish. Wednesday 9/11/22 5.00pm Eucharistic Adoration with songs, prayers and guided meditation in the Taizé tradition. *The Immaculata Mission Team will lead the music and guided meditation. Priests will be available to hear confession for those who wish to go to Reconciliation.* **6.00pm** Procession and Closing of the Holy Door. Free BBQ, kids games & live music. Under usual conditions, a Plenary indulgence is available to all Catholic faithful who will participate in this event. For more information on Plenary Indulgence visit: <https://stedwardsparish.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/1209/2022/01/Primer-on-Plenary-Indulgence-Final.pdf>

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 Cheryl 0402124333

HOPE KITCHEN: Free and healthy meal for everyone. Every Wednesday 12.30pm to 1.30pm Scout Hall, Hillvue Road, South Tamworth. Buses serving area: 433, 435, 437 Program will run from 28/09 to 21/12. Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale. New volunteers are welcome. To volunteer please email: hopekitchen2340@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 30/10/22

Vigil: R C Ledwos P Bamford
9am Sun: R S Nichols G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell M Murray
Counting Team P Sheils; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 5/11 S Brown V Griffiths
Altar Linen: H Reid

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 6/11/22

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R (D Bearman)/Volunteer J Murray
Counting Team S Brown, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 12/11 K O'Brien, J Cunningham
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.

