

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word

PRAYER AND THE SCRIPTURES

Many people find the scriptures both fascinating and confusing. Written for different times and cultures between 2000-3000 years ago, it should come as no surprise that there are occasions when their meaning is not immediately clear, and their application to our lives uncertain. Today's readings from the second letter to Timothy reveal that it was not all that different for Christians late in the first century. Paul's letters were just beginning to be gathered and the gospels were just beginning to be preserved in written form. How should a community of faith make use of the Old Testament and these new Christian writings?

Timothy is challenged on a number of levels to use the scriptures as a resource for his ministry, providing sound teaching and guidance. One of the deepest challenges in the reading is that of proclaiming the message whether it is welcomed or not. It is a call to have the courage of one's convictions and persistent and enduring faith.

Jesus' parable about the widow and the unjust judge, as well as Moses' victory over the Amalekites, focus on how persistent and hope-filled prayer is essential for the life of faith. In an age when communication is almost instantaneous, it can come as a shock to learn that it is by patiently waiting and listening that we will best hear God's voice. While it may seem that God is slow to answer, sometimes it's our hearts that are slow to grow, change, and be attuned to God's plans!

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 OCTOBER 2022

FIRST READING

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

WEEKDAY MASSES Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass Wed: 12pm
Thurs: 9am Fri: 9am Sat: No Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God: turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Son of Man has come to give His life as a ransom for many.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gwen Gerathy, Les Wallworth (Sydney), Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth, Patricia Howlett.

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Doherty (6/10), Ned Clarke (12/10), Michael Brady (13/10), Bill Teo (29/10).

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

SICK: Gail Styman, Suzanne Roberts, Shane Davidson, Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Lisa Foster, 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: A five year old boy nags and nags his mother to get him a horse. He is relentless until she figures out a compromise, she gets him a stick horse. He is disappointed, but soon he and the stick horse bond, the boy teaches his horse to walk, trot, gallop and to neck rein. On the first day back to school after summer vacation the boy rides his horse to school. He is all proud as he ties it to the fence and goes to school. After school the boy comes out to find that the older kids found his horse and broke it into several pieces. The boy was devastated. Telling his mother about it that evening, he said "sure, I cried, I loved that horse, but you know what was the worst? I had to walk home from school!"



COMING EVENTS:

Oct 23 Mission Sunday
Oct 26 ****No 12 Noon Mass***
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

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

'Pray that God may direct, and that St Joseph's humble spirit may guide.' (1871)

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



MISSION SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 22: Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day. Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need. We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Special services will be held for **All Souls** and **All Saints** Feast Days 1st-2nd Nov. See details in coming events. 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.

HOPe KITCHEN: Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale. Provides a free and healthy meal for everyone in need. Each Wednesday 12.30pm to 2.30pm Scout Hall, Hillvue Road, South Tamworth. Buses serving area: 433, 435, 437; New volunteers are welcome. To volunteer please email: hopekitchen2340@gmail.com or see <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>. Number of meals served (from 28/09): 169

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

ARMIDALE DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY IN LISBON 2023: 22 day pilgrimage: "Journeying to Jesus with Mary" Led by Bishop Michael Kennedy, Rome (2 nights) • Assisi (4 nights); • Fatima (2 nights) • Lisbon (7 nights) • Lourdes (3 nights) • Paris (1 night) Inclusions: Return Flights, all internal transport, accommodation & meals Cost: \$5990 per person Places are limited; register your expression of interest now! armidale.catholic.org.au/world-youth-day-2023 This will be a life-changing opportunity to join millions of young people as we gather with Pope Francis for a celebration of our Catholic faith!

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 16/10/22

Vigil: R C Ledwos, D Bolitho
9am Sun: R J Ryan, G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R Volunteer J Murray,
Counting Team O and J Whale, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 22/10 J Hutt J Moran
Altar Linen: B Flood

WEEK 6 ROSTER: 23/10/22

Vigil: R D Gowing, Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R Volunteer M Murray
Counting Team G & M Thrift, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 29/10 M Vella R Pace
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.

