

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Col 3:15a,16a

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this? They said, 'Yes'. And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven

is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



FAMILY PRAYER

God, our Father,
we are brothers and sisters in
Jesus your Son. One family, in the Spirit of
your love. Make us patient and kind, gentle
and generous, welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members
and others by name]

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep
us safe in your love, make us always grateful
for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, pray for us.

*"The key to opening the door to faith
is prayer."
- Pope Francis*

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

Diocese of Armidale

Ordinary Time Year A

26th July, 2020

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He who fears the Lord respects his parents

The Lord honours the father in his children, and
upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his
sins, he who honours his mother is like someone
amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with
children of his own, he shall be heard on the
day when he prays. Long life comes to him who
honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease
is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not
grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should
fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in
your health and strength; for kindness to a father
shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation
for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127(128):1-5

**R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and
walk in his ways.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk
in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall
eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house; your children like
shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the
Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days
of your life! **R.**



SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the book of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Family life in the Lord

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you,
and you should be clothed in sincere compassion,
in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience.
Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon
as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you;
now you must do the same. Over all these clothes,
to keep them together and complete them, put on
love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your
hearts, because it is for this that you were called
together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a
home with you. Teach each other, and advise each
other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts
sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God;
and never say or do anything except in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father
through him.

26 July 2020
Wk 17 Yr A/2

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND
MASSES**

Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30 pm

****72 people only in the church**

**WEEKDAY
MASSES**

Mon: **No Mass

Tues: **No Mass

Wed: **12 noon St Martha

Thurs: 9am

Fri: 9am St Ignatius of Loyola Sat: 9am St Alphonsus Liguori

NEW WEBSITE: <https://stpatrickswesttamworthparish.org/>

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

***Or by appointment**

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

Recently Deceased: Margaret O'Callaghan, Michael Scott, Pauline Connor, Tony McDonald,

Anniversaries: Patricia Kennedy (2/7), Nerida Blanch (5/7), Bridget Teo (29/7).

Deceased: Terry Smith, Norma Jurd, Thomas Brown, John Albert French, Leopolda Figar, Patricia Mary Holz, Fr Robert Watson, William Coulston, Andrew Tickner, William Grima, John Killen, Eibhlín Killen.

Sick: Kim Myers, Rachel MacPherson, Shirley Hobbs, Gail Styman, Deacon Peter Harrison, Jenny Buxury, Aria Lee Hawley, Joy Makepeace, John Joe Kielty, Monica Austin, Joe Lew, Dudley Ryan, Trisha Aquino, Paul Steer, Baby Jack Smith, Noel O'Brien, Bill Press, Karen Guillermo, David Owens, Yvonne Tarrant, Terry Lee, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Greentree, Janice Rizzi, Richard Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Judy Cumins, Brindley Cavallaro, Maureen Harrison, Elaine White, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.



CRACKERS TAILS ON *MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

An elderly man calls his son who lives in the big city and says: "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing, forty-five years of misery is enough". "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son yells.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister and tell her." Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts. "I'll take care of this." She calls her parents immediately, and says to her father: "You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, do you hear me?!" The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says. "They're coming for our anniversary and paying their own fares. Now what do we tell them for your birthday?"



COMING EVENTS

Sun 26 July Marriage and Family Week

Sat Cleaning Roster:

1/8/20 J Huft and J Moran

'When a duty is clear to me it must be done at any cost' (1899)



PASSING ON THE FAITH: As we celebrate Mass today, we remember the family is the place where our faith, our love and our values are passed on. We pray and give thanks for our families.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Masses have resumed as noted, in line with current COVID-19 restrictions. **ONLY 72 PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO ATTEND MASS AT ANY ONE TIME AT ST PATRICKS.** It is preferable for you to register with the Parish Office. **PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS AND PREFERENCE TIME FOR MASS ATTENDANCE** (Saturday evening or Sunday). **The parish phone is not always attended so please only call if you do not have email.** If you do not register you may still attend mass, however you **MUST** leave your name and contact details on the sheet upon entering and can only enter if less than 72 people have registered on the entry sheet already.

SOCIAL DISTANCING - **YOU MUST - *REGISTER TO ENTER

- *SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING AND LEAVING

- *KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Your health and welfare are our top concern. ****Any person who is unwell, any person with co-morbidities (e.g. compromised immune or respiratory systems), and those over 70 years of age should exercise particular caution.** For some it may be more appropriate to attend a weekday Mass when there are less people present or receive pastoral care from clergy in their home. Before and After Mass you are asked to minimise any time spent together and avoid large group gathering. No group singing is permitted.



WEDNESDAY 12 NOON MASS: Please note the mass on Wednesday will be held at 12 noon following very positive responses. It is hoped this change of time might assist people who find 9 am mass difficult to attend, particularly in winter time. We would like to hear your thoughts on this and other mass time suggestions. We encourage you to visit our website and follow the news link to take [the survey](#).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Are you or someone you know considering marriage? The next course will be held on at St Joseph's Gunnedah Parish 20 September 2020. Please contact the office.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2020: "Brothers What Must We Do?" is an online free event being held on 15 August 2020. More details at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au Bishop Michael Kennedy has prepared this short promotional video for the event.

<https://youtu.be/ZhmVnhq6HQg>

COLLECTIONS: The Parish continues to be financially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Thank you to those parishioners who are continuing their planned giving by direct debit or other means. The option of electronic transfer or direct debit is always available, and preferable. Collections will be gratefully received by placing both first collection and second collection (envelopes/loose) into the relevant slot in the box at the back of the church or alternatively they may be placed in the plates as offered by the collectors. Please do not touch the plates.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: are available for the 2020/2021 financial year. Please collect yours today, and contact the office if you would like to join the planned giving community. #These donations are no longer tax deductible.

CHURCH READERS/COUNTERS If you have recommenced your Mass attendance and wish to resume your volunteering as readers or counters, please advise the office and we will establish procedures.

First Collection

Second Collection

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