

**GOSPEL**

Jn 12: 20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

■ 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 Darton, 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 © St Pauls Publications, 2021. No 1870. Website: [www.stpauls.com.au](http://www.stpauls.com.au)

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

21 MARCH 2021

**FIRST READING**

Jer 31: 31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

■ The word of the Lord.

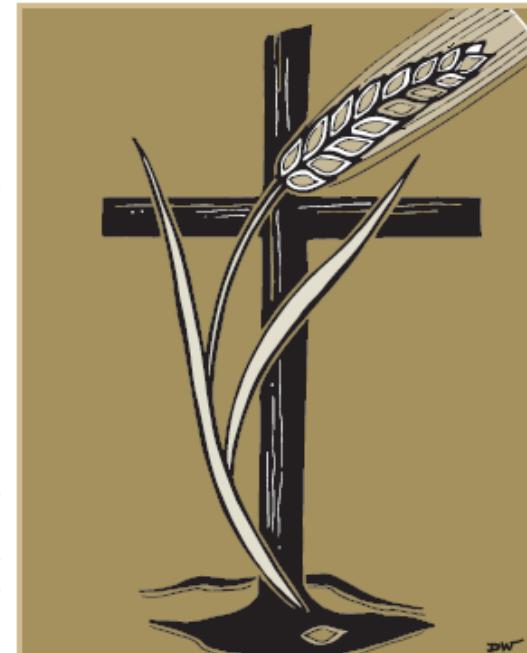
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. R.

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

3. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. R.

**SECOND READING**

Heb 5: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 12: 26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Christopher Monaghan CP

21 Mar 2021  
Year B Lent 5

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Parish Priest Fr Anthony Koppman  
Deacon Deacon Peter Harrison

Administration: Di Bolitho / Anne Bowden  
Sacristan Elaine Smyth

Presbytery 67658211



westtammworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

St Joseph's School

Principal Mrs Katie Hanes 67654079

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

**CONFESIONS**

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

\*Or by appointment

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mon: \*\*No Mass  
Wed: 12 Noon  
Fri: 9 am

Tues: \*\*No Mass  
Thurs: 9 am Annunciation of the Lord  
Sat: 9 am

**EASTER CONFESSIONS:** Confessions to be held **St Patricks** Wednesday 24 March at 5.30 pm; **St Edwards** Wednesday 24 March at 12 noon; **St Nicholas** Wednesday 31 March at 6 pm.

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Give me justice O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you O God are my strength.*

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

**Recently Deceased:** Steven Walton, Stephanie Cayley, Ronald Dietrich, Patricia Hawes, Norm Moran, Fay Sims.

**Anniversaries:** William Grima (3/3), Sofia Laulualo (5/3).

**Deceased:** Giuseppe Pomponio, Bishop Luc Matthys, Leonie Baker, Fay Bradbery, Hugh O'Brien.

**Sick:** Fr Bernie Flood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Rachel MacPherson, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Brindley Cavallaro, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.

### CRACKERS MEMOIRS RIP ON LENTEN SACRIFICES

*A Catholic priest spied a parishioner enjoying some tasty smoked sausage on Friday during Lent -- a strict no-no in the church. The priest, being a pragmatic soul, told the man for his penance he was to bring a load of lumber to the church to help repair the roof. The man grumbled, but went off to do his penance.*



*He arrived at the church on the next Friday and proceeded to dump a huge load of sawdust into the parking lot. What's this?" the priest wanted to know. "I told you your penance was a load of lumber, not sawdust." The man replied coolly,*

*Well, if that sausage I ate was meat, then this sawdust is lumber."*

### COMING EVENTS

28 Mar	Palm Sunday	30 Mar	Chrism Mass
1 April	Last day of term 1	2 April	Good Friday
4 April	Easter Sunday		



*"God gives me strength for what is necessary"*



**PALM SUNDAY:** Holy Week commences with Palm Sunday on 28 March.

There will be special COVID-19 requirements around Holy Week services and further details will be provided shortly. It is anticipated there will be the usual special Easter services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

**CHRISM MASS:** Bishop Kennedy invites all parishioners to join him and the priests of the Diocese at the Chrism Mass 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 11.00 am in the Cathedral and for refreshments afterwards in the Torreggiani courtyard. Please RSVP to your Parish Priest or Parish Office no later than 22 March, 2021.

**READERS FOR EASTER:** With more readers required for the Easter ceremonies could you please advise the parish if you will be available to read over the period and what Masses you may be attending. We thank you all for your wonderful support.

**WANT TO SUPPORT THE AGED CARE SECTOR IN AUSTRALIA?** Catholic Health Care Australia asks people to visit the website <https://www.careaboutagedcare.org.au/> to sign the petition to Members of Federal Parliament to support comprehensive reform of aged care.

**COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION:** Please see on the Notice Board a note from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the morality of Anti Covid-19 vaccines.

**BISHOP O'MAHONY SESQUICENTENARY MASS:** Bishop Kennedy invites all parishioners to join with him on Thursday 25 March at 11am for a Celebratory Mass and Blessing of the Memorial Stone for the 150 year Anniversary of Bishop O'Mahony's installation as first Bishop of Armidale. RSVP to the Chancery Office phone: 6771 8700 or: [chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au).

**ANNIVERSARY FR MELVILLE:** Friends, relatives and parishioners are warmly invited to an Anniversary Mass for Fr Bernie Melville at St Michael's Catholic Church Manilla on Saturday, 17th April 11am, Principal Celebrant - Most Rev Michael Kennedy. Followed by Light Luncheon at Manilla Bowling Club 12pm for 12.30pm. Please indicate if you will attend Mass and/or Luncheon RSVP Thurs, 7th April 21 To Jan Gallagher, Mobile 0400 313 464 Marie Flett, Telephone (02) 6785 1120 Karen Keys, Email: [kkeys@arm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kkeys@arm.catholic.edu.au)

### SOCIAL DISTANCING - \*\*PLEASE \*\*

**\*\* REGISTER TO ENTER USING EITHER QR CODE AT ENTRANCE  
- OR PAPER REGISTER AT ENTRY TO CHURCH**

**\*\* SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING**

**\*\* STICKER MARK YOUR SEATING AND \*\*KEEP YOUR**



### WEEK 1 ROSTER: 21/3

Vigil:	R D Gowing G Styman
9am Sun:	R S Brown G Clout
5.30pm Sun:	R M and J Murray
Counting:	R Paull; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning:	20/3 J Hutt and J Moran
	27/3 M Vella and R Pace
Altar Linen:	H Reid

### WEEK 2 ROSTER: 28/3/21

Vigil:	R D Bolitho R Palmer
9am Sun:	R C Monet O Monet
5.30pm Sun:	R M and J Murray
Counting:	P Sheils; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning:	27/3 M Vella and R Pace
	3/4 B & B Lane
Altar Linen :	J Hutt

1st Collection:	PRESBYTERY	BSB	082105	ACC	001023642
2nd Collection:	CHURCH	BSB	082105	ACC	001041198