

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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20 JUNE 2021

## JESUS' SAVING PRESENCE

For the people of Israel, the creation of the world was the act of bringing order where there had been chaos. Like other peoples of the ancient near east, they believed that the primary symbol of all that was uncontrolled and beyond our power was that of the ocean and darkness. Job speaks of how it is God who marks out the limits of the waters that would engulf humanity, waters that once were given their sway in the flood. The act of creation is one where chaos is forced to retreat, where God's creative and ordering power gives us a place where we can live in safety. The story of Jesus calming the storm on the lake was to become a powerful means for early Christians to express their belief in Jesus as sharing in this creative power of God. The disciples are brought face to face with their desperate need for the saving presence of their Master. It is Jesus' powerful word that now brings peace where a storm raged and threatened to overcome them.

Paul is overwhelmed, not by storms and waves that would engulf him, but by the love of God which has been poured into our hearts in Jesus. He has come to see in Jesus' life given for us the means by which we are brought into a new creation. Jesus is the one who has overcome all that would keep us from being truly alive. In the face of his boundless and creative love, even the power of death is bowed and silenced.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Job 38: 1, 8-11

A reading from the book of Job.

*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 106: 23-26, 28-31. R. v. 1

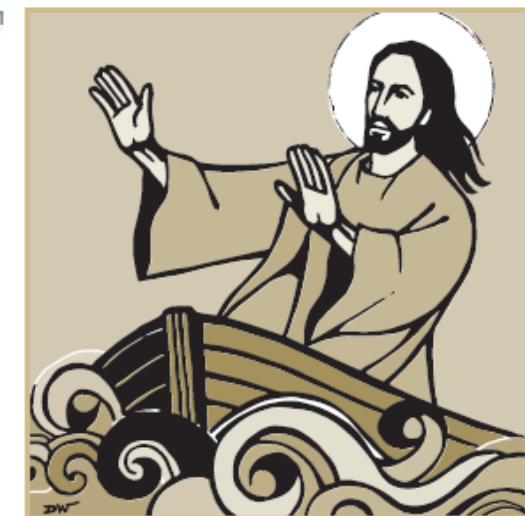
R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships / to trade on the mighty waters. / These men have seen the Lord's deeds, / the wonders he does in the deep. R.

2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, / tossing the waves of the sea / up to heaven and back into the deep; / their soul melted away in their distress. R.

3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need / and he rescued them from their distress. / He stilled the storm to a whisper: / all the waves of the sea were hushed. R.

4. They rejoiced because of the calm / and he led them to the haven they desired. / Let them thank the Lord for his love, / the wonders he does for men. R.



## SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*All things are made new.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

20 June 2021  
Year B Week 11

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

**CONFESIONS**

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

\*Or by appointment

Mon: \*No Mass Tues: \*No Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Wed: 12pm Thur: 9am The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

**ENTRANCE** The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed.  
**ANTIPHON:** Save your people Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

**COMMUNION** I am the good shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep says the Lord  
**ANTIPHON:**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Bede Hintz, Mary Plater.

**Anniversaries:** John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6).

**Deceased:** Fr Peter Liu, Tom and May Kennedy, Peggy Bussell, Lawrence Hartley, Margaret Barnes, Blagyna Nikolovski. Thomas Brown.

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



### PADDY'S CORNER

A cyclone blew up from nowhere. It didn't take long for the expensive yacht to be swamped by high waves, sinking without a trace. The two survivors Dr Smyth the boat's owner and the steward, Marcus. After reaching the deserted strip of land, the steward was very upset that they would never be found. Dr. Smyth on the other hand was quite calm. "Dr. Smyth, how can you be so calm?" cried Marcus. "We're going to die on this lonely island. We'll never be discovered here." "Sit down and listen to what I have to say, Marcus." began the confident Dr. Smyth. "Five years ago, I gave SVDP \$500,000 and another \$500,000 to my church. I donated the same amounts four years ago. Last year, business was good, so each got a million dollars again." "So what?" shouted Marcus. "Well, it's time for their annual fundraising drives, and I know they're going to find me!" smiled Dr. Smyth.

### COMING EVENTS

19/20 June Welcome to Sr Kathryn Sweeney in the Parish Centre  
26/27 June Peters Pence Collection 16 July Official Opening New Facilities  
18 July Confirmation and Fr O'Brien's 60th Jubilee  
31 July Launch Online Mens Gathering



May God grant you courage and wisdom in everything you say.  
(1875.)



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**100th BIRTHDAY WISHES:** We take this opportunity to wish Margaret Marshall a very Happy 100th Birthday. Margaret celebrated her milestone on 28 May this year and was a member of St Patricks parish for 70 years having sung in the parish choir and being part of the fundraising group for St Patricks Hall.

**WELCOME:** We wish to extend our community welcome to Sister Kathryn Sweeney RSJ. Please join us in the parish centre after this Sunday morning Mass for a cuppa and chat and give her a warm welcome.

**OFFICIAL OPENING:** St Joseph's School invites parishioners to the official opening and blessing of the new facilities on Friday 16 July 2021 at 10 am for a 10.30 am start. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND YOU MUST RSVP to schaffey@arm.catholic.edu.au or phone 6765 4079 by **25 June 2021**.

**COUNTERS NEEDED:** Would you consider joining a counting team? Counting is during the day on Mondays and we are very short of helpers. Please contact the office if you could help.

**PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION 27TH JUNE:** The 2021 collection is to be conducted on 27th June, 2021 the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul.

**CEMETERY TRUSTS:** The NSW Government recently announced that it will merge all cemetery trusts into a single government-run trust and dismiss faith-based operators. **There is an online petition at [www.saveourgraves.com.au](http://www.saveourgraves.com.au) Please sign this petition and circulate it to your family and friends in NSW.** Please also write/phone your local NSW Member of Parliament in an appeal to reverse this decision. Archbishop Fisher's article at [www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-anthony-fisher-op-caring-for-the-dead-is-a-spiritual-mission/](https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-anthony-fisher-op-caring-for-the-dead-is-a-spiritual-mission/)

**THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2021** will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. The Diocese of Armidale will be holding its own Diocesan Catholic Men's Gathering as an in-person event on Saturday 16th October in Tamworth.

**DIMMING IN THE CHURH:** Replacement of the church lights is imminent and of significant cost. We have seen the improved savings made with updating of lighting in the presbytery and grounds and we would like to see the same in the Church. We hope to be able to address the issue in the not too distant future .

**CRACKER'S TALES:** To assist with the lighting project, we will aim to clear the stock of Cracker's Tales. The bargain price of \$10 will get you all the laughs you need. Please contact the office or speak with Fr Anthony after Mass or at the office if you would like to buy a copy.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 1st Coll: ACC 001023642 2nd Coll: ACC 001041198**

**ADIG:** Have been very generous in support of our Parish with a grant of \$27,451 as part of \$3.89m distributed throughout the Diocese. This will go some way to help the Parish financially.

### WEEK 2 ROSTER: 20/6/21

Vigil: R D Bolitho R Palmer  
9am Sun: R C Monet O Monet  
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray  
Counting Team O & J Whale; A Bowden  
Sat Cleaning 26/6 B and B Lane  
Altar Linen B Flood

### WEEK 3 ROSTER: 27/6/21

Vigil: R C Greer D Bolitho  
9am Sun: R S Brown A Sartori  
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray  
Counting Team S Brown; A Bowden  
Sat Cleaning: 3/7 K O'Brien J Cunningham  
Altar Linen: E Smyth

We acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their cultures to the life and spirit of Australia.

