

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of  
humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make  
themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his  
disciples made their way through Galilee; and  
he did not want anyone to know, because he  
was instructing his disciples; he was telling  
them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into  
the hands of men; they will put him to death;  
and three days after he has been put to death  
he will rise again.' But they did not understand  
what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was  
in the house he asked them, 'What were you  
arguing about on the road?' They said nothing  
because they had been arguing which of them  
was the greatest. So he sat down, called the  
Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to  
be first, he must make himself last of all and  
servant of all.' He then took a little child, set  
him in front of them, put his arms round him,  
and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one  
of these little children in my name, welcomes  
me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes  
not me but the one who sent me.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## LIVING WITH OUR DIFFERENCES

As the letter of James observes, wherever there  
is jealousy and ambition there is disharmony.  
It is the sign of both human and spiritual  
maturity to be able to live in peace with  
ourselves and others. A reality of life is that  
there are differences between people and  
that they can often be a source of division  
and discontent. Today's readings invite us to  
reflect on the ways in which differences can be  
life-giving rather than destructive.

For the writer of the book of Wisdom the  
truly righteous person will be a thorn in the  
side of those whose values they do not share.  
The implied challenge is that of daring to be  
different when it means being true to our  
values.

Even within the Christian community the  
problems provided by our differences and  
desire for recognition need to be addressed.  
It is to the credit of the early Christians  
that they did not veneer over their very  
real differences and honestly admitted their  
difficulties in this area. At the very moment  
that Jesus is speaking of the violent death that  
awaits him the disciples are already arguing  
among themselves about who is the greatest.  
It is precisely in this context that Jesus reveals  
to them that true greatness has always been  
found in the ability to serve and sacrifice  
oneself for the good of others. It is not that  
differences do not exist, or that some have  
the responsibility of leadership. What counts  
is the manner in which that responsibility  
is exercised. In that, Jesus remains our most  
enduring example.

Christopher Monaghan CP



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

19 SEPTEMBER 2021

## FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since  
he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our  
upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will  
have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will  
take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his  
word for it.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your  
power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my  
prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. R.
2. For proud men have risen against me, /  
ruthless men seek my life. / They have no  
regard for God. R.
3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord  
upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with  
willing heart / and praise your name for it is  
good. R.



## SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown  
in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you  
find disharmony, and wicked things of every  
kind being done; whereas the wisdom that  
comes down from above is essentially something  
pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and  
considerate; it is full of compassion and shows  
itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of  
partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when  
they work for peace, sow the seeds which will  
bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between  
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the  
desires fighting inside your own selves? You  
want something and you haven't got it; so you  
are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that  
you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way  
by force. Why you don't have what you want  
is because you don't pray for it; when you do  
pray and don't get it, it is because you have not  
prayed properly, you have prayed for something  
to indulge your own desires.

■ The word of the Lord.

19 Sep 2021  
Yr B 25th Sunday

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND MASSES** Vigil: Sat 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm  
**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass  
Wed: 12 noon Thur: 9am St Pius of Pietrelcina  
Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm  
\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE:** I am the salvation of the people says the Lord.  
**ANTIPHON:** Should they cry to me in any distress I will hear them,  
and I will be their lord forever.

**COMMUNION** I am the good shepherd says the Lord;  
**ANTIPHON:** I know my sheep and mine know me.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Claire Burgess (rsj), Colleen Greer, Gwen Press, Marcia Tutin, Betty Hodgins, Coral Markey, Loyola Hawthorne, Vera Anne Pendergast.

**Anniversaries:** Fr Watson (8/9), Matthew Moloney (9/9),

**Deceased:** Sister Ita Harris (rsj), Sister Francis Gabriel (rsj), Mary Sampson, William Coulston.

**Sick:** Sophie Littlejohn, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood,

### PADDY'S CORNER - TO CELEBRATE THE FREEDOMS WE DO HAVE

A man stumbles up to the only other patron in a bar and asks if he could buy him a drink. "Why of course," comes the reply. The first man then asks: "Where are you from?" "I'm from Ireland," replies the second man. The first man responds: "You don't say, I'm from Ireland too! Let's have another round to Ireland." "Of Course," replies the second man. Curious, the first man then asks: "Where in Ireland are you from?" "Dublin," comes the reply. "I can't believe it," says the first man. "I'm from Dublin too! Let's have another drink to Dublin." "Of course," replies the second man. Curiosity again strikes and the first man asks: "What school did you go to?" "Saint Mary's," replies the second man. "I graduated in '62." "Unbelievable" the first man says. "I went to Saint Mary's and graduated in '62, too!" About that time, in comes one of the regulars and sits down at the bar. "What's been going on?" he asks the bartender. "Nothing much," replies the bartender. "The O'Malley twins are drunk again..."



**COMING EVENTS:** 16th Oct Mens Online Gathering

*When I could not see my way  
God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right. (1874)*



**NSW STATE COVID UPDATE:** Please keep updated with NSW Health Orders as things are changing very quickly and this bulletin could be incorrect after the time of printing.

Please note the below rules that were applicable at the time of printing.

\*Sanitise hands on your entry please.

- a. Up to 5 visitors will be allowed in a home
- b. Up to 20 people can gather in an outdoor setting
- c. Schools will reopen with Level 3 COVIDSafe measures in place
- d. Up to 50 guests can attend weddings
- e. Up to 50 mourners can attend funerals
- f. Churches can open subject to the one person per 4 square metre rule with no singing.  
\*\*\*\*\*Please note this restriction and maintain this distance \*\*\*\*\*
- g. Masks remain mandatory for all indoor public venues including churches and you must still sign in with the QR code or paper facility.



**WELCOME:** We welcome and are very grateful to Fr John McHugh for celebrating our Masses this week in Father Anthony's absence.

**MASS AT HOME:** (For any unable to safely attend Mass Celebrations)

**Television:** Mass for You at Home airs on Channel 10 at 6am each Sunday, and also on Aurora (Foxtel Channel 173) at 10am.

Masses at St Patrick's Cathedral are livestreamed daily via Archdiocesan YouTube Channel. Link below. On Sundays, the 11am Mass will also be televised live on C31 (Please note: C31 is available as Channel 44 on digital television)

**Online:** Online Masses streamed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney are available on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZxfrykD8iSWExFBdM7fpRg>

**JOSEPHITE CALENDAR 2020.** 2022 Calendars ready for order at \$8 each. Please place your order details on the sheet provided at the back of the church. Orders to be in by end September.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** Contactless Option Below.

BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642

**2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

\*Please keep payments separate for each account.

#### WEEK 3 ROSTER: 19/9/21

**Vigil:** R Sr K Sweeney P Bamford  
**9am Sun:** R G Clout A Sartori  
**5.30pm Sun:** R M and J Murray  
**Counting Team** 20/9 O & J Whale; A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning:** 25/9 K O'Brien & J Cunningham  
**Altar Linen:** H Reid

#### WEEK 4 ROSTER: 26/9/21

**Vigil:** R D Gowing G Styman  
**9am Sun:** R R Paull M Donaldson  
**5.30pm Sun:** R M and J Murray  
**Counting Team** S Brown A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning** 2/10 J Hutt and J Moran  
**Altar Linen** J Hutt

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.

