

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word

JESUS THE DIVINE HEALER

At the heart of our life of faith is the belief that God has the power and desire to enter into our world and bring life where there was death. Prophets such as Isaiah spoke of the impact that the Messiah would have on the life of the people. Through the promised king, God would reach out and set right what was no longer in order; wrongs would be redressed and life would flourish anew in the desert, and in the hearts of the people. How many of Isaiah's contemporaries would have thought his words were simply vain hopes which would never be realised? How many were disillusioned with their past experience of kingship in Israel?

It was into this situation of need, hope and disbelief that Jesus came. His powerful word and healing touch brought hope and new life to those in need. One of the great ironies of today's miracle is Jesus' command that the deaf man keep silent about what has happened to him. Having just found his voice could he be expected not to use it? Mark's point is that having encountered Jesus we cannot keep silent.

Despite its brevity the letter of James contains some of the most hard-hitting teaching in the New Testament. Today the challenge concerns how the voice of the powerless cannot be silenced in the Christian community. The standards of the world have no place in the Christian community when it leads to a distinction between rich and poor, when a person's worth and dignity is only measured by their wealth.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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FIRST READING

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or **Alleluia!**)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /
who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is
he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord,
who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, /
who raises up those who are bowed down, /
the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who
protects the stranger. **R.**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, /
but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord
will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age
to age. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

■ The word of the Lord.

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5 Sep 2021
Yr B 22nd Sunday

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NO MASSES

The Tamworth Local Government Area is currently under stay at home orders from Mon 9 Aug 2021 and recently extended until at least 10 Sep 2021. The Church and Office are closed during this time.

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

Recently Deceased: Gwen Press, Marcia Tutin, Betty Hodgins, Loyola Hawthorne, Coral Markey, Vera Anne Pendergast.

Anniversaries: Eric Graham (3/8), John Jackson (8/8), Jack Sampson (9/8), Stan Hobbs (16/8), Andrew Tickner (20/8), Dudley Ryan (21/8).

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

Sick: Norma O'Brien, Sophie Littlejohn, Margaret Marshall, Colleen Greer, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO MARY FOR THE PANDEMIC.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Patroness of our Diocese of Armidale, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

PADDY'S CORNER - Dear Dad,

\$chool i\$ great. I'm making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying hard. I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.

Love, Your \$on

Dear Son,

I kNOW astroNOMy, ecoNOMics and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOT forget that the pursuit of kNOWLEDge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.

Love, Dad



We must teach more by example than by word.



NSW STATE COVID LOCKDOWN: Due to the current lockdown the Church and Presbytery Office remain closed at this stage. There will be no physical celebrations of the Mass until further notice. This remains a constantly changing situation.

LIVESTREAMING CATHEDRAL SUNDAY MASSES: Each week there will be a new link for the livestream and this will be provided to you as well as being loaded on the Diocesan website. Each Mass will be loaded to the Diocesan Youtube site so that parishioners may access the Mass later if this is more convenient for you. The links for this Sunday's Mass are below. YouTube Live:

YouTube Live: <https://youtu.be/B4Q6c5vvnv8> AND Zoom backup link

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81439016769?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81439016769?pwd=Nlo2TnY5bUZVYTBxZXdrQjN1UWNWUT09)

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Happy
Father's
Day

HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all our fathers including Father Koppman. We hope you all are able to enjoy your families however far away they may be. We hope many take this opportunity to connect with their fathers, sons, grandfathers and those who father us with their guidance and support. Let us be grateful in our modern times that we are only as far away as our voices can reach. Please also remember those who may be alone at this time and reach out to say hello and give companionship in these times where physically we are even more isolated.

MASS AT HOME:

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>

VOLUNTEER IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: Collections are currently non existent and so Church income greatly affected. If you are able to still contribute to your regular giving please do so by the electronic options below. We appreciate circumstances may have changed for many and we fully appreciate and pray for you and the greater nation as we work through the current pandemic.

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*Please keep payments separate for each account.

COMING EVENTS: 16th Oct Mens Online Gathering - Covid Permitting
PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: See last weeks answers on page 4 and some featured fathers day puzzles on page 3.

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.



HAPPY FATHERS DAY

The age of a father and son adds up to 55. If you reverse the digits of the son's age, you get the father's age. How old is the father?

At one point in your life, you will be twice as old as your child. When will that be?

A man is looking at a photograph. When asked whose picture it is, he says, "Brothers and sisters I have none. But that man's father is my father's son." Who is in the photograph?



I can never be thrown but I can be caught. Ways to lose me are always being sought.

What am I?



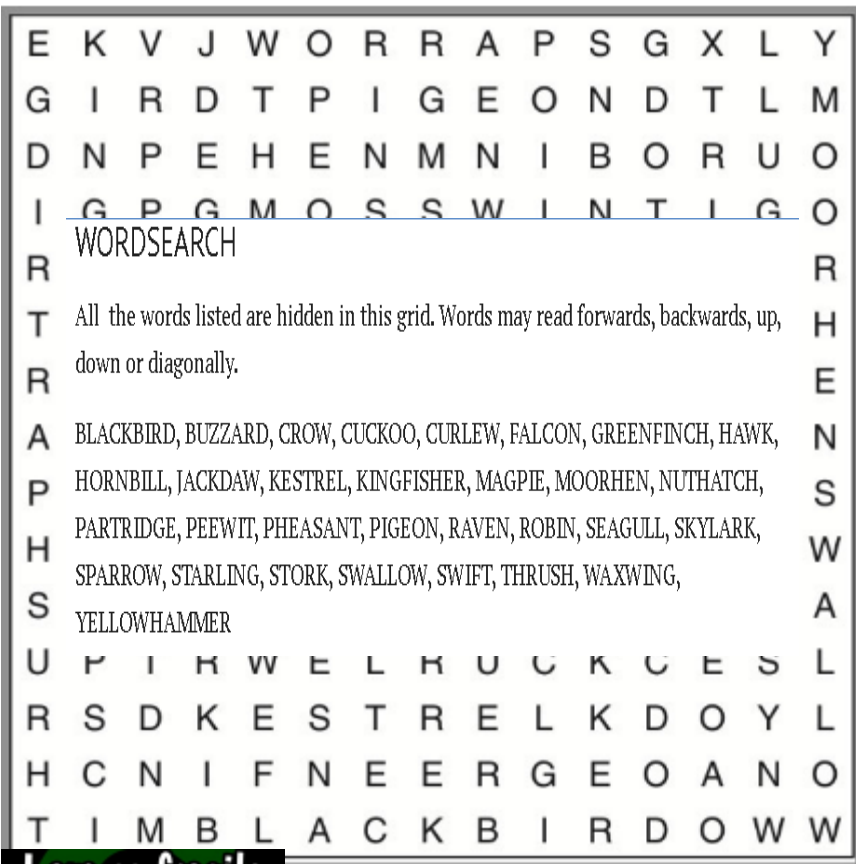
I have branches,
but no fruit, trunk
or leaves.

What am I?



I help you from your head to your toe.
The more I work, the smaller I grow.

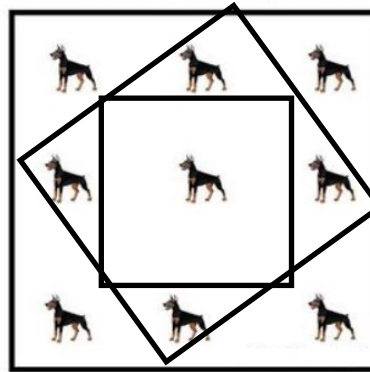
What am I?



1. Its lid
2. A map
3. A skull

1. Incorrectly
2. Tomorrow
3. News
4. A coat of paint

There are 9 dogs in a square fence



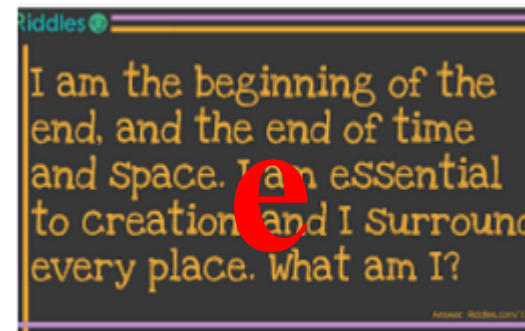
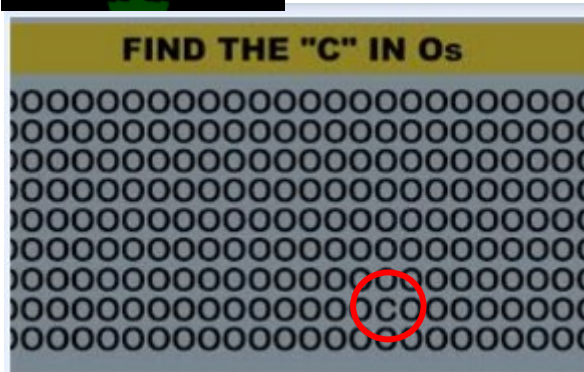
Construct 2 more Square fence so that each dog is in isolation



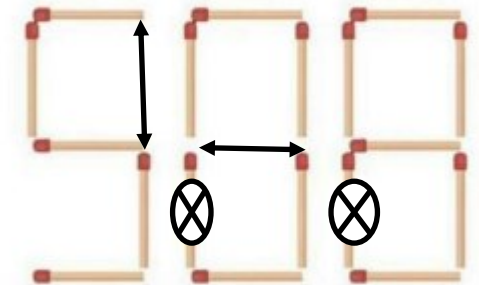
I am so fragile
Saying my name
Will break me
SILENCE
What am I?

These are the Bird
Words ↑

ANSWER SHEET



If you can now move 2 Matches,
Whats the biggest possible
number?



I bet very few of you
can solve this.... **999**