

the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 FEBRUARY 2022

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

We often hear it said that actions speak louder than words, and that talk is cheap. While these sayings may well be true, what we say provides others with a window into our hearts. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect upon the quality of our speech and what it reveals about where our heart lies. As trees are judged on the quality of their fruit so our hearts are judged on the quality of our speech. Jesus' words forcefully remind us that before we judge others, we would do well to look to ourselves and the quality of the fruit we bear in our actions and in the words we speak.

As Paul concludes his argument about the bodily resurrection, he praises God for the victory that has been won over sin and death. Like other Jews of his time, he understood that sin and death had entered the world through the fall of Adam. When Paul states that sin gets its power from the law, he invites the Corinthians to reflect on the paradox posed by the Jewish law. While the law calls us to righteousness, its very existence is living proof of the power of sin, since the commands of the law would not be necessary if there was no sin. Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as the first fruits of a crop that is yet to come. In the meantime, the community is called to continue to live their Christian lives in the hope that they are not working in vain.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on
the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to
make music to your name, O Most High, / to
proclaim your love in the morning / and your
truth in the watches of the night. R.

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree /
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.

3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will
flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing
sap when they are old, / still full sap, still
green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In
him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is



sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice

27 Feb 2022

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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

CONFESIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES **Mon:** No Mass **Tues:** No Mass
Wed: Ash Wednesday 12 noon
Thur: 9 am **Fri:** 9am **Sat:** 9am

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because he delighted in me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, Sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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

Recently Deceased: Maria Mood, Shirley Hobbs, Irene Stanmore, Peter Buckley.

Anniversaries: Dalis O'Brien (12/2), Julia Blanch (12/2), Bill Blanch (12/2), Mavis Parons (25/2)
William Grima (5/3).

Deceased: Frank Mood, Neville Smyth (WA), Shirley Tiberi, Mary Maher, Gwen Tufrey, Laurence Vella, John Paul Vella.

Sick: Paul D'Elbeoux, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering Saturday morning 19th March

McCarthy College Tamworth.
For laymen by laymen!

Extraordinary Speakers and open Q & A

Come for breakfast & home at lunchtime.

Registration NOW OPEN

Details on the cards and poster at the back.

Simply register Online

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/armidale-diocesan-men-s-gat>

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Take another card and give it to a friend

COMING EVENTS:

2 Mar Ash Wednesday - Lent begins
6 Mar Special Parish Morning Tea after 9am mass
19 Mar Diocesan Men's Gathering

5 Mar Reflection Day

17 Mar St Patrick's Day

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642
(contactless option) **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

Be patient and work generously in the service of our Divine Lord

NSW STATE COVID RULES:

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FROM FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY****

**** FACE MASKS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED INSIDE ****

**** SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. ** NO CHECK IN REQUIRED**



ASH WEDNESDAY: This Wednesday 2 March is Ash Wednesday with mass at St Patrick's at 12 noon. Please note evening masses at St Marys at 6 pm; morning mass 7 am at South and East Tamworth Parishes.. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter.

LENT 2022: Lenten groups are being formed. Please register at the back of the church. The Frassati Society for young Adult Catholics aged 16 to 39yrs will be running a Lenten group. If you are interested in joining or for more info please contact Tammy on 0459784171.

EASTER ROSTERS: Please advise the office if you will be away this Easter so we may formulate the Easter Services Roster bearing in mind this weekend will also be the Country Music Festival In Tamworth. (Easter Sunday 17 April 2022)

5 MARCH REFLECTION DAY: Hosted by Sr Maureen McDermott RSJ with the theme *If You Knew the Gift of God*. An introductory meeting on Fri. 4 March at 5-6pm to introduce the program with refreshments. Sat 5 March will commence at 10 am till 4 pm. Bring own lunch. Register at the back of the church or online at [St Patrick's website](https://stpatrickswesttamworthparish.org).

PARISH MORNING TEA: A very special morning tea will be on **Sun. 6 March** after the 9 am mass. We hope as many parishioners as possible will attend. Please bring a plate if you can.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: The Family Hotel has been booked for lunch Wednesday 17 March. Names to be recorded on the list at the back of the church if you are intending to join us. We hope you will come along and enjoy this special day with us.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

LEAVING NOTES/MASS INTENTIONS ETC: If you have anything to leave for Fr Anthony or the Parish, please leave in the lockable white mail box on the front verandah of the presbytery.

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 27/2/22

Vigil: R D Gowing D Bolitho

9am Sun: R S Brown O Monet

5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray

Counting Team G&M Thrift; A Bowden

Sat Cleaning 5/3 K O'Brien, J Cunningham

Altar Linen E Smyth

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 6/3/22

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn D Bolitho

9am Sun: R G Clout A Sartori

5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray

Counting Team C Lavell; A Bowden

Sat Cleaning: 12/3 M Vella and R Pace

Altar Linen: H Reid

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

