

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company, you taught in our streets," but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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WORTH THE STRUGGLE

While the people of Israel were rightly thankful for being chosen by God, they often reflected on their relationship with the nations that surrounded them. The experience of the exile would change them forever since Jews could then be found throughout the ancient world. What was their role among the nations? Would the nations come to worship the living God? One response is represented for us in the last chapter of the book of Isaiah who saw that the role of the survivors of the exile was to be a light to the nations. Their faithful witness would result in conversion and worship in Jerusalem.

When Jesus was asked, 'will there be only a few saved?', his reply adds a new dimension to the equation. The nations will come and take part in the banquet of the Messiah, but some of those who felt they had reserved places will be forced to look on from outside! The determining factor is how people respond to the salvation and life which Jesus offers. Simply being part of the people of Israel is not enough; later Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because 'you did not know the time of your visitation' (Luke 19:44).

Today's passage from the letter to the Hebrews sets out to help Christians who were discouraged by the opposition and suffering they were experiencing. Rather than suffering being a sign of God's rejection, they are encouraged to see it as how they are being prepared to take their places at the messianic banquet.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

R. Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News (or Alleluia!)

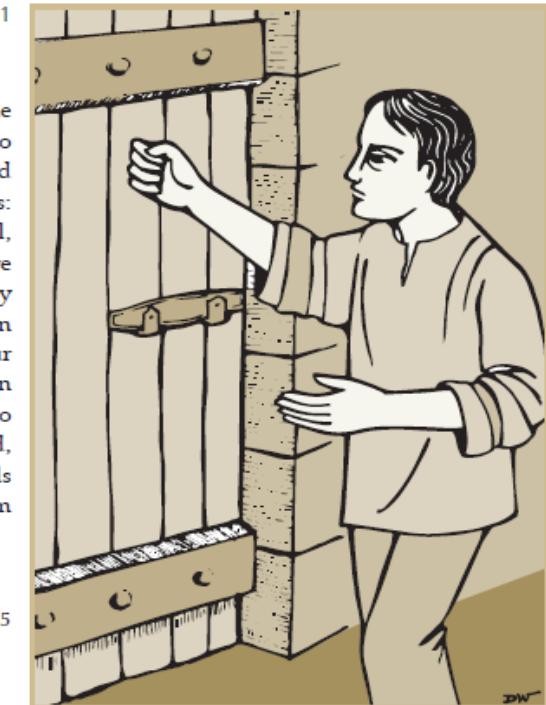
1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, / acclaim him all you peoples! R.
2. Strong is his love for us; / he is faithful for ever. R.

SECOND READING

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him?



Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

21 August 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: 12 pm St Bartholomew

Thurs: 9 am Fri: 9 am Mass Sat: *No Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me: Save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Schipp, Anthony Cavanagh, Lois O'Brien, Colleen Dunn, Bill (William) McCulloch, John Fittler.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eric Graham (3/8), John Jackson (8/8), Jack Sampson (9/8).

DECEASED: Molly Miller, Judy McGregor, Vincent O'Shea, Shirley Chandler, Mary Sampson.

SICK: Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

VEENA'S VERSIONS:

For the scientists: How do you know that atoms are Catholic?
They have mass.

For the others: Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most? "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

COMING EVENTS:

Sat 20 Aug: Mass for Scripture Teachers and others 9.15am

GIVING COLLECTIONS: Keep an eye out for our new parish app information. Until then giving to St Patricks Church is possible contact free by electronic transfer to the Church Account as shown below or by Direct Debit arranged via your bank. The parish is so thankful for all your support.

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"Bear in mind that we are only poor travellers, that our home is not here."



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- * ANTISEPTIC WIPES ARE AVAILABLE TO WIPE OVER SEATS
- * SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Armidale.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons,

who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into our Catholic Community the following children who have been baptised at St Patricks: Nora Brooke Murphy, Leon Francis Klasen, Gia Lac Tran, Tully Tom Roworth, Finley Mark Preston and Darby Maeve Bowen. We pray for them, their parents and Godparents.

CLERGY ANNIVERSARIES: Whilst we pray for continued vocations for the priesthood and other religious ministries, we may extend our congratulations and prayers for the following clergy who celebrate their Anniversary of Ordination during the month of August. Bishop Kennedy 14th August, 1999; Father Damien Locke 14th August, 2021; Father Chris Onuekwusi 16th August, 2003; Father Richard Gleeson 18th August, 1978; Father John Willis 23rd August, 1973; Father Gerard Hayes 28th August, 1980; Father John Curran 29th August, 1974 and Mons Ted Wilkes 31st August, 1983.

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WEEK 3 ROSTER: 21/8/22

Vigil: R G Styman D Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell M Murray
Counting Team O and J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 27/8 J Hutt, J Moran
Altar Linen: H Reid

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 28/8/22

Vigil: R P Bamford Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell J Murray
Counting Team G & M Thrift, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 3/9 M Vella, R Pace
Altar Linen: J Hutt

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.

