

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in  
Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

9 OCTOBER 2022

## WORD OF GOD CANNOT BE CHAINED

While the people of Israel rejoiced in the unique call they had received, their experience of the world taught them that people of goodwill and faith could be found in other places and cultures. Called to be a light to the nations they knew that sometimes it was others who were light to them. Naaman the Syrian general was prepared to risk trusting the word of his wife's Israelite servant in order to be healed of leprosy. He had come to Elisha with gifts to ensure he would be healed but he leaves not only healed but richer in faith.

In a similar vein, it is a heretical Jew, a Samaritan, who has the eyes to see what the living God is offering in Jesus. He alone has the openness of heart to give thanks for the precious gift he has received through regaining his health. All the lepers were healed but only one has been saved. The outsider is the one who has been saved by means of his faith.

The letter to Timothy reflects on the fact that the Good News cannot be chained or confined. Even though Paul and other early Christian missionaries experienced opposition, hardship and imprisonment for the sake of the Gospel, they knew that their efforts were not in vain. The message of Jesus was not to be confined to Israel and Timothy is encouraged not to lose heart because being immersed in the death of Jesus and in his sufferings means sharing in his resurrected life as well.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings  
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. R.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. R.



## SECOND READING

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

■ The word of the Lord.

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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: 12pm

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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gwen Gerathy, Les Wallworth (Sydney), Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth, Patricia Howlett.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Warren Doherty (6/10), Bill Teo (29/10).

**DECEASED:** Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp, Lois O'Brien, Bill McCulloch.

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

### VEENA'S VERSIONS:

How much does God deserve a Thank You?  
This much!!!



**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Ch. (St Pats) Acc 001041198  
West Tamworth Presbytery (Dioc) Acc 001023642

### COMING EVENTS:

10 Oct Schools reopen Monday 10th.

1 Nov Feast of the Holy Saints

Nov 2 Feast of the Holy Souls (Commemoration of all the faithful departed)

'See the protecting and beautiful hand of God in all that is happening'. (1871)



**NSW STATE COVID GUIDE:** \* FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED  
\* ANTISEPTIC WIPES ARE AVAILABLE TO WIPE OVER SEATS  
\* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. \* NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

**WELCOME:** We welcome Fr John McHugh and thank him for his pastoral support to us in this and the coming weeks. We also thank Fr O'Brien for his support and wish good health upon them both.

**JOSEPHITE CALENDARS:** If you would like to order one of these calendars, please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Orders to be in by end October. \$10 each. Enquiries Cheryl Lavell 0402124333.

**HOPE KITCHEN:** Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale. Provides a free and healthy meal for everyone in need. Each Wednesday 12.30pm to 2.30pm Scout Hall, Hillvue Road, South Tamworth. Buses serving area: 433, 435, 437; New volunteers are welcome. To volunteer please email: [hopekitchen2340@gmail.com](mailto:hopekitchen2340@gmail.com) or see <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>. Number of meals served (from 28/09): 169

**EVANGELISE – OCTOBER 20-22:** Special Diocesan Session: Fri, Oct 21: 6 pm- 9 pm. Catholics around the Diocese of Armidale are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by renowned Australian Catholic speakers, 'Evangelise' will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. This is an event you do not want to miss! Find out more, including the event program and keynote speakers at [www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au](http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au)

**ARMIDALE DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY IN LISBON 2023:** 22 day pilgrimage: "Journeying to Jesus with Mary" Led by Bishop Michael Kennedy, Rome (2 nights) • Assisi (4 nights); • Fatima (2 nights) • Lisbon (7 nights) • Lourdes (3 nights) • Paris (1 night) Inclusions: Return Flights, all internal transport, accommodation & meals Cost: \$5990 per person Places are limited; register your expression of interest now! [armidale.catholic.org.au/world-youth-day-2023](http://armidale.catholic.org.au/world-youth-day-2023) This will be a life-changing opportunity to join millions of young people as we gather with Pope Francis for a celebration of our Catholic faith!

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** The parish is thankful for all your support. The first collection (Presbytery Acc) goes to the Armidale Diocese to support diocesan clergy with the second collection (Church Acc) supporting the running of St Patricks.

**POPE FRANCIS QUOTE** "The world needs hope. And with gratitude, with this habit of saying thank you, we transmit a bit of hope."

Everything is united and everything is connected, and everyone needs to do his or her part wherever we are."

### WEEK 4 ROSTER: 9/10/22

**Vigil:** R P Bamford D Bolitho  
**9am Sun:** R A Sartori M Donaldson  
**5.30pm Sun:** R Volunteer J Murray  
**Counting Team** G & M Thrift, A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning** 15/10 K O'Brien J Cunningham  
**Altar Linen:** E Jackson

### WEEK 5 ROSTER: 16/10/22

**Vigil:** R C Ledwos, D Bolitho  
**9am Sun:** R J Ryan, G Clout  
**5.30pm Sun:** R (D Bearman), J Murray, O and J Whale, A Bowden  
**Counting Team** Sat Cleaning 22/10 J Hutt J Moran  
**Altar Linen:** B Flood

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.

