

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all the seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all are in fact alive.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

ENDURANCE AND STEADFASTNESS OF CHRIST

While we may take belief in the resurrection for granted, it was not always so for the people of Israel. For most of their history the people of Israel did not believe in an afterlife, and if they did, it was the shadowy afterlife of Sheol where even God was not praised (Psalms 6:5; Isaiah 38:18). Both the first reading and today's Gospel give us a glimpse into the development of Jewish belief in the resurrection. In the second century BC, the martyrs of the Maccabean revolt found the strength to endure torture and death because they trusted that the living God would give their lives back to them at the resurrection. In Jesus' time, this belief was still not widespread. The Sadducees were one group who found the idea of the resurrection to be ludicrous. The Pharisees, however, believed in the resurrection, angels and spirits (Acts 23:8).

As a preacher of the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul knew better than most how difficult it could be to convince people of the truth of the Christian message. We hear the voice of experience when he observes that faith is not given to everyone. Misunderstanding and opposition were ever-present realities in his ministry of proclaiming the Good News. The Christians of Thessalonika are encouraged to remain steadfast in their faith, certain that the Lord is with them to guide, console and strengthen. Furthermore, they are called to support Paul's ministry using their prayers.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 NOVEMBER 2022

FIRST READING

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v. 15

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, / pay heed to my cry. / Turn your ear to my prayer: / no deceit is on my lips. R.



2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths; / there was no faltering in my steps. / I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. / Turn your ear to me; hear my words. R.

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. / Hide me in the shadow of your wings. / As for me, in my justice I shall see your face / and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. R.

SECOND READING

2 Thess 2:16-3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

CONFESIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

Mon: No Mass **Tues:** No Mass

Wed: 12 pm **Thurs:** 9am St Leo the Great
Fri: 9am St Martin of Tours **Sat:** No Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into Your presence.
Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jill Moroney, Peter Yandall, Gwen Gerathy, Les Wallworth (Sydney), Margaret Marshall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Antony John Croft (17/11), Ian Macpherson (30/11), Richard Bowler (1/12).

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

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

VEENA'S VERSIONS:

My dad used to never give money to charities that were organizing fundraising marathons. According to him, they'd always just take your money and run



HOPe KITCHEN: Free and healthy meal for everyone. Every Wednesday 12.30pm to 1.30pm Scout Hall, Hillvue Road, South Tamworth. Buses serving area: 433, 435, 437 Program will run from 28/09 to 21/12. Heart of Peace (HOPe) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale. New volunteers are welcome. To volunteer please email:

hopekitchen2340@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>

COMING EVENTS:

Nov 6 Prison Sunday—prayer for chaplains and those in gaol on the Notice Board

Nov 9 St Edwards Closing of the Jubilee Year and Holy Door

PARISH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082 105 West Tamworth Church.(St.Pats) **Acc** 001041198
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'If we forget, God does not. (1884)'



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 HOME: Father Anthony is wished a very warm 'Welcome Home'. We trust you were able to gain some rest and regeneration in your break and return to us full of energy and peace. May God's blessings be abundant on you.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Please use envelopes to make requests for November Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their *names written very clearly* as they will be printed and displayed on the church Notice Board. Thank you

PRISON SUNDAY: During the Year of Mercy in 2016 Pope Francis announced a Jubilee for Prisoners, and since that time the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, has continued to encourage dioceses and parishes to mark the first Sunday in November in recognition of those in prison and those who provide pastoral support to them. As Pope Francis noted on 6 November 2016, "...when violence is met with forgiveness, even the hearts of those who have done wrong can be conquered by the love that triumphs over every form of evil. In this way, among the victims and among those who wronged them, God raises up true witnesses and workers of mercy."

ST EDWARDS CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR AND HOLY YEAR: The clergy and parishioners of St Edward Parish South Tamworth invite you to a special Festival of God's love and forgiveness in giving thanks for the Diamond Jubilee (60th) of their Parish. Wednesday 9/11/22 5.00pm Eucharistic Adoration with songs, prayers and guided meditation in the Taizé tradition. *The Immaculata Mission Team will lead the music and guided meditation. Priests will be available to hear confession for those who wish to go to Reconciliation.* 6.00pm Procession and Closing of the Holy Door. Free BBQ, kids games & live music. Under usual conditions, a Plenary indulgence is available to all Catholic faithful who will participate in this event. For more information on Plenary Indulgence visit: <https://stedwardsparish.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/1209/2022/01/Primer-on-Plenary-Indulgence-Final.pdf>

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas. Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 6/11/22

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R D. Bearman J Murray
Counting Team: S Brown, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 12/11 K O'Brien, J Cunningham
Altar Linen: J Hutt

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 13/11/22

Vigil: R C Ledwos D Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R D Bearman M Murray
Counting Team: O and J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 19/11 J Hutt, J Moran
Altar Linen: E Jackson

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.

