

GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

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Breaking Open the Word

GRACIOUS AND FORGIVING LOVE

The blessing 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you' is one familiar to us all. It may come as a surprise to know that it was originally the conclusion of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The community was bitterly divided, and Paul wrote the letter to reconcile himself with a community that had become estranged from him and one another. He saw that they were all called to model their lives on the living God's gracious, loving, and unifying nature.

The graciousness and life-giving character of God's love have been seen throughout all of salvation history but seldom clearer than in the episode of the golden calf. Face to face with the living God on the holy mountain Moses feels it necessary to plead for the people of Israel and their idolatry. He knows their desperate plight but before he even pleads for the people God reveals that Israel's God is one of compassion, tenderness, faithfulness, and mercy.

For people of faith there is always the danger that people hide from the living God because of fear in the face of failure and sin. Nicodemus is invited to understand that the power of God is most clearly seen in a love that will risk everything to bring us back, even the most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ. On this feast of the Trinity, these readings lead us to reflect on the nature of God that we celebrate - creative, saving and forgiving love.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

4 JUNE 2023

FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

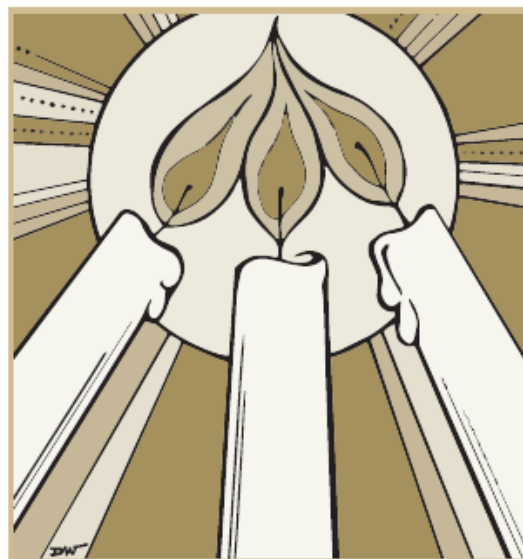
R. Glory and praise for ever!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!



SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

4 June 23
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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am & **5.00 pm**

WEEKDAY MASSES Fri: 9am Liturgy

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Blest be God, the father, and the only begotten son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the spirit of His Son, the spirit who cries out: ABBA father.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Kenny (Kendal), Sr Patricia Bartley rsj, Sister Carole Gibbins rsj, Sr Judith Carney rsm, Maureen Travers, Greg Hiscox, Terry Doherty, Marjie Balfe, Sophie Littlejohns, Father Efen Musngi MS, Marian Murphy, Ann Daly, Charlie Burns.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peg MacRae (4/5), Hugh O'Brien (18/5), Ted Parsons (20/5), Sandy Murray (22/5), John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6).

DECEASED: Carmel MacPherson, Peter Richards, John O'Brien, Gary McSweeney, Sr Clare Keating RSJ.

SICK: Monica Austin, Margaret Doyle, Baby Walker MacAlpine, Sandra Sheedy, John Betts, Gerard Dunn, Sr Gerard Joseph, Suzanne Roberts, Shane Davidson, Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Lisa Foster, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Barbara Brennan, Terry Dean, Colin MacPherson, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, William Bonner, Graeme Bussell, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Fr Bernie Flood.



VEENA'S VERSIONS A burglar breaks into a house. He starts shining his light around looking for valuables. Some nice things catch his eye, and as he reaches for them, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." Startled, the burglar looks for the speaker. Seeing no one, he keeps putting things in his bag, again, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." This time, he sees a parrot. "Who are you?" the burglar asks. "Moses," the bird replied. "Who the heck would name a bird Moses?" the man laughed. "I dunno," Moses answered, "I guess the same kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105

1st. Collection - West Tamworth Presbytery Acc No: 001023642 (Diocesan collection)

2nd Collection - West Tamworth Catholic (St Patricks) Church Acc No: 001041198

**Direct Debit or EFT donations are preferred for planned giving; however envelopes are still available, please enquire.

COMING EVENTS:

***4 June Change** Sunday Evening Masses at 5pm **13 June 1st Communion Parent Information Night**

25 June Parish First Holy communion 9am Mass **29 Aug, 17 Nov-** Mission & Evangelisation Events

COVID GUIDE: * FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED;
*ANTISEPTIC WIPES/SANITISER AVAILABLE

"May God's grace enable you to see and do the right thing." (1877)



SUNDAY MASS TIME: *PLEASE REMEMBER Sunday afternoon Mass time is now 5pm. Please note this if you regularly attend this service.

ADIG PARISH DISTRIBUTION: We are very grateful for the generous support from ADIG via the distribution received recently of \$30,294. This distribution will be put to great use in defraying some of the large costs of maintaining our ageing church and presbytery. Thank you especially to all those people who support ADIG and make such a distribution possible.

FUNDRAISER FOR 'HOPE SOUP KITCHEN': On Sunday 18 June at 12 noon soup and rolls with a movie of Andrea Rieu will be held at St Patrick's Parish Centre by the Catholic Women's League. Cost \$10. All welcome. Reply Robyn English 0448114366 or Elaine Smyth 67655694

FORMATION OPPORTUNITY—CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Christian formation process for children aged 3-12 years to help them nurture their personal relationship with God. It is a worldwide ministry that we hope to start in our Diocese. The first Level of formation will be run at the Holy Family Parish Centre, Armidale, June 29th – 2nd July and 6-8th October (9am-5pm daily). All Parishioners welcome to attend. For details contact Janine Turner 0416 767 866 or Monica Nulley-Davis 0450 419 688.

SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL: On Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the *Little Company of Mary* and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979. Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce to challenge the ACT Government's plan. The forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding. You may wish to join in supporting this taskforce by signing the petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>).

STATEMENT REGARDING ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER VOICE FROM AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS: This statement is available via the bulletin email, on the notice board, and in hard copy by request. As per the Bishops' request in this statement, everyone is encouraged to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which they endorsed in 2021 and the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia endorsed in 2022.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships enable lay people to further understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. **More information and Applications Forms** on website pallottine.org.au/svpsscholarship Closing Date 4 August 2023.

Prayer is not just spending time with God ... If it ends there, it is fruitless.

No, prayer is dynamic. Authentic prayer changes us ... unmasks us.

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 4/6/23

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown R Paull
5.00pm Sun: R M Murray D Bearman
Counting Team S Brown, A Bowden
Fri Cleaning 9/6 K O'Brien M Brown
Altar Linen: E Jackson

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 11/6/23

Vigil: R C Ledwos D Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley A Sartori
5.00pm Sun: R D Bearman M Murray
Counting Team G and M Thrift A Bowden
Fri Cleaning 16/6 J Hutt J Moran
Altar Linen: M Vella

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

