

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

THE GOD OF SURPRISES

In a time of rapid change in the Church one of our community members lamented the fact that 'Just as I got it all worked out, they changed what it was!' Often the word of God has a way of turning our world and expectations upside down. After the exile, the hope for a king from the line of David was rekindled. Zechariah agrees with this hope but his vision of the kingdom that God will establish would have come as a surprise to his contemporaries. Peace will come, but not through the force of arms.

Jesus' own life and message were no less paradoxical. Those who would have been expected to understand were left floundering and confused by his message. On the other hand, those open to the surprising ways of God find in Jesus the one who will gently carry their burdens if they will take on the task of becoming disciples.

Much of Paul's energy was devoted to the formation of Christian communities and it was not uncommon for them to become discouraged when they failed to live up to the demands of the gospel. In the coming weeks, the readings taken from Romans 8 show how Paul both challenges and revitalises the Christian community of Rome. He calls them to live spiritual lives, while also making sure they hear his message of encouragement. There is a firm basis for hope since the Spirit is in us, empowering, enlivening, and transforming us.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

9 JULY 2023

FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God. (*or Alleluia!*)

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, /
I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless
you day after day / and praise your name for
ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, /
slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good
is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his
creatures. **R.**

3. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their
blessing. / They shall speak of the glory
of your reign / and declare your might,
O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and
loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports
all who fall / and raises all who are bowed
down. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ The word of the Lord.

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WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30 pm Sun: 9 am Sun: 5.00 pm
WEEKDAY MASSES Wed: 12 pm Mass
Thur: 9 am Mass Saint Bonaventure
Fri: 12 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm
*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON: Your merciful love, oh, God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, oh God, like your name, reaches the end of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

COMMUNION ANTI-PHON: Taste, and See that the Lord is good; blessed be the man who seeks refuge in him.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Geaney, Peter Sullivan, Harold Ward, Margaret Peterson, Michael Kenney (Kendal), John Gray.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Kennedy (2/7), John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6), Walter Uner (9/6), Grant D'Elboux (21/6), Alfred Uner (28/6), Stanley Blanch (29/6), Wally Warner (2/7), Bridget Teo (29/7).

DECEASED: Sr Patricia Bartley rsj, Sister Carole Gibbins rsj, Sr Judith Carney rsm, Maureen Travers, Greg Hiscox, Terry Doherty, Marjie Balfe, Sophie Littlejohns, Father Efrén Musngi, Marian Murphy, Ann Daly, Charlie Burns.

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VEENA'S VERSIONS

GIRL: When we get married I want to share all your worries and troubles and lighten your burden.

BOY: It's very kind of you darling, but I don't have any troubles or burdens.

GIRL: Well that's because we are not married yet.

COMING EVENTS:

4 Aug: Closing date for St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust (Website: pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship)

29 Aug: 17 Nov - Mission & Evangelisation Events

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105

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

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

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

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

"We must do the will of Him we love."



MASS TIME: *Please note Sunday afternoon Mass time is now 5 pm.

CHANGE TO FRIDAY MASS TIME: Friday mass time will change from 9 am to 12 noon. Please take note of this change of time to be trialled over winter.

SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL: The ACT Government has announced the compulsory acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. You can support this taskforce by signing the petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>).

DIOCESAN VIEWPOINT MAGAZINE: The Autumn volume of this publication is now available. Please see the below link for the latest edition of Catholic Viewpoint to view in Flipbook Magazine style. The printable PDF version is also included via email. [Catholic Viewpoint – Issue 10 – April – June 2023](#)

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support of the Holy Father's special collection last weekend.

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS: We are delighted to welcome into our St Patrick's Parish community those who have been baptised recently: Riley Tomkins, Zoe Strange, Emmy Belle Coppock, Marley Anne Crosland, Charlie Hanlon, Lucas Hanlon, Riley Kirby, Bruno McCallum, River McCallum, Patrick Murray, Dorothy O'Reilly, Millie Romer, Christopher Rummery, William Russell, Phoebe Cusack, Mia Rose Russell, Logan Russell. May God bless these children and their families and loved ones.



PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule.

We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the person they choose be one of deep and true prayer, a person of a compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a person of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen



WEEK 1 ROSTER: 9/7/23

Vigil: R C Ledwos Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Nichols R Paul
5.00pm Sun: R M Murray C Lavell
Counting Team O & J Whale, A Bowden
Fri Cleaning 14/7 J Hutt, J Moran
Altar Linen: E Jackson

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 16/7/23

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown R Paul
5.00pm Sun: R M Murray D Bearman
Counting Team S Brown, A Bowden
Fri Cleaning 21/7 M Vella, A Jones
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.

