

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## WHO THEN IS THIS?

God speaks out of the storm (tempest) to Job in the first reading asking him whether he was there when God created the world. The imagery of the sea, waves and wind will reappear in our Gospel with the storm on the sea. Following on from last week and the use of parables, Jesus invites the disciples to go across to the other side. This body of water, called a sea, is a lake and subject to squalls and storms at short notice. But let's not get too literal. Note 'they took him in the boat, just as he was'. They left the crowd behind and there were other boats with him.

Quickly the drama of the storm erupts. This great storm has waves swamping the boat. In the midst of this 'he was in the stern asleep on the cushion'. The disciples address him as 'Teacher' asking whether he cares that they are perishing? Waking, Jesus rebukes the wind and says to the sea 'Quiet now, be calm'. The wind ceases and there is calm. Jesus' words transform the great storm to a great calm. Jesus' questions to those in the boat, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?', are not for them only, but a challenge to us now. Let us hear the words of Paul to the Corinthians: 'if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new.'

Dr Rosemary Canavan



# THE SAVING WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

23 JUNE 2024

## FIRST READING

Job 38: 1, 8-11

A reading from the book of Job.

*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 106: 23-26, 28-31. R. v. 1

**R.** Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships / to trade on the mighty waters. / These men have seen the Lord's deeds, / the wonders he does in the deep. **R.**
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, / tossing the waves of the sea / up to heaven and back into the deep; / their soul melted away in their distress. **R.**
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need / and he rescued them from their distress. / He stilled the storm to a whisper: / all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R.**
4. They rejoiced because of the calm / and he led them to the haven they desired. / Let them thank the Lord for his love, / the wonders he does for men. **R.**



## SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 14-17

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

*All things are made new.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

23 June 2024

Wk 12 Yr B

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND** Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.00am Sun: 5pm

**MASSES**

**WEEKDAY** Wed: 12 noon Thurs: 9 am Fri: 12 noon St Irenaeus

**MASSES**

### CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.00 pm

\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE** ♦ *The Lord is the strength of His people,*

**ANTIPHON:** *a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.*

**COMMUNION** ♦ *The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food*

**ANTIPHON:** *in due season.*

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Burke, Noeline Turner, Paul Burton.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6), Grant D'Elboux (21/6).

**DECEASED:** Bishop Peter William Ingham, John Nash, Peter Newley, Gary Donaldson, Colin MacPherson, Eva, Joe and Bill McLean, Mel and Harry Hutchens, Dalis O'Brien.

**SICK:** Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Fr Anthony Koppman, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.



### VEENA'S VERSION: COMING EVENTS:

God Will Save Me! It had been raining for many days, and a local river was flooding many houses. The waters rose so high that one man was forced to climb onto the roof of his house. As the waters rose very high, a man in a rowboat appeared, and told him to get in. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the rowboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him. The waters rose even higher, and then a speedboat appeared. "Climb in!" shouted a man in the boat. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the speedboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him. The waters continued to rise. A helicopter appeared the pilot announced he would lower a rope to the man on the roof. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the helicopter went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him. The waters still rose higher, and eventually they rose so high that the man on the roof was washed away, and alas, he was drowned. Upon arriving in heaven, the man marched straight over to God. "Heavenly Father," he said, "I had faith in you, I prayed to you to save me, and yet you did nothing. Why?" God gave him a puzzled look, and replied

*"I sent you two boats and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"*



### COMING EVENTS:

**30 June** Peter's Pence Collection

*"Reject no one; you never know what Grace can do." (1867)*



**VEENA'S UPDATE - FR ANTHONY'S LEAVE:** Please keep Father Anthony in your prayers.

We look forward to his return to light duties only, in July, noting he will still need to continue his healing journey. Please also keep in your prayers Peter Harrison, our former Deacon who is also unwell. In the meantime we are very thankful for Fr McHugh for his pastoral care for our parish along with Fr Ross for his assistance with our Mass celebrations.

**BAPTISMS:** We pray for all those who have recently been baptised at St Patrick's. Please keep in your prayers Molly Anna Waters, Nicholas Gordon, Ryley Glass, Giselle Unger and Ari Ryan. May they and their families be blessed at this special time for them, and throughout their lives in Christ.

**PETERS PENCE COLLECTION:** The 2024 collection is to be taken up on 30th June which is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. This collection goes to the Holy Sea for Holy Father's emergency relief efforts to aid victims of war and natural disasters.

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** Planned Giving Envelopes are now available. Please collect your set and please do not use them prior to the new financial year. If you would like to join planned giving either via Direct Debit or by weekly envelopes, please contact the office for assistance.

**DE LA SALLE ARMIDALE REUNION:** All Ex-students of De La Salle College Armidale are invited to a School Reunion to be held in Armidale on Saturday 26th October THIS YEAR, which is the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the College as we knew it. Very Importantly - in order to secure our booking at this early stage - we need to soon know NUMBERS coming! IF you (wife/partner also welcome) intend to come please send a "YES" to dlscarmidale@yahoo.com. Limited seating. More information Pete Stanley, Ph. 0401745406.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY HEADLINES:** • Getting into new habits: Meet the Little Nuns and Friars of Jesus and Mary p1; • Can Catholics afford to live near their parishes? p12-13; • Youth want faith formation, Aussie delegate tells Pope Francis p3; • Cost-of-living pressures see pregnancy crisis calls double p8; • Milad's got the secrets for youth ministry success p9; • Monica Doumit: Truth up in flames in Canada mass graves scandal p17.

### 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

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082 105

**1st. Collection West Tamworth Presbytery (Diocesan collection)**

Acc No: 001023642

**2nd Collection West Tamworth Church (St Patricks Church Mgt)**

Acc No:001041198

### WEEK 3 ROSTER 23/6/24

**Vigil:** R C Ledwos Di Bolitho  
**9am Sun:** R M Holley A Sartori  
**5.00pm Sun:** R J Parrenas J Parrenas  
**Counting Team** P Shiels A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** S Brown V Griffiths  
**Altar Linen:** H Reid

### WEEK 4 ROSTER: 30/6/24

**Vigil:** R N Pullman Sr Kathryn  
**9am Sun:** R S Brown, M Donaldson  
**5.00pm Sun:** R A O'Halloran C Lavell  
**Counting Team** G & M Thrift, A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** K O'Brien M Brown  
**Altar Linen:** J Hutt

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.

