

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

A PROPHET AMONG THEM

In the first reading Ezekiel relates his call from God to be a prophet to the people of Israel. This is a major challenge for him considering their rebellion against God plus their insolence and obstinance. God asks Ezekiel to tell them, whether they listen or not, that there is a prophet among them.

The context of being a prophet is echoed in the Gospel as Jesus is rejected in his own town, Nazareth. From the beginning of Mark's Gospel, we know who Jesus is, but we have already seen his rejection by the leaders of Israel (3:6). Now, after he has left the place where he healed the haemorrhaging woman and restored Jairus' daughter to life (last Sunday's Gospel), he comes to his own town, and his disciples follow him there. On his arrival on the sabbath he teaches in the synagogue as might be expected. His listeners' astonishment turns to disbelief. Jesus words to them convey his threefold rejection: 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' Such unbelief leaves Jesus unable to use his power though he did heal a few of the sick. Jesus' amazement at their disbelief is in sharp contrast to the faith shown by the woman in the crowd who touched him, and recalls his question to his disciples in the storm, 'Have you no faith?' The journey of his teaching goes on now towards the critical question in 8:29, 'who do you say that I am?'

Can we see and hear the prophets among us?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

7 JULY 2024

FIRST READING

Ezek 2: 2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v. 2

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, / you who dwell in the heavens: / my eyes, like the eyes of slaves / on the hand of their lords. **R.**
2. Like the eyes of a servant / on the hand of her mistress, / so our eyes are on the Lord our God / till he show us mercy. **R.**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. / We are filled with contempt. / Indeed all too full is our soul / with the scorn of the rich, / with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Cor 12: 7-10

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord



three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

7 July 2024

Wk 14 Yr B

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

WEEKDAY MASSES Wed: 12pm Thurs: 9 am St Benedict Fri: 12pm

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.00 pm

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON:

*Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON:

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him*



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Blanch (Armidale).

ANNIVERSARIES: John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6), Grant D'Elboux (21/6), Wally Warner (2.7), Lyn Slade (10/7), Peter Parsons (12/7), Margaret O'Callaghan (12/7), Bridget Teo (29/7).

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: Elaine Murray, 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:



In religion lessons the children were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. - - - I think I'm going to have a wife.'

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: Planned Giving Envelopes are now available. Please collect your set as soon as able. If you would like to join planned giving either via Direct Debit or by weekly envelopes, please contact the office for assistance.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: (BSB 082 105)

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

2nd Collection (Local) West Tamworth Church
(St Patricks Church Mgt) Acc No: 001041198

COMING EVENTS:

21 July Parish Morning Tea with Fr Anthony 28 July World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
8 Aug Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop

"Bear your little trials with patience and love. ." (1876)



VEENA'S UPDATE - FR ANTHONY'S LEAVE:

Fr Anthony has returned to us — Hooray Hooray !
We are so very grateful to have Fr Anthony return to us if but for a brief time. We are very appreciative, as we know he is, to see his return to health slowly but surely. Although we will need to say farewell again on 25 July, we will enjoy this blessing. Welcome back Fr Anthony!

PARISH MORNING TEA: Will be held on Sunday 21 July after 9 am mass. Please bring a plate if you can, and join us for this special gathering.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: The Australian Catholic Bishops welcome us all to this special celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church. Our theme in 2024 is "Keep The Fire Burning - Strong In Faith". Lots of great resources can be found at the [website](#).

FATHER JOHN CURRAN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD: A general invitation is extended to the friends of Father John Curran to celebrate a Mass with him at Saint Michael's Catholic Church Manilla on Saturday 24th August at 11am for his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. Followed by lunch at Manilla Services Club 25 Court St, Manilla. RSVP required for lunch by 9th August to Marie Flett on 0427 851 120.

CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT: [Catholic Viewpoint – Issue 14 – Apr – Jun 2024](#) is now available.

A print friendly PDF version is also attached if you would like to print your own copy. You might enjoy the article on the Aboriginal Message Stick which was recently exhibited in our local schools.

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION 2024 Thank you for your generosity to this important program. This collection goes to the Holy Sea for Holy Father's emergency relief efforts to aid victims of war and natural disasters.

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.

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.

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 7/7/24

Vigil: R C Ledwos, D Bolitho
9am Sun: R J Ryan, G Clout
5.00pm Sun: R J Parrenas J Parrenas
Counting Team O & J Whale, A Bowden
Fri Cleaning J Hutt J Moran
Altar Linen: M Vella

WEEK 6 ROSTER: 14/7/24

Vigil: R N Pullman, G Styman
9am Sun: R D Gowing, A Sartori
5.00pm Sun: R Volunteer C Lavell
Counting Team S Brown, A Bowden
Fri Cleaning M Vella A Jones
Altar Linen: E Smyth

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.

