

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?'

This quintessential question arises today in two ways: 'who do *people* say I am?' and, 'who do *you* say I am?' The setting for this event that forms the turning point in Mark's Gospel is 'on the way' to Caesarea Philippi. Being on the way is being on the journey with Jesus. It is not clear whether they enter the villages. This conversation is often envisioned as occurring beside the rock wall of the waterfall with its niche and caves and the spring that emerges at the base of Mount Hermon. This cultic setting of the Temple of Pan, other deities and a marble temple to Augustus might distract from Mark's purpose. Meandering along the stream under a Roman bridge, past a water mill, a synagogue and a palace might be enough context to consider the questions on Jesus' lips.

To the first question 'they' – the disciples – answer variously, 'John the Baptist ... Elijah ... one of the prophets.' Peter answers the second question definitively 'You are the Messiah.' This is a crystallisation of the identity of Jesus that we have known from the first line of this Gospel. Yet, it is still not to be told and has been misunderstood so far. What is important for the disciples, and for us, is the first of the passion predictions that follow, and the reality of Jesus' mission. After the rebuke by Peter, Jesus declares to the crowd as well as the disciples 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' In light of this, how will you answer, 'who do you say I am?'

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Isa 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone
start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living. (or **Alleluia!**)

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry
of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in
the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of
death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they
caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on
the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver
me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our
God has compassion. / The Lord protects the
simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved
me. **R.**



4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes
from tears / and my feet from stumbling. /
I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the
land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who
has never done a single good act but claims that
he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of
the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of
clothes and has not enough food to live on, and
one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep
yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving
them these bare necessities of life, then what
good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do
not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good deeds;
I will prove to you that I have faith by showing
you my good deeds – now you prove to me that
you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to
the world.
Alleluia!

15 Sept 2024

Wk 24 Yr B

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MASSSES **Mon:** 9am Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

WEEKDAY **Tues:** 9am **Wed** 12pm

MASSSES **Thur:** 9am Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette

Fri: 12 noon Sts Andrew Kim Tae'Gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang

CONFESSIONS

* Sat: 4.30-5.00pm

* Before every Mass

* By appointment

ENTRANCE *Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.*

COMMUNION *How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Sweeney, George Hurn.

ANNIVERSARIES: Matthew Moloney (9/9), Tony Williams (31/7), Margaret Parker (4/8), Jack Sampson (9/8), Barry Schipp (18/8), Susan Tan Dy (24/8), Greg Gallagher (30/8).

DECEASED: We remember all our fathers now in God's care, Mary Camden, Tommy Hudson.

SICK: Cheryl Moloney, Daphne Sweeney (Sr Kathryn's mum), Col Hassett, Judy Murphy, Elaine Murray, Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, 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.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS FEAST DAY 15 SEPTEMBER

THE FIRST SORROW: The Prophecy of Simeon

THE SECOND SORROW: The Flight Into Egypt

THE THIRD SORROW: The Child Jesus Lost in the Temple

THE FOURTH SORROW: Mary meets Jesus carrying the Cross

THE FIFTH SORROW: Mary at the foot of the Cross

THIS SIXTH SORROW: Mary receives the body of Jesus

THE SEVENTH SORROW: Mary witnesses the burial of Jesus.



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

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

LOST AND FOUND: There are several items at the back of the church (including a much loved missal). If you have lost something, please check this area & the table below the noticeboard.

COMING EVENTS:

19 Sept Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette **29 Sept** Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Oct 7 Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary (Diocesan Patroness)

Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Year B

*"If our intention is pure, and we have love in our hearts
we shall have God with us" (1890)*



CALL FOR CHOIR MEMBERS: This is a request to all parishioners who to love to sing. We are trying to boost our choir numbers for the 9 am and 5 pm Sunday masses. Please, we would love to have you as our next member. We are very approachable or if you rather find out more phone Bruce on 0416 800872 or Margaret on 0448 553040.

110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2024:

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has created online resources, including the liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews, to help celebrate this special day. Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024>

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SACRAMENTS AT ST PATRICKS PARISH:

MASS: Monday and Tuesday and Thursday 9 am; Wednesday and Friday 12 noon.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: 11.30 am on every first Friday of the month.

ANointing MASS: First Wednesday every third month (from December 2024) at 12 noon.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4.30—5.00 pm and Before every Mass or by Appointment.

BAPTISM: By appointment. Please visit the website <https://stpatrickswesttamworthparish.org/sacraments/>

or phone the office to arrange.

WEDDING, ANointing OF THE SICK AND FUNERALS: Please contact the office to arrange.

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 3 ROSTER: 15/9/24

Vigil: R C Ledwos Di Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley R Paul
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: 22/9/24

Vigil: R P Bamford Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, M Donaldson
5.00pm Sun: R G O'Toole C Lavell
Counting Team G & M Thrift, A Bowden
Fri Cleaning M Brown K O'Brien
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.*

