

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of  
humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make  
themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his  
disciples made their way through Galilee; and  
he did not want anyone to know, because he  
was instructing his disciples; he was telling  
them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into  
the hands of men; they will put him to death;  
and three days after he has been put to death  
he will rise again.' But they did not understand  
what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was  
in the house he asked them, 'What were you  
arguing about on the road?' They said nothing  
because they had been arguing which of them  
was the greatest. So he sat down, called the  
Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to  
be first, he must make himself last of all and  
servant of all.' He then took a little child, set  
him in front of them, put his arms round him,  
and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one  
of these little children in my name, welcomes  
me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes  
not me but the one who sent me.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

## '...LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL'

Our first reading from Wisdom alerts us to 'the righteous man' who is God's child. The words here will echo in the Gospel with the second of the predictions of Jesus' death. The passage from James also has synergy with the ambitions of the followers of Jesus addressed in the Gospel.

Beginning with the second prediction of Jesus' death – 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed he will rise again' – we find Jesus teaching his disciples as he moves through Galilee. We hear that they did not understand but were afraid to ask. Arriving in Capernaum, inside the house, we see Jesus ask them what they were arguing about. The silence was of embarrassment because their discussion was of who was the greatest. The focus is now even smaller as Jesus now sits down with the Twelve, his closest companions, in the house. It is to these that he says, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Servant is here *diakonos*, servant or deacon. His message to his leadership team is clear as to how they need to model and live their responsibility and call. His further exemplar of placing a child among them, broadens their understanding of welcoming Jesus among them, challenging their orientation to Jesus and to God, 'the one who sent me.' Let us pause to reflect on our orientation to Jesus and to God. Where do we stand?

## FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,  
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since  
he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our  
upbringing.'

Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will  
have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take  
his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his  
enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his  
word for it.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. R.
2. For proud men have risen against me, / ruthless men seek my life. / They have no regard for God. R.
3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with willing heart / and praise your name for it is good. R.

■ The word of the Lord.



## SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you  
find disharmony, and wicked things of every  
kind being done; whereas the wisdom that  
comes down from above is essentially something  
pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and  
considerate; it is full of compassion and shows  
itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of  
partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when  
they work for peace, sow the seeds which will  
bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between  
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the  
desires fighting inside your own selves? You  
want something and you haven't got it; so you  
are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that  
you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way  
by force. Why you don't have what you want  
is because you don't pray for it; when you do  
pray and don't get it, it is because you have not  
prayed properly, you have prayed for something  
to indulge your own desires.

22 Sept 2024

Wk 25 Yr B

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND  
MASSES** Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am & 5pm

### CONFESIONS

\* Sat: 4.30-5.00pm

\* Before every Mass

\* By appointment

**WEEKDAY  
MASSES** Mon: 9am St Pius of Pietrelcina

Wed: 12pm Thur: 9am

Fri: 12pm St Vincent De Paul

**ENTRANCE** *I am the salvation of the people, says the lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord for ever.*

**COMMUNION** *You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Sweeney, George Hurn.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Matthew Moloney (9/9), Frank Koppman (20/9), Mary Betts (24/9), Barbara Scott (25/9), Gordon Press, Margaret Parker (4/8), Jack Sampson (9/8), Barry Schipp (18/8), Susan Tan Dy (24/8), Greg Gallagher (30/8), Tony Williams (31/7).

**DECEASED:** We pray for our loved ones 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.

### 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

**MASSIVE GARAGE SALE:** A working bee is to be held Saturday 29 Sept. at 10am to prepare items for our clean up sale. Please let Fr Sabu or the office know if you can help. If anyone has interest in items prior to the sale on Sat 12th October, please contact the office.

### COMING EVENTS:

29 Sept Migrant and Refugee Sunday

29 Sept Clean Up Working Bee 10am

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

12 Oct Garage Sale

***“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me.”***  
***Mark 9***



## Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Year B

*“Truly wonderful are the ways of God.” (1873)*



**NO MASS THIS TUESDAY:** Please note this is as Fr Sabu will be unavailable on Tuesday.

**CALL FOR CHOIR MEMBERS:** This is a request to all parishioners who 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.

**PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND:** You are warmly invited to the 31st annual prayer pilgrimage weekend at Wyoming on Sat Oct 5th, Sun 6th and Mon 7th. The theme is "Mary as a sign of hope". A poster is displayed on the notice board at the back of the church. There will be an official program released very soon - stay tuned. We have special guests Father Hugh Thomas and Father Peter Ferwerda joining us. If you have any questions give Tammy a call on 0459784171.

### 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>

### FOR THE SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SACRAMENTS AT ST PATRICKS PARISH:

Please visit the Parish website.

**JOSEPHITE CALENDARS 2025:** \$10 EACH. Please place your order on the sheet provided at the back of the church. Orders to be in by end October. Payment on delivery in November. Enquiries Cheryl Lavell 0402 124 333.

**ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?** If you have joined us more recently we welcome you, and would love to hear from you. You are warmly invited to speak with Fr Sabu after one of the masses, call the office to chat, or email us at the email shown on this bulletin. Should you wish to assist in any of the Church ministries please mention this to us.

*WELCOME TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.*

### PRAYER FOR HUMILITY

*O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.  
From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me,  
Jesus. From the desire of being loved,  
Deliver me, Jesus*

### WEEK 4 ROSTER: 22/9/24

Vigil: R P Bamford N Pullman  
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

### WEEK 5 ROSTER: 29/9/24

Vigil: R C Ledwos, D Bolitho  
9am Sun: R J Ryan, G Clout  
5.00pm Sun: R J Moloney C Lavell  
Counting Team O & J Whale, A Bowden  
Fri Cleaning 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.*

