

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 3: 13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*The Son of Man must be lifted up.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS / C

## FIRST READING

Num 21: 4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

*When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.*

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 77: 1-2, 34-38. R. v. 7

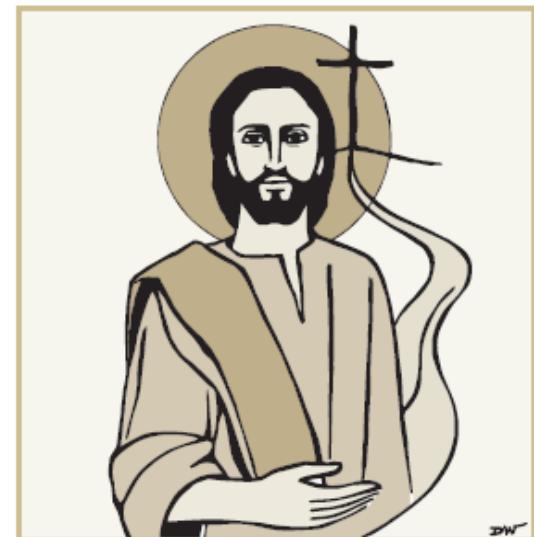
R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; / turn your ear to the words of my mouth / I will open my mouth in a parable / and reveal hidden lessons of the past. R.

2. When he slew them then they would seek him, / return and seek him in earnest. / They would remember that God was their rock, / God the Most High their redeemer. R.

3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; / they lied to him with their lips. / For their hearts were not truly with him; / they were not faithful to his covenant. R.

4. Yet he who is full of compassion / forgave their sin and spared them. / So often he held back his anger / when he might have stirred up his rage. R.



## SECOND READING

Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

*He humbled himself, therefore God has exalted him.*

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

Fr Michael Trainor

14 September 2025

Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross - Yr C

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

WEEKDAY MASSES Mon: 9am Our Lady of Sorrows

Tues: 9am Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

Wed: 12noon Thurs: 9am Fri: 12noon

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Allan Jacobson, Pat Wall, Terry Mooney, Terry Dean.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Chris Morris (12/9), Val Chillingworth (13/9), Deacon Peter Harrison (21/9).

**DECEASED:** We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, Hugh O'Brien, Robyn English, Eileen Humphries, Bob McKinnon, John Hegarty, Noeline Turner, Nancy Daly.

**SICK:** Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Daphne Sweeney, Brian Rodway, Lisa Bond, John Ryan, Yvonne Tarrant, Bill Dennis, Barry McNamara.

## Exaltation Of The Holy Cross:

The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death. The feast celebrates the redemptive transformation of a barbaric instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind.

### COMING EVENTS:

14 Sep: Safeguarding Sunday

28 Sep: Migrants and Refugees Sunday

5 Oct: Daylight Saving Begins.

### COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105

Account Name: West Tamworth Catholic 'Church' Or 'Presbytery'

1st. Collection: For Diocesan Priests : 001023642 (Presbytery Account)

2nd Collection: For St. Patrick's Church : 001041198 (Church Account)

## EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - YEAR C WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

### Safeguarding Sunday

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice?

Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A  
SAFE, HOPE-FILLED  
AND WELCOMING  
CHURCH



**ROSTERS AND VOLUNTEERS:** If you have ever thought you would like to offer you assistance with readings, offertory procession, counting, cleaning or any other ministries you see happening in the Church, please speak to any of the staff or Father Saji or Sr Kathryn. You may prefer to have a "try before you buy" if considering a roster position or simply offer your help as a back up when needed. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has had these thoughts and happy to assist making them a reality and help out in your Church.

**Pope Leo (to the Volunteers Jubilee - Rome Mar 25) (penned by Pope Francis).** *"I thank you very much, dear friends, because following the example of Jesus you serve your neighbour without using your neighbour. On the streets and in people's houses, with the sick, the suffering, those in prison, with the young and the elderly, your dedication instils hope in all of society. In the deserts of poverty and loneliness, little gestures of freely-given service make the shoots of a new humanity flourish - that garden that God dreamed of and continues to dream of for all of us"*

### ROSTER FOR: 14/09/25

Vigil: R: C Ledwos, Sr Kathryn

Gifts: Volunteer

9am Sun: R: S Nichols A Sartori

Gifts: B. Schipp, C. Grima

5pm Sun: R: C Lavell, Volunteer

Gifts: Volunteer

Counting: P. Sheils, S. Brown

Altar Linen: H. Reid

Fri Cleaning M. Brown, K. O'Brien

### ROSTER FOR: 21/09/25

Vigil: R: Sr Kathryn N Pullman

Gifts: K. O'Brien, M. Asbury

9am Sun: R: S Brown J Woodbridge

Gifts: G & U McKay

5pm Sun: R: A O'Halloran Volunteer

Gifts: Volunteer

Counting: M. Vella, A. Bowden

Altar Linen: J. Hutt

Fri Cleaning J. Hutt, J. Moran

*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.*

