

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Thess 5:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 17:11-19
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.
*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to
God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along
the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he
entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to
meet him. They stood some way off and called
to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When
he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves
to the priests.' Now as they were going away
they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one
of them turned back praising God at the top of
his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus
and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.
This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made
clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems
that no one has come back to give praise to
God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the
man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith
has saved you.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE CRY OF THE ABANDONED
In this very familiar Gospel story, often titled
'the healing of the ten lepers', Jesus is in an
unholy and impure setting. He is travelling, as
Luke notes, between the borders of Samaria
and Galilee. In technical terms, this is a
'liminal' place. It is 'on the edge' between an
area familiar to Jesus (Galilee) and one that
is unfamiliar and even potentially dangerous
(Samaria).
He enters a village. Jesus' generic placement (it
is 'a' village, not a definitively named location)
allows Luke's audience to see themselves in this
situation. It is us as we move through life not
knowing what awaits us. Jesus is approached
by ten contaminating and impure characters.
They are called 'lepers'; their leprosy is not our
traditional Hansen's disease but a contagious
skin condition. It has the potential to disrupt
and contaminate the community.
As they distance themselves from Jesus they
appeal: "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." The
Greek literally reads, '...have *mercy* on us'.
This is the cry of the abandoned who seek
God's comforting presence. It is also our cry
in desperate times. Jesus tells the ten to go
to the priests, the officials that can declare
their healed cleanliness. Only one returns to
thank God's healing work revealed in Jesus.
It is the unexpected one, the 'foreigner' that
recognises God's action through Jesus, a
theme that echoes throughout Luke. Today's
Gospel invites us to look for God's actions in
the most surprising places among God's most
unexpected people. These become the sources
of eucharistic thanksgiving.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:14-17
A reading from the second book of the Kings
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed
himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had
told him to do. And his flesh became clean once
more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he
went in and stood before him. 'Now I know'
he said 'that there is no God in all the earth
except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present
from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the
Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.'
Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.
Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No,"
allow your servant to be given as much earth as
two mules may carry, because your servant will
no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god
except the Lord.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2
R. The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.
1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has
worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy
arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; /
has shown his justice to the nations. / He has
remembered his truth and love / for the house
of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the
salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all
the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING 2 Tim 2:8-13
A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy
If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.
Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus
Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the
race of David'; it is on account of this that I
have my own hardships to bear, even to being
chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain
up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of
those who are chosen, so that in the end they
may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus
and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:
If we have died with him, then we shall live
with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with
him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always
faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

■ The word of the Lord.

12 October 2025
28th Sunday - Yr C

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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MASSES

WEEKDAY Mon: 9am Tues: 9am Wed: No Mass
MASSES Thurs: 9am Fri: 12noon St Ignatius of Antioch

ENTRANCE If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
ANTIPHON: But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

COMMUNION The rich suffer want and go hungry,
ANTIPHON: but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Lane, Vincent Pendergast, Phil Eather, John Galloway, Allan Jacobson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Doherty (6/10), Bill Teo (29/10).

DECEASED: We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, Terry Mooney, Pat Wall, 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, Jeanette Whale, Carmel Koppman.

MISSION SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER: For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

COMING EVENTS:

15 Oct: St Brigid's, Quirindi - Miniature Cathedral Pilgrimage

17 Oct: Rosary by Candlelight, Naraeth House, 7.30pm

19 Oct: World Mission Sunday - Catholic Mission Church Appeal

COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105

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

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

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.



TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY - YEAR C WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: As October is now with us, we are reminded that it is recognised as the month of the Most Holy Rosary. A month dedicated to the devotion of the Rosary, which is a powerful way to pray and reflect on the life of Jesus Christ. The Holy Father urged Catholics around the world to unite in daily prayer. During October, you are invited to join with other parishioners to pray the Rosary at St Patrick's Church - before every Mass and starting 30 minutes prior to the Mass time.

"I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace - personally, in the family, and in community," Pope Leo said (Vatican News).

ROSARY BY CANDLELIGHT: All parishioners of all ages are invited to a rosary procession by candlelight to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The event, coordinated by the Frassati Society, will be held on Friday, 17th Oct at 7.30pm at Nazareth House chapel. Please see leaflet at back of church for more information or phone Tammy on 0459784171."

POPE LEO AT DOMUS AUSTRALIA: On the eve of Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Leo XIV led Vespers at Domus Australia, Rome's Marian shrine for English-speaking pilgrims. He blessed the restored image of Our Lady of the Rosary, gifted by Blessed Bartolo Longo, and preached on Mary's example of hope in this Jubilee Year.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEKS ISSUE: •'This is My Body, Given for You' IEC theme announced; •Pope Leo XIV visits Domus Australia; •Marvin Do's journey from the gym to Jesus; •The holiness of St Teresa of Avila, Bl Peter To Rot, Bl Père Laval; •Monica Doumit: New bioethics challenge emerges

BOOK LENDING LIBRARY: We now have a library of religious books and texts available at the back of the church, in the Pious Goods corner. The borrowing of material is free. (a gold coin donation would be appreciated to maintain and purchase new material). And, don't forget there are some beautiful hand made rosary beads and other sacramental items available for sale. October is the time to put them to their intended use for the many blessings our prayers may bring.



ROSTER FOR: 12/10/25

Vigil: R: C Ledwos D Bolitho

9am Sun: R: J Ryan, G Clout

5pm Sun: R: C Lavell, Volunteer

Counting: P Sheils, S Brown

Fri Cleaning M. Brown, K. O'Brien

Gifts: S Shulze, S Brown

Gifts: B Schipp, C Grima

Gifts: Volunteer

Altar Linen: H Reid

ROSTER FOR: 19/10/25

Vigil: R: N Pullman, P Bamford

9am Sun: R: D Gowing, A Sartori

5.00pm Sun: R: A O'Halloran T Mitchell

Counting Team: M. Vella, A. Bowden

Fri Cleaning J. Hutt, J. Moran

Gifts: J & P Bamford

Gifts: G & U McKay

Gifts: Volunteer

Altar Linen: J Hutt

