

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 SAVING WORD

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THE CRY OF THE ABANDONED

In this very familiar Gospel story, often titled 'the healing of the ten lepers', Jesus is in an unholly 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.'

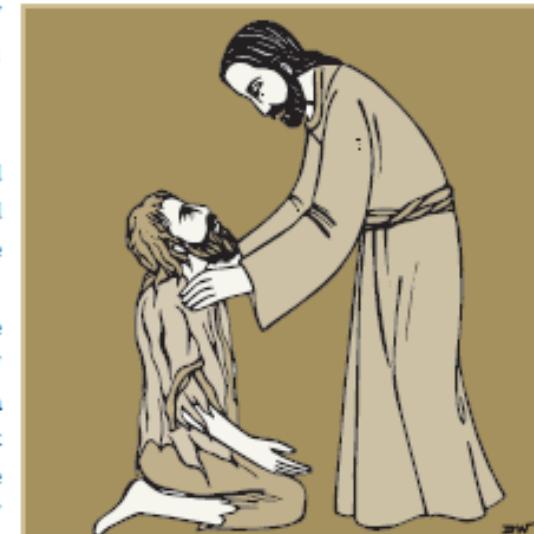
■ The word of the Lord.

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

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Thurs: 9am Fri: 12noon St Ignatius of Antioch

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry,
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 Pendegast, 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, Nazareth House, 7.30pm

19 Oct: World Mission Sunday - Catholic Mission Church Appeal

COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105

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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	Gifts:	S Shulze, S Brown
9am Sun:	R: J Ryan, G Clout	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: 19/10/25

Vigil:	R: N Pullman, P Bamford	Gifts:	J & P Bamford
9am Sun:	R: D Gowing, A Sartori	Gifts:	G & U McKay
5.00pm Sun:	R: A O'Halloran T Mitchell	Gifts:	Volunteer
Counting Team :	M. Vella, A. Bowden	Altar Linen:	J Hutt
Fri Cleaning	J. Hutt, J. Moran		

