

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

'What is the good of praying if wars and evil things continue to exist? Prayer seems to have no effect.' A similar concern existed in Luke's day: why pray if it seems ineffectual? Today's Gospel speaks to the heart of this. It takes the form of a parable, encouraging constant prayer. The parable concerns an unjust judge ignoring a troubling and annoying widow who seeks justice against an *adversary*—even though one translation inaccurately describes her antagonist as an 'enemy'. The widow needs help, and the judge refuses her request. That is, until she continues to badger him; finally, he relinquishes.

Luke's Jesus uses the story as a classical way of describing God: if the judge finally relents through persistent pleading how much more quickly will God respond to those who cry out for help. Prayer opens the one praying to God's presence, allowing God to act within the one praying for what is needed. This deeply religious perspective affects the pray-er in daily life. This in turn shapes wider social contact, which effects relationships and, eventually, global change. Local personal prayer has, though imperceptibly, universal influence.

The last sentence of the Gospel speaks into this global perspective: 'When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?' In other words, in the eschaton, at the definitive coming of Christ at the end of time, will people have given up conviction that prayer is effective and that God responds to the cry of the needy? Today's Gospel encourages us to pray, constantly and with hopeful expectation.

Fr Michael Trainor

# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

19 OCTOBER 2025

## FIRST READING

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

**R.** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



## SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

■ The word of the Lord.

19 October 2025  
29th Sunday - Yr C

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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Thurs: 9am Fri: 12noon

**CONFESSIONS**  
\* Sat: 4.30-5.00pm  
\* Before every Mass  
\* By appointment

**ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**COMMUNION ANTI-PHON:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Norma Simmonds, Barry Lane, Vincent Pendergast, Phil Eather, John Galloway.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Warren Doherty (6/10), Daphne Davis (12/10), Bill Teo (29/10).

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

**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.



**MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**  
among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

**The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

 **Free call: 1800 257 296**  
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### COMING EVENTS:

**19 Oct:** World Mission Sunday - Catholic Mission Church Appeal  
**1 Nov:** All Saints Day  
**2 Nov:** All Souls Day

### COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105

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

**1st. Collection:** For Armidale Diocese Clergy: 001023642 (Presbytery Account)

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



## TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY - YEAR C WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS. World Mission Sunday - Please Give Generously

**POPE LEO XIV IN 'DILEXI TE':** Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation sees the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor, in caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available to all, accompanying migrants, charitable giving, working for equality and more.

**Dilexi te** ("I have loved you", from Rev 3:9) unfolds in 121 numbered paragraphs spread throughout five chapters, and flows directly from the Gospel of the Son of God, Who in the very act of entering into our world through the Incarnation became poor for our sakes. At the same time, it repropose the Church's social teaching, especially that of the past 150 years, as "a veritable treasury of significant teachings" concerning the poor. (*Vatican News*)

**"On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ Himself"**

**OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** As we move through October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, we are reminded that devotion of the Rosary 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 each Mass, 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*).

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY - THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:** St Luke's in Revesby unveils six new statues ~ Ruddick, Howe unite to ban sex-selective abortions in NSW ~ Amid historic deal, Gaza pastor says little is left after 'tsunami' of destruction ~ 'Dilexi te': the pope's passionate plea for the poor ~ \$10 million ACU bequest for philosophy and theology



### ROSTER FOR: 19/10/25

**Vigil:**

**9am Sun:**

**5pm Sun:**

**Counting:**

**Fri Cleaning**

### ROSTER FOR: 26/10/25

**Vigil:**

**9am Sun:**

**5.00pm Sun:**

**Counting Team :**

**Fri Cleaning**

**R:** N Pullman, Sr Kathryn  
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**R:** A O'Halloran T Mitchell  
**M. Vella, A. Bowden**  
**J. Hutt, J. Moran**

**R:** C Ledwos, Sr Kathryn  
**R:** S Nichols A Sartori  
**R:** C Lavell Volunteer  
**A. Bowden, S. Brown**  
**M. Vella, I. Ullman**

**Gifts:** Volunteer  
**Gifts:** G & U McKay  
**Gifts:** Volunteer  
**Altar Linen:** J Hutt

**Gifts:** K. O'Brien, M. Asbury  
**Gifts:** Michelle & Sally  
**Gifts:** Volunteer  
**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.*

