



you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## TRUST IN GOD

We all worry from time to time. Worry is one of the great social concerns that surround us. We worry about so much: our families and loved ones, our health, what is going on in the world, finances...and the list is endless. It is into this situation that Jesus speaks to us today. 'Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me.' These words get to the heart of our lives. Jesus invites us to trust in him and his God, despite all that surrounds us. While such an invitation flies in the face of much that distracts us, the Gospel invites us into a space, 'a place', where we can rest with God. Jesus assures John's audience, and us, that he has already prepared this place. It awaits us—and we don't have to wait until death to enjoy it—we can allow ourselves to draw close to Jesus and be with him now.

This is the sense behind Jesus' reassurance to Thomas who questions Jesus about where he is going and how to be where he is. The response is clear: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' These words are clearly important for us to enjoy and relish as our celebration of Easter continues. Jesus offers us companionship ('the Way'), leads us into ultimate communion with God ('the Truth') and brings us into a sense of complete wholeness ('the Life').

The final part of today's Gospel reaffirms Jesus' communion with his Father and that our communion and trust in Jesus leads us into ultimate communion with God. Everything in this Gospel invites us to trust Jesus' words and let go, perhaps just a little, of our worries.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22

**R.** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (*or* Alleluia!)

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, / with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; / no one comes to the Father, except through me. / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am

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## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**Mon & Fri: 9.30 am - 1.30pm**  
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**WEEKEND MASSES** Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9 am & 5 pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mon: 9am Tues: **No Mass** Wed: 12noon  
Thurs: 9am Fri: 12noon

**ENTRANCE ANTIPTON:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;  
In the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, Alleluia.

**COMMUNION ANTIPTON:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, Alleluia.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Beverly Heazlett, Shirley Hill, Bob Silver, Robert Green, Sr Arcadius Guthrie.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rev Fr Bruce Macpherson (08/4), Anna Vu (26/4) Harry Cunningham (30/4).

**DECEASED:** We pray for our loved ones now in God's care: Maurice Bruccoleri, Dean York, Thomas Greentree, Daphne Sweeney, Laurie Brodbeck, Ron McGrane, Paul Karam, Paul Hayes

**SICK:** Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Brian Rodway, Lisa Bond, Yvonne Tarrant, Bill Dennis, Barry McNamara, Jeanette Whale, Carmel Koppman, Eileen Hudson, Rose Pace, Barbara Brennan, Elizabeth Coroneos, Michael Jones, Elizabeth William, Julie Moran.

### MEMORARE

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember, also, the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in Heaven. Amen

**Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners,  
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to Thee.**

### COMING EVENTS:

**May:** Fr Vic will be away in May  
**06 May:** Mass for the Sick - 12noon  
**08 May:** Adoration 11am, followed by Mass at 12noon  
**10 May:** Parish Morning Tea & Mother's Day (Setup - S. Brown & R. Paull)  
**09 June:** First Reconciliation Parent Information Session - 5pm, in the Church

### COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105

**Account:** West Tamworth Catholic - 'Presbytery' for 1st Coll'n OR 'Church' for 2nd Coll'n  
**1st. Collection:** For Armidale Diocese Clergy: Ac. 001023642 (Presbytery Acc.) Diocese  
**2nd Collection:** For St. Patrick's Church: Ac. 001041198 (Church Acc.) St Patrick's

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

**PARISH ARRANGEMENTS DURING FR VIC'S LEAVE:** We wish Fr Vic a safe and restful leave period and we thank Fr John Curran for providing weekend and daily masses for us during this time. Please note, there will be no Tuesday Mass during May. Please check the Bulletin for any other changes.

**RCIA PROGRAM:** The RCIA program is available all year. If you or a friend are considering becoming a Catholic or would like to know more, please speak with Fr Vic or Wendy Emery.

**PIOUS GOODS TABLE:** Are you looking for a special, one-of-a-kind gift for Mum this year? Please take a moment to visit the Pious Goods table at the back of the Church, where you will find many beautiful hand-made gifts, thanks to our generous and talented crafters.

**GROTTO WORKING BEE:** We are looking for helpers for a tidy up of Our Lady's Grotto to bring the spotlight back to her presence. Any who are able to help please contact the office and a suitable time will be advised. Mainly clearing/cleaning of the statue area and garden.

**MACKILLOP ROOM:** Named in honour of St Mary Mackillop, an area at the back of the Church will be reconfigured to create an enclosed space that can serve as a reflection refuge and an area where our little ones can move a little more freely during Mass. There will be no loss of current seating, or other usable space, and it is hoped it will create a quiet area for all to utilise and to pray. Feedback on this proposal is welcome and should be forwarded to Fr Vic (upon his return) or the Parish office.

**ROSTER UPDATES:** If you responded to our call for additional volunteers for helping with our monthly Morning Tea, thank you so much. Morning tea volunteers will see their name listed beside the date in Coming Events section. Due to the wonderful response, you may be called upon only twice a year and you will always have someone assisting you.

**IGNITE CONFERENCE 2026:** You are invited to 4 days of unforgettable Catholic speakers, music, dance, sacraments, workshops and worship. The Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney this year (Broken Bay host) at St Leo's College Waitara from Thursday 9th July through to Sunday Lunch 12 July 2026. A national Catholic conference for everyone, particularly the young, - the Church alive - God's people united with one heart. Early bird fees up to 27 March 2026. Under 18 Ignite Youth requires an adult to complete any registration.

Tickets are \$135 - Kids; \$335 - Adults. Late fees apply after 27 June.

*St Patricks would like to assist youth participants in some way should any be interested. Please speak with Fr Vic. To register visit [www.igniteconference.com.au/sydney](http://www.igniteconference.com.au/sydney)*

### ROSTER: 03/05/26

<b>Vigil:</b>	<b>R:</b> N. Pullman, P Bamford	<b>Gifts:</b>	B & M Watson
<b>9am Sun:</b>	<b>R:</b> St Joseph's School	<b>Gifts:</b>	St Joseph's School
<b>5.00pm Sun:</b>	<b>R:</b> Volunteer	<b>Gifts:</b>	Volunteer
<b>Counting Team :</b>	M. Vella, A. Bowden	<b>Altar Linen:</b>	J. Hutt
<b>Fr Cleaning</b>	J. Hutt & J. Moran		

### ROSTER: 10/05/26

<b>Vigil:</b>	<b>R:</b> C Ledwos, D Bolitho	<b>Gifts:</b>	S Shulze, V Griffiths
<b>9am Sun:</b>	<b>R:</b> J Ryan, G Clout	<b>Gifts:</b>	Michelle & Sally
<b>5.00pm Sun:</b>	<b>R:</b> C Lavell,	<b>Gifts:</b>	Volunteer
<b>Counting Team :</b>	A Bowden, S. Brown	<b>Altar Linen:</b>	M Vella
<b>Fr Cleaning</b>	M. Vella & I. Ullman		



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