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02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

12 September 2021 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8:15am - Quirindi
Tuesday 9:30am - Quirindi
Wednesday 9:30am - Werris Creek
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Friday 9:30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5:00pm - Quirindi
6:30pm - Werris Creek
Sunday: 8:00am - Willow Tree
9:30am - Quirindi

Carona: Last Sunday of the Month - No Mass

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11:00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10:00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.
Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4:15pm - 4:45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9:30am mass until 5:00pm.
Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died
Recently Deceased: Joan Maizey, Kevin Doolan, Bobbie Patron, Deceased: Peg Lawson, Terry Fitzpatrick, Kai Fitzpatrick
Anniversary: Joan Alice Easley, James Lawson, Beryl Meredith, Louise Barnett, Robert Barr, Kate Webeck, Stephen Ryan, John Purcell, Paul O'Donnell, Rae Campbell, Irene Gaard, Shirley Sinson, Bill Lawson, Jack Perry, Wilfred Rymann, Catherine Smith, Rene McVicar, Maurice Tinson, Ida Baker, Alan Austin, Pivylis Gleeson, Kathleen Webster, Peter Keegan, Josephine Perkins, Leslie Howard, Margaret Heath, Ellen Byrne, Doris Press, Tessie Campbell, Vicki Turner
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen.
And for those who are ill:
Lorraine Reilly, Peter Pigott, Mary Smith, Pat Reilly, Paul Murphy, Craig Lawrence, Ivy Taylor, Di Dillon, Michael Hausfeld, Sister Pat Barley, Lisa Brown, Ray Lamb of Gunnedah, Les Ward, David Seiler, Rita Looney, Fr John Willis, Clare Carter, Bill Gleeson, Billy Godden, Ros Turton, Gavin Sewell, Ian Gallagher, Flora Nolan, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson, Lucy Gigi, Father Pat O'Neill, Tom Sanderson, Colleen Hyatt, Michael McCormick, Dan O'Donnell, Marie Dalton, Jack Dunn, Colin Gallagher, Andrew McManus, Joan Greenlee, Rosalyn Chan, all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster

18/9/2021 R: W Rheinberger
19/9/2021 R: M & J Easley
C: J Daniels & K Sweep

Coming Events

Sept 11-19 La Salette Novena 175th Celebration of Our Blessed Mother Apparition at La Salette

Planned Giving \$0.00+ \$0.00 = \$0.00

First Collection \$0.00

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021

The announcement that lockdown has been lifted in parts of Regional NSW applies to all local government areas with home orders remain in place.

1. Lockdown is lifted at 12:01am Saturday 11th September 2021.
2. The ongoing restrictions will apply are:
 - a. Up to 5 visitors will be allowed in a home
 - b. Up to 20 people can gather in an outdoor setting
 - c. Schools will reopen with Level 3 COVID safe measures in place
 - d. Up to 50 mourners can attend funerals
 - e. Up to 50 mourners can attend weddings
 - f. Churches can open subject to one person per 4 square metre rule with no singing
 - g. Masks remain mandatory for all indoor public venues including churches and you must still sign in with the QR Code.

The Cathedral LiveStreaming Mass will no longer occur on Sundays.
Please pray for the people of Narrabri and Walgett that they soon will also be COVID free.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Patroness of our Diocese of Armidale, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Oratio Imperata Against the Spread of COVID-19

God our Father, we come to you in our need to ask your protection against the Corona Virus Disease-19 that has claimed lives and has afflicted many. We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they many minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Mary Help of all Christians; Pray for Us.
St Raphael the Archangel; Pray for Us;
St Edward the Confessor; Pray for Us;
St Mary of the Cross; Pray for Us.**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Financial Giving to the Church

Please keep up to date with your financial giving. Like Churches and organisations across the nation we face extremely challenging times ahead-but you can help to ensure that together we will survive this crisis financially. With the current government restrictions on travel, social gatherings, cinemas, etc. you may well find that your social life spending will have already gone down dramatically, so please consider making extra donations to the Church in addition to your regular giving. This will help the Church get through the coronavirus crisis and meet our financial obligations. If you are able, increased donations would be very helpful. Your monetary gifts go to support keeping our doors open, maintaining the beauty of our church, and celebrating the best of our Catholic Liturgies as we worship God in the beauty of holiness. It's important to support the Church as much as we can. However, we recognise that not everybody will be able to respond at what will be a challenging and uncertain financial time for many. We're grateful for all donations received. Thank you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are the Christ ... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

PATHWAY TO LIFE

In Caesarea Philippi as Jesus prepared to take the dark road to Calvary he asked his disciples whether they really understood his mission and the fearful fate that awaited him in Jerusalem. Not surprisingly, their understanding was limited and their vision clouded by hopes and dreams of an earthly kingdom and release from foreign oppression and domination. Peter was correct in identifying Jesus as the Christ, the anointed king, but completely misguided in thinking that Jesus could avoid the passion. It was precisely by this means that he would open a pathway to the glory of the resurrection. After the resurrection the early disciples came to understand that the mystery of the identity of the suffering servant of Isaiah was now revealed. Jesus was the one who was able to endure the shame and suffering of the cross with confidence and courage because he knew that the love of God would always be there to sustain him.

Jesus was clear that those who want to follow him must be prepared to courageously set out on the same path. The mystery of the paradox of losing our lives in order to find them is one that each disciple must embrace. The letter of James reflects on how this can be lived out at the most practical level by giving of oneself and what we have for the good of those less fortunate than ourselves. Acknowledging that Jesus is the Christ is one thing, putting it into practice is another. Our actions will speak louder than our words.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

FIRST READING

Isa 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,

who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our God has compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**



4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from tears; / and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds — now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!