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

## 22nd August 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Peg Lawson, Terry Fitzpatrick, Kai Fitzpatrick

**Anniversaries:** Beryl Mercalin, Ree Holloway, Marjorie Thomson, Edith Constable, Leo Goodwin, William Perkins, Maurice Murphy, Patricia Mason, Joe Giff, Bill Norman Jr, Leo Daniels, James McVicar, William (Bill) Norman Sr, Ron O'Dwyer, Dominic Bowen, Eric Robinson, Lorna Matheson, Allan Reading Sr, Patricia (Pat) Lane, Helen Hird, Anne Gee, Jack Trison, William Martin, Johanna Blanche, Eva Black (Baker), Madeline Houlahan, Eloise Harrison, Bernard Howard, Margaret Wadwell, Patricia Stockdale, Valerie Short, Agnes Clare Perkins, Anthony Mckay, John Gleeson, Dolores McGregor, Alma Wraletan, Margaret Heath, Suzanne Schumaker, John Egan, Eleanor Heyman, Mary O'Donnell, Maureen Penningley, John Ryan, Roy Smith, Allan Blanche, Stephen Constable, Wallace Banister, Casimer Reading. *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:**  
Mary Smith, Pat Reidy, Paul Murphy, Craig Lawrence, Ivy Taylor, Di Dillon, Michael Hausfeld, Sisten Pat Barley, Lisa Brown, Ray Lamb of Gunnedah, Les Ward, David Sailer, Rita Looney, Bobbie Palon, Fr John Wills, Clare Crane, Bill Gleeson, Billy Godden, Ros Turton, Gavin Sewell, Ian Gallagher, Fiona Nolan, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson, Lury Giff, Father Pat O'Neill, Tom Sanderson, Colleen Hyatt, Michael McCormick, Dan O'Donnell, Marie Dalton, Jack Dunn, Colin Gallagher, Andrew McManus, Jean Greenlee, Rosalyn Chan, all the members of the Parish who are ill.

### Roster

28/8/2021 R: B McNamara  
29/8/2021 R: S Meade & P Perkins  
C: J Daniels & K Sweep

### Coming Events

Sun 29 Mass at Willow Tree at 7.30am with morning tea to follow  
Sun 29 Mass at Carroona at 11.15am

### The Sacred Liturgy

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi - No Mass  
Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi - No Mass  
Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek - No Mass  
Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek - No Mass  
Friday 9.30am - Quirindi - No Mass

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses  
5.00pm - Quirindi - No Mass  
6.30pm - Werris Creek - No Mass

#### Sunday:

8.00am - Willow Tree - No Mass  
9.30am - Quirindi - No Mass

#### Carroona: Last Sunday of the Month

**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.**

### Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of Peace to All.

As lockdown continues throughout another week, so the church will still be closed until restrictions are lifted. Nevertheless, private masses are being celebrated in closed doors everyday offered primarily for the intentions of the community. I will say Mass at 9.30am every day through lockdown.

Bulletins are available at the church door or can be sent through email. For those who are in need of sick call, anointing or holy communion, please don't hesitate to call the parish office so I can organize things for you.

I hope you are doing well these days and rest assured of my prayers for all of you.

Stay safe everyone, God bless you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Vince Amaro

**National Day Of Prayer - Sunday 22nd August 2021.** The Church together in Prayer. The Theme is **Lord Have Mercy. "Our eyes look to the Lord our God until he shows us his mercy."** Ps 123:2. We are drawn together to pray given the current level of need and distress caused by COVID-19. Also: Nightly prayer calls 16th-21st August. Register for Zoom link + daily devotions at [Nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhave Mercy](http://Nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhave Mercy)

### TV / ONLINE MASS RESOURCES

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 6.00am

Armidale Cathedral Parish - Sunday 10.00am Youtube link:  
<https://youtu.be/1W2Nhr1U5o>

St Mary's Cathedral - Sydney  
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Sunday 10.30am

ACBC Pray at Home (very useful resource)  
<https://catholic.org.au/prayathome>

<https://catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.

**Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church.** Hall, 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.

### PRAYER IN TIME OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

God our Father, we come to you in our need to ask your protection against COVID-19 that has claimed lives and has affected 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 doctors, nurses and all health care professionals that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this pandemic.

Accord our frontline workers: wisdom, protection and compassion. Sustain all employees and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restriction. Protect and guard all those who must travel. 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. Hold in your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Many Help of all Christians, pray for us.  
St Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.  
St Roch, pray for us.  
St Corona, pray for us.  
St Edward the Confessor, pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

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Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Jn 6:60-69

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, "Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?"

It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

But there are some of you who do not believe. For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, "This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him." After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

22 August 2021

**MAKING DECISIONS**

In the lives of us all there are moments when we have to make decisions – decisions which will radically shape our future. When Joshua gathered all the people of Israel to the shrine of Shechem it was a moment of decision. Having finally taken possession of their own land, the risk was that they would be assimilated into the religious culture of the people that surrounded them. An even greater danger was that of forgetting the God who had made all this possible. Joshua saw that the time had come for the people of Israel to choose.

In a similar fashion, as Jesus concludes the bread of life discourse, his disciples and his contemporaries are challenged to decide where their allegiance lies. While Jesus' words are a scandal for even some of the disciples, the Twelve, through Peter, decide that Jesus' message is truly life-giving and that it comes from God.

The decision which is envisaged in the second reading is that married couples decide to model their relationship on the love that Jesus has shown in giving up his life for us all. The regulation of relationships in households found here is clearly coloured by its first century context and its language of submission can give the modern reader a jolt. Despite this there are reciprocal demands made on both spouses to model their love on that of Jesus who gave his life for us all.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

**FIRST READING**

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

*A reading from the book of Joshua. We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: "If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord."

The people answered, "We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**  
1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones; / not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord



ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Eph 5:21-32

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.*

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**The word of the Lord.**