

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## A HEAVENLY IMAGE

Both today's first reading and Gospel passage deal with what is the appropriate response to those who seek to harm us. Saul set out to destroy David and now as he sleeps his life is in David's hands. Will David return violence for violence, death for persecution? Everyone can cite the wounds they have received, the wrongs they have endured as a justification for retaliation and vengeance. The problem with giving violence in response to violence is that the vicious cycle never finishes – one violent act leads to another. Like David, Jesus knew that it is only by being able to forgive that this cycle can be stopped. At the heart of the Gospel is the call to a love that counters hurt, misunderstanding, oppression, and persecution with forgiveness and generosity.

As Paul continues to unfold his arguments for the bodily resurrection of Christians, he compares two Adams. The first Adam is found in the book of Genesis and the second is the risen Lord Jesus. For Paul, it is eminently reasonable that since we have borne the image of the first Adam by having a body, we will also bear the image of the second Adam by sharing in the bodily resurrection. The Corinthians knew that they had been baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus, but Paul knew that they had not fully entered into the life of the resurrection. This would only come about when they had received their glorified bodies at the end of time.

Christopher Monaghan CP

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

# THE SAVING WORD

20 FEBRUARY 2022

## FIRST READING

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power, so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw; no one knew; no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty.' Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

✠ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**



3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

✠ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!



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## 20 February 2022 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



### The Sacred Liturgy

#### Weekday Masses:

**Monday** 8.15am - Quirindi  
**Tuesday** 9.30am - Quirindi  
**Wednesday** 9.30am - Werris Creek  
**Thursday** 9.30am - Werris Creek  
**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

**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:** First Friday of the Month

**Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays** along with prayers to Our Lady of La Salette Stations of the Cross will be after Mass each Friday up until Ash Wednesday. All welcome to attend.

### Coming Events

- Sun 27 St Joseph's School Community will be laying pavers and have Morning Tea
- Wed 2 Ash Wednesday - Mass at St Brigid's at 9.30am
- Wed 2 Ash Wednesday - Mass at Werris Creek at 6.00pm
- Thurs 3 CWL Meeting in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 10.00am
- Fri 4 Lenten Group to meet after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Centre
- Fri 4 Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm at St Brigid's
- Sat 5 Reflection Day at West Tamworth with Sr Maureen McDermott RSJ at 9.30am
- Sat 19 Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering at McCarthy Catholic College at 7.30am

**Roster**

27/2/2022	R:	W Rheinberger
28/2/2022	R:	S Meade
	C:	M & P Perkins

Flower/Altar Roster for February: F Heath

**Saturday 5 March 2022, Reflection Day:** Hosted by Sr Maureen McDermott RSJ with the theme *If You Knew the Gift of God*. An introductory meeting on Friday 4 March at 5pm to introduce the program with refreshments. Saturday 5 March will commence at 9.30 am till 4 pm. Bring own lunch. Register by phone call to 6765 8211 or email [westtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:westtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au)

**Father Vince Amaro** will be returning to the Philippines after Easter 2022.

**You are all invited to attend Father Vince's farewell. It will be on Sunday 10th April 2022 at Quirindi RSL Club 12 noon for 12.30pm. Two course meal for \$30.00 per person.**

If you can please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church and how many will be attending. **Money to be paid prior to the day** by either placing in an envelope and given direct to Bernie or put it on the plate or you can credit our account direct.

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Ensuring you put your name in the reference

**Saints to Remember**  
St Peter Damien - Memorial - 21st  
The Chair of St Peter - Feast - 22nd  
St Polycarp - Memorial - 23rd

**Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering 2022**  
Saturday 19th March 2022 - St Joseph's Feast Day 7.30am to lunch time, at McCarthy Catholic College Tribe Street North Tamworth. All parishes are welcome. Designed for all men, all ages including casual mass goers and non Catholics. There is no charge to attend.

**Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022** - Mass will be at St Brigid's at 9.30am and at Werris Creek at 6.00pm.

**During Lent, Confessions will be heard after the 9.30am Mass on a Friday. Usual Saturday Confessions 4.15pm - 5.45pm**

Planned Giving \$511.00+ \$50.00 = \$561.00  
First Collection \$202.75 Christmas Dues \$1,070.00

### Sunday 27th February St Joseph's School Family Community will be attending Mass.

Following Mass they will be laying the pavers at the School and enjoying Morning Tea. All welcome to attend.

**Lenten Program** Will begin on Friday 4 March at 10.30am at St Joseph's Centre. The Lenten Group will be held every Friday after the 9.30am Mass.

**For the health and safety of all concerned, parishioners are encouraged to comply with all relevant Public Health Orders.**

**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.

**Church & Presbytery Grounds** Recently the volunteer who has been spraying the edges of paths, fences etc (Presbytery, Church & St Joseph's Centre) at their own expense, has unfortunately had to forgo this task for a while for personal reasons. Please, is there anyone who could happily volunteer for this? The Chemical required will be provided. If you do not possess your own spray equipment etc that can be provided also. If you are happy to put your hand up it would be super good! Please call Parish Secretary, Bern, for more details, phone number on the bulletin. The Parish relies very much on the volunteers who quietly maintain our Parish grounds without being asked. Much goes unnoticed until it is time for action. We are so fortunate and very grateful to Malcolm Lawson, who for many years has been mowing the lawns regularly and whenever required. Thank you Malcolm, we hope you are able to continue your volunteering for sometime to come, it is very much appreciated. We also thank Luke, Kate & Marcia for cleaning up around the church and presbytery last week.