



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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

## 30TH August 2020 - 22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

#### Recently Deceased:

**Deceased:** Matey O'Donnell

**Anniversary:** Ron Barwick; Dorothy & Harold Mann; Jack Tinson; Marj Thomson; Beryl Meredith; Sheila McNamara; Anthony T O'Donnell; Ena O'Donnell; Patricia Mason; Joe Gigli; Bill Norman Jnr; Bill Norman Snr; Ron O'Dwyer; Dominic Bowen; Eric Robinson; Lorna Matheson; Alan Reading Snr; Helen Hird; Anne Gee; Elouise Harrison; Bernie Howard; Clare Perkins, Tiny Stockdale; Margaret Heath; Sue Schumaker; John Egan; Eleanor Heyman; Maureen Pengilley; Roy Smith; Cas 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:

Les Ward, David Seiler; Rita Looney; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Fr John McHugh; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigli; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greentree; Rosalynn Chan; **and all the members of the Parish who are ill.**

#### Other Intentions:

#### Roster

05/09/2020 R: B McNamara  
EM:  
G:  
06/09/2020 R: P Perkins  
EM:  
G:  
C: M & P Perkins

### The Sacred Liturgy

#### Quirindi:

Vigil Mass 5.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am

#### Werris Creek:

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm

#### Willow Tree:

Mass at Willow Tree 8.00am

#### Confessions:

Saturday 4.15pm to 4.45pm and  
after each Mass except Saturday  
night

#### Weekday Mass Times:

St Brigid's: Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at  
9.30am.

Werris Creek: Wednesday & Thursday at 9.30am.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any  
Sunday at 11.30am

*Rosary is said prior to Mass  
only when there is no Benediction*

*No Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the  
Month during Mass*

### Coming Events

- Social Justice Sunday 30th August
- Chrism Mass - Monday 14th September with Mass at 5.00pm, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Clergy Assembly - 14th, 15th and 16th September. No Parish Mass
- Peter's Pence Collection - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

### Coronavirus

#### The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. Please sign-in on the log-sheets every time you enter the church.
2. Sanitise your hands, observe physical distancing and sit on allocated seats
3. **No congregational singing, only Father to sing;** no Sign of Peace.
4. Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people
5. One single line during Holy Communion.

### 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.

### Saints to Remember St Gregory the Great - Memorial - 3RD September

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.



“ Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

Pope Francis

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, '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 will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2020

## THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

In last week's Gospel, Peter expressed his God-given insight concerning Jesus' identity as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God'. He received a blessing in response and appointment as the 'rock foundation' of the future Church.

But when, in today's Gospel, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples that he is destined to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die, Peter, who had so conspicuously got it right, equally conspicuously stumbles at the truth Jesus now goes on to reveal: the more closely, as '(beloved) Son' he is related to God, the more closely he is aligned to the divine will that he enter into the pain and suffering of the world.

Peter's protest is subtle. The suggestion, 'Lord, this sort of thing is not for you!' recalls Satan's earlier attempt (4:8-9) to lure Jesus away from his God-given path by proposing an easy route to rulership of the world. Hence the sharpness of Jesus' rebuke: 'Get behind me, Satan!'

Peter's understandable human desire to preserve the Master from suffering aligns him with the demonic in a way that would thwart Jesus' God-given mission to save the world.

Jesus goes on to speak more generally to all the disciples, describing the conditions for any who want to follow him. It is human to want to avoid suffering and preserve those we love from it. But evil cannot be defeated without cost. Joining Jesus in his mission will mean taking up one's own cross and, in various ways, losing life, in order to find it.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl  
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me  
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my  
heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

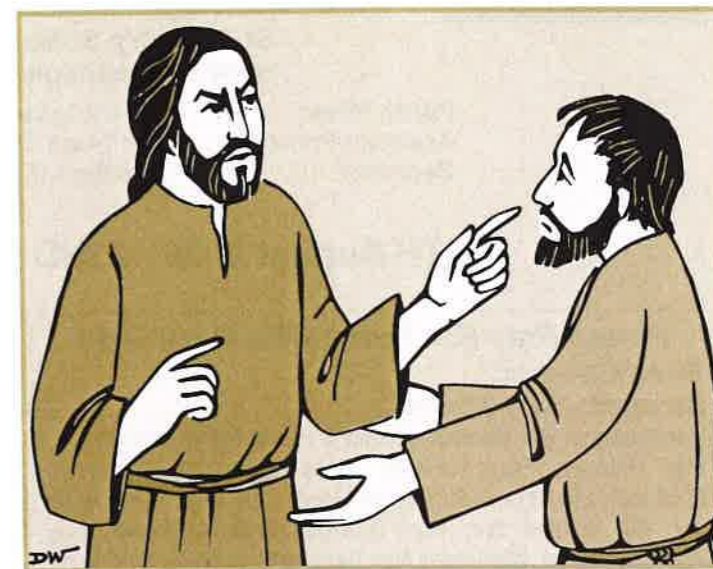
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

**R.** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; /  
for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines  
for you / like a dry, weary land without  
water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see  
your strength and your glory. / For your love  
is better than life, / my lips will speak your  
praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your  
name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall  
be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall  
praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow  
of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to  
you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and  
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy  
of thinking beings, by offering your living  
bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.  
Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of  
the world around you, but let your behaviour  
change, modelled by your new mind. This is  
the only way to discover the will of God and  
know what is good, what it is that God wants,  
what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of  
our heart, / that we might see how great  
is the hope / to which we are called. /  
Alleluia!