

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem.
I will follow you wherever you will go.*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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THE CALL TO FOLLOW

When Paul wrote to the Christians of Galatia it was to his own converts, people he had evangelised and continued to guide in their journey of faith. As Gentile converts Paul had not required them to follow all the demands of the Jewish Law. Later, Jewish Christians arrived arguing that Paul was mistaken and this led to confusion and conflict among them.

Paul's response is to remind the Galatians that they are called to freedom and that Gentile Christians had no need to follow all the requirements of the Jewish Law in order to be Christians. However, the freedom to which Christians are called cannot be confused with self-indulgence since Christians are all called to be faithful to the demands of the higher law of love.

The beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is the appropriate time to clarify the nature of discipleship and its demands. The disciples must learn that Jesus' road is one of peace and that they should move on quietly when they meet opposition. To the man that says he will follow him Jesus reminds him of the lack of security that lies ahead of disciples. To those who ask leave to bury their dead and say farewell to their parents, Jesus replies that even the demands of family relationships and responsibilities take second place to the call to follow him as disciples.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. cf. v. 5

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**
4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

Gal 5:1, 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

■ The word of the Lord.

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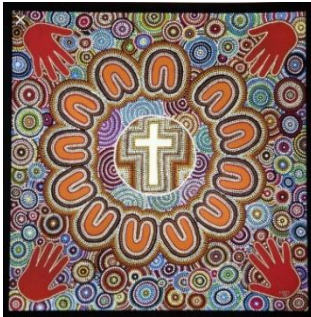
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PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED : Phil Wall

ANNIVERSARIES : Baby Siemsen, Lennox McKnight, Alfred O'Neill (26/6), Ethel McMahon, Maxwell Hilderson, Edward Kosakowski (27/06), Lilian Duncan, Patrick Kinsella, Alice Radford (28/6), Eric Wheeler Nellie Winters (29/6), Agnes Murphy (30/6) Frederick O'Grady Bessy Knight, Vincent Orcher-Bond (1/7) Gary Jamieson Tyler Scruton (4/7)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St Andrew's Wee Waa

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 10.00 am

Wednesday 8.30 am

(Anointing Mass – 1st week of month)

Weeronga Service 4th Tuesday of the Month at 10.30am

St. Joseph's Burren Junction

3rd Sunday – Mass 8:00am

St. Brigid's Pilliga

2nd Sunday– Communion Service 9.00 am

MINISTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEK

3rd July 22 14th SUN ORD TIME Year C

Readers: Elise Barid Karlee Hatton

Prayer of the Faithful: Richard Schwager

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10th July 22 15th SUN ORD TIME Year C

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Priestly Ordination of Rev Mr Peterpaul Chikezie

All parishioners are invited to attend the priestly Ordination Mass of Rev

Mr Peterpaul Chikezie on Wednesday 29th June 11am at Saints Mary &

Joseph's Cathedral Armidale. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Torreggiani

Room. Please RSVP to the Chancery

Office for catering purposes

chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au or 6771 8700 by Friday 17 th June.

Priestly Ordination of Rev Mr Peterpaul Chikezie

All parishioners are invited to attend the priestly Ordination Mass of Rev

Home Mass

The next home mass will be held at Tamara home on Thursday, 14th July at 5.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Many thanks to all who attended the home mass on the 23rd June at Dora's place. Your presence was greatly appreciated. God bless you

Reflection

As Jesus "resolutely determine[s] to journey to Jerusalem," he encounters a number of conflicts. Jesus is not welcome in a Samaritan village, he rebukes disciples who want to take revenge, he predicts the lack of comfort and security for his followers, he chides those who have excuses for not immediately following him. These conflicts arise because the journey to Jerusalem entails death: dying to self in facing this journey's conflicts; death at this journey's end. Nevertheless, the journey must be made—by Jesus, by his disciples, by us—because this is the only journey that leads to life.

Often opposition and conflict enable us to clarify our goals, strengthen our conviction, and increase our courage in pursuit of a vision. So it is with the inevitable conflicts that arise when we follow Jesus on the journey through dying to new life.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

We celebrate Marriage & Family Sunday which coincides with the 10th World Meeting of Families organised by The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and the Diocese of Rome. The theme chosen for this celebration is "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness" which is also the theme for the World Meeting of Families.

The Pope has spoken of families as the basic unit of society, so marriage is an especially sacred vocation. Strong, holy families come from strong, holy marriages. In this way our world can be evangelized "from the ground up," starting with individual homes where Christ is honoured and the Catholic faith is loved, taught, and lived. The family is also the place where religious vocations are fostered, so that Catholic marriages have the privilege of providing the Church with priests and nuns, as well as with future holy mothers and fathers, or dedicated singles.

The Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our
companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us. **Amen.**

