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Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm



27 February 2022 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died
Recently Deceased: Margot McCarthy, Ron Perry (Pat Reidy's brother)

Deceased:

Anniversary: James Meredith; Lucy Moran & Jim Moran; Monsignor John O'Connor; Raymond & Catherine Campbell; Reginald Crossman; Robert Ferguson; Carmel Woodward; Leo Press; Frank Ryan; Teresa Lantry; Bel Carpenter; Kathleen Perkins; Marie Howard; William Guyer; Edna Baker; Dulcie Tinson; Corey Baker; Leonard Turner; Carol Bourke; Michelle (Tootie) Lawrence; Win Lawson; Sam Miller; John Barr; Margaret Squires; Frank Donnelly; Bob Webeck; Michel Dare;

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: David Henry; Pat Reidy; Rohan Guest; Dawn & Colin Graham; Brian Lobley; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Gigli; Joan Greentree; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster
6/3/2022 R: B McNamara
7/3/2022 R: S Meade
C: Volunteers

Flower/Altar Roster for March R Harris & K Murphy

Sun 27 St Joseph's School Community will be laying pavers after mass & Morning Tea
Mon 28 No Mass today at St Brigid's
Wed 2 Ash Wednesday - Mass at St Brigid's at 9.30am
Wed 2 Ash Wednesday - Mass at Werris Creek at 6.00pm
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
Thurs 10 CWL Meeting in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 10.30am
Sat 19 Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering at McCarthy Catholic College at 7.30am

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

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

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of the sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Project Compassion This year's theme reminds us that what we do today can have an impact **For All Future Generations**. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival, and those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference today, **For all Future Generations**.

Catholic Women's League Quirindi Branch are holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 and are available at the back of the church. Drawn 3 April 2022.

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.

Account Name: St Brigid's Church Hall A/C
BSB 082 105
Account Number: 001056915
Ensuring you put your name in the reference

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. Books are \$5.00 and are payable on the day.

Saints to Remember
St Casimir - Memorial - 4th

We welcome St Joseph's School Family Community to Mass today
Following Mass they will be laying the pavers at the School and enjoying Morning Tea.
All welcome to attend.

World Day of Prayer 2022 - England, Wales & Northern Ireland
Will be at the Uniting Church, Quirindi on Friday 4th March at 7.00pm. Please contact Kathie Murphy on 0408 658 707 or Fran Wallace 6746 1664. Hope you can all attend and join in.

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 We need a volunteer to spray the weeds around the presbytery and the church. 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 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.

Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering 2022

Saturday morning 19th March
McCarthy College Tamworth
For laymen by laymen!
Extraordinary Speakers and open Q & A
Come for breakfast & home at lunchtime
Registration Now Open

Details on the cards and poster at the back of the church
Simply register online.
www.eventcreate.com/armedale-diocesan-men-s-gat
Or call: 0427851651 or 0419011096
Bring a Friend!

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

Planned Giving \$506.00+ \$50.00 = \$556.00
First Collection \$187.90 Christmas Dues \$1,070.00

Breaking Open the Word

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

We often hear it said that actions speak louder than words, and that talk is cheap. While these sayings may well be true, what we say provides others with a window into our hearts. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect upon the quality of our speech and what it reveals about where our heart lies. As trees are judged on the quality of their fruit so our hearts are judged on the quality of our speech. Jesus' words forcefully remind us that before we judge others, we would do well to look to ourselves and the quality of the fruit we bear in our actions and in the words we speak.

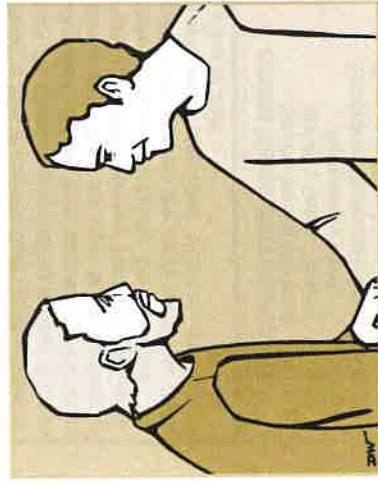
As Paul concludes his argument about the bodily resurrection, he praises God for the victory that has been won over sin and death. Like other Jews of his time, he understood that sin and death had entered the world through the fall of Adam. When Paul states that sin gets its power from the law, he invites the Corinthians to reflect on the paradox posed by the Jewish law. While the law calls us to righteousness, its very existence is living proof of the power of sin, since the commands of the law would not be necessary if there was no sin. Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as the first fruits of a crop that is yet to come. In the meantime, the community is called to continue to live their Christian lives in the hope that they are not working in vain.

Christopher Monaghan CP

the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 FEBRUARY 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit. Similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is



sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice