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21 March 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Gillian Thomas;
Deceased: Terry Fitzpatrick;

Anniversary: Peter Daniels, William Sewil, Kevin Green, Charles Lantry, Patrick McNamara, Kai Fitzpatrick, Ken Heath, Gavan Carlisle, Gregory Trudgett, Neville Green, Phylliss Lord, Anthony Conlan, Ish Egan, Brian Redgrove, Len Dalton, Felicity McGrath, Barry Hill, John Garrity, James Cooper, Marcus Plevy, Roger Gleeson, Brian Purcell, Gordon Near, Jim Jones, Ron McGrath, Patricia Gleeson, Matthew McGrath, Donald Davidson, Anthony (Marey) O'Donnell, Helen Plevy, Sylvia Green, May Barr, Allan Penlley

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:

Michael Hausfeld, Sister Pat, Bartley, Lisa Brown, Ray Lamb of Gunnedah, Les Ward, David Seiler, Rita Looney, Bobbie Paton, Fr John Willis, Clare Crane, Bill Gleeson, Billy Godden, Ros Turton, Gavin Sewell, Ian Gallagher, Fiona Nolan, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson, Lucy Gigg, Father Pat O'Neill, Tom Sanderson, Colleen Hyatt, Michael McCormick, Dan O'Donnell, Marie Dalton, Jack Dunn, Colin Gallagher, Andrew McManus, Ivy Taylor, Joan Greenlee, Rosalyn Chan, all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster
27/3/2021 R: H Passfield
28/3/2021 R: D Ryan
C: M & P Perkins

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi - Catechists Mass
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: Mass 21st March 2021 at 11.00am

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.

Coming Events

Wed 24 Confirmation Lesson at 3.50pm
Thurs 25 Bishop O'Mahony Sesquicentenary Mass at 11.00am at the Cathedral
Thurs 25 **Confession at St Brigid's with visiting priests**
Fri 26 Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm
Tues 30 Christ Mass at Armidale Cathedral at 11.00am

Planned Giving \$391.00 + \$20.00 = \$411.00
First Collection \$302.70

Reconciliation will be held at St Brigid's on Thursday 25th March at 6.00pm with visiting priests.

Project Compassion —Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

LENTEN PENANCE

During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
 - (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Chrism Mass Bishop Kennedy invites all parishioners to join him and the priests of the Diocese at the Chrism Mass 30th March, 2021 at 11.00 am in the Cathedral and for refreshments afterwards in the Torregiani courtyard. Please RSVP to your Parish Priest or Parish Office no later than 22nd March, 2021.

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5.00pm at St Brigid's. All welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation - will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd May 2021. Lessons have commenced and are taking place in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall each Wednesday at 3.50pm and the Reflection Day on Friday 30 April when the candidates are to meet with Bishop Michael. Our Parish-based program involves Fr Vince, Parents, Candidates and Catechists. It places a strong emphasis on family involvement as we recognise that parents / guardians are the main educators in the faith for their children. Please pray for the children preparing for this sacrament.

Bishop O'Mahony Sesquicentenary Mass Bishop Kennedy invites all parishioners to join with him on Thursday 25th March at 11am for a Celebratory Mass and Blessing of the Memorial Stone for the 150 year Anniversary of Bishop O'Mahony's installation as first Bishop of Armidale. Please RSVP to the Chancery Office phone: 6771 8700 or email: chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au.

Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church, at the foyer and immediate surroundings.
5. People from the same household may sit together.
6. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
7. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.



GOSPEL

In 12: 20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

DYING IN ORDER TO LIVE

As Holy Week approaches, we are invited to enter more deeply into our own hearts and to accompany Jesus as he searches his heart in preparing to undergo his passion. The readings focus not only on the new life that we are offered, but also on the decisions that must be made to die to what is false within us so that God's new life may grow and flourish within us.

Jeremiah spoke to his contemporaries about the new covenant that God wanted to plant in their hearts. He powerfully calls for a decision to renewal. Would they give God the space in which to plant a seed? Did they have the courage to leave their past behind and journey towards a new future?

In the second reading and the Gospel we see how Jesus also shared in our struggle to choose the life that comes from dying to self. In the letter to the Hebrews, we are presented with the image of Jesus as God's Son who, like us, must search, struggle and pray so that the seed might grow and flourish. Some people may be disquieted by the image of Jesus having to come to perfection through struggle. It is a most precious gift – this is how seriously God takes it when God becomes one like us and shares in our humanity. In the gospel we see Jesus wrestling with this moment which is paradoxically the moment when he is already glorified. It is the moment of decision, when he must choose to become the living example of the seed that dies in order to live.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

THE SAVING WORD

21 MARCH 2021

Jer 31: 31-34

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

■ The word of the Lord.

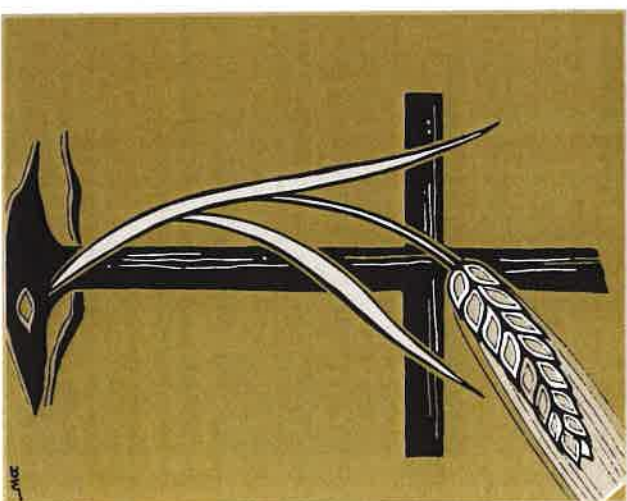
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

3. Give me again the joy of your help: / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 5: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

In 12: 26

Glorify to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord, / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glorify to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!