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02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

29th August 2021 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Bobbie Paton.

Anniversary: Joan Alice Eiseley, James Lawson, Beryl Meredith,

Ree Holloway, Marjorie Thompson, Edith Constable, Leo Goodwin,

William Perkins, Maurice Murphy, Patricia Mason, Joe Gagli, Bill

Norman Jnr, Leo Daniels, James McVicar, William (Bill) Norman Sr,

Ron O'Dwyer, Dominic Bowen, Eric Robinson, Lorna Matheson, Allan

Reading Sr, Patricia (Peg) Lane, Helen Hird, Anne Gee, Jack Tinsort,

William Martin, Johanna Blanchie, Eva Black (Baker), Madeline

Houlihan, Elouise Harrison, Bernard Howard, Margaret Wadwell,

Patricia Stockdale, Valerie Short, Agnes Clare Perkins, Anthony

McKay, John Gleeson, Dolores McGregor, Alma Writton, Margaret

Heath, Suzanne Schumaker, John Egan, Eleanor Heyman, Mary

O'Donnell, Maureen Penzance, John Ryan, Roy Smith, Allan

Blanchie, Stephen Constable, Wallace Banister, Cassimer 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:

Mary Smith, Pat Reddy, Paul Murphy, Craig Lawrence, Ivy Taylor, Di
Dillon, Michael Hausfeld, Sister Pat Barley, Lisa Brown, Ray Lamb of
Gunnedah, Les Ward, David Seiler, Rila Looney, Fr John Willis, Clare
Crane, Bill Gleeson, Billy Godden, Ros Turton, Gavin Sewell, Ian
Gallagher, Fiona Nolan, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson,
Lucy Gight, Father Pat O'Neill, Tom Sanderson, Colleen Hyatt, Michael
McCormick, Dan O'Donnell, Marie Dalton, Jack Dunn, Colin Gallagher,
Andrew McLennan, Joan Greenlee, Rosalyn Chan, all the members
of the Parish who are ill.

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi - No Mass

Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi - No Mass

Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek - No Mass

Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek - No Mass

Friday 9.30am - Quirindi - No Mass

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses

5.00pm - Quirindi - No Mass

6.30pm - Werris Creek - No Mass

8.00am - Willow Tree - No Mass

9.30am - Quirindi - No Mass

Sunday:

8.00am - Willow Tree - No Mass

9.30am - Quirindi - No Mass

Carroona: Last Sunday of the Month - No Mass

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

Roster

11/9/2021 R: H Passfield

12/9/2021 R: D Ryan

C: D Ryan & T Vereyken

Oratio Imperata Against the Spread of COVID-19 God our Father, we come to you in our need to ask your protection against the Corona Virus Disease-19 that has claimed lives and has afflicted many. We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they many minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen. Mary Help of all Christians: Play for Us, St Raphael the Archangel: Play for Us, St Edward the Confessor: Play for Us, St Mary of the Cross: Play for Us.

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of Peace in Christ!

Recent announcement tells us that lockdown continues for another two weeks. This means that our church remains to be closed for as long as the restriction is at place.

Again, let me assure you that you and your intentions are all included in my daily mass being celebrated every day at 9.30am. Whereas the NSW directives under "Other Reasonable Excuses for Leaving Home" allows us priests, religious minister, or member of religious order to provide pastoral care and attend to the pastoral needs of our parish. As I would make myself available, so let us know if someone might be in need of anointing of the sick, confession, or may want to receive holy communion.

You may ring our Parish office, the Secretary, or any parish contact person you may know, or message me in my personal number. Tell us how we can be of help. Meanwhile, Sunday Livestream masses are available online to keep us celebrate God's Word and the Eucharist while staying home.

Stay safe everyone and God bless you all!

In Christ,

Fr. Vince Amaro

TV / ONLINE MASS RESOURCES

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 6.00am

Armidale Cathedral Parish - Sunday 10.00am Youtube link:

<https://youtu.be/kh0UizYnACU>

Zoom backup link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/448379975357>

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St Mary's Cathedral - Sydney

<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Sunday 10.30am

ACBC Play at Home (very useful resource)

<https://catholic.org.au/playathome>

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son, in you Mary placed her trust, with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decision-makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace, Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

29 AUGUST 2021

BE OPEN TO CHANGE

Often there is tension in our lives as we struggle to determine how to be faithful to the past and yet open to the demands of the present and the call of the future. Can what is good and true change and take on new forms? In the area of technology, the matter is often clearer than in the life of faith.

Confronted with Moses' demand that nothing of the law be changed or deleted what options did the Pharisees have for change? Deletion of any of Moses' regulations was tantamount to rejection of God's own word. They dealt with the demands of the present by a rigorous faithfulness to the traditions which they had received. From their perspective who was Jesus to challenge these traditions? What Jesus characterised as hypocrisy they saw as faithfulness to the demands of the living God. The problem was that of discerning that the living God was speaking anew through Jesus who stood before them. Faithfulness to what God has spoken absents none of us from the demand of listening to what God is speaking to us today; *the challenge lies in recognising it and responding with generosity.*

The letter of James also addresses this challenge by reminding us that while God's truth is unchanging, we are called to listen to the word which has been planted in our hearts. It is a word which is dynamic and growing – a word whose clearest demand is to reach out in love to those who cannot defend themselves.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
You must add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5, R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault, / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may, / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent, / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James.
Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light, with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

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