

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

13 AUGUST 2023

THE LORD WITH US IN OUR STRUGGLES

Elijah comes to Mt Horeb because his life is at risk, and he is terrified and discouraged. Having lost hope, he fled into the wilderness to die, and yet it is here that he rediscovers his mission and vocation as prophet. In the turmoil that surrounds him he recognises the Lord's voice, and the promise of a new beginning, not in earthquakes or fire, but in a gentle breeze.

When Jesus' walks on the water towards the disciples his presence was first greeted with terror as their boat struggled with heavy seas and winds. His encouraging words calm their fears and lead Peter to take up his invitation to come to him across the water. His newly found courage is short-lived, but he has sufficient faith to call on Jesus to save him. Immediately, Jesus reaches out and brings him into the boat and calms the storm that threatened to engulf them all. In the life of faith there are moments when events and circumstances threaten to overpower us. In these moments we too need to hear the words: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

The next three weeks' readings from Paul's letter to the Romans reveal how he wrestled with a theological storm caused by Gentile acceptance of Jesus as their saviour while many people in Israel had rejected him. How could it be that a people who had received so many blessings had missed such an opportunity? Paul comes to appreciate how God's saving plan comes to fulfillment in ways we do not expect.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

I Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! / I hope in the Lord, / I trust in his word. / Alleluia!

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during mass on 2nd Sunday of the month

St Patrick's Cooma Mass
 Mass Sunday's at 10am
 Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Thu 1st June 4pm
 St Patrick's Weekday
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
 Except Third Friday of Month
 Nursing Home Mass
 9.30am Yallambee Lodge
 11am Sir William Hudson
 Adaminaby volunteer required-
 Nimmitabel
 Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
 *5pm Sat Vigil Mass
 1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
 Mass 4th Sunday at 5.00pm
 LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale
 Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month
 Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm
 1st 3rd & 5th Sunday Liturgy
 of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne
 2nd 3rd & 4th = Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
 1st & 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

We warmly welcome Fr Bernie Patterson to our Parish this weekend as Fr Mark has a previous wedding engagement this weekend.



Catholic Archdiocese of
 Canberra and Goulburn



Year of the Holy Spirit
 AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":

Maryann Rolfe, Fr Laurie Beath, pp at St Raphael's Parish, Cowra, Ula Rankin, Kerelle O'Ryan, Mario Frezza, Margaret Kellond, Clare Nowland

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of"

Maree Dunne, Terry Green, Noel Potter, Vonnie Crowe, Colin Crowe,

Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick and hospitalised: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence" Jara Gregor,

Direct Debit Request forms are available for your Parish at the Parish Office to provide cash free donation,

Roster	Aug 13 th	Aug 20 th
Acolyte	Richard Cmunt	Kaitlyn Bosco
Usher	Terri Rick	Carol Byrne
Reader/Commentator	Kathleen Bashford Mary Bennett	Jeremiah Abrokwah, Fran Robertson
Altar Servers	Natalia & Amelia Zieja
Special Minister	Kate Grimstad	Mary Bennett
Children's Liturgy	Belinda Wilkins	Joan Simpson
Linen	Jolanta Zieja	Jolanta Zieja
Church Care	20 th S McPhie L Baker B Moser	27 th C Byrne J Upton P Stewart
Hospital	Joan Simpson	Margaret Quodling
Morning Tea		

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer

We do need another team member to assist with cleaning of our

Church, this can be completed on a day which is suitable to your team, flexible volunteer 1hour of your time. Assist vacuum and dusting. Please talk to Fr Mark or Sharon ☺

Next weekend Readings

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ A

1st Reading Isa 56:1, 6-7
 2nd Reading Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
 Gospel Mt 15:21-28

We have an extra Devices TAP n Go is available in Church entrance for your cashless donations

(Archdiocese split 70/30: 1st & 2nd JUST TAP! The New Smart Device at door has the option to Choose your own contribution amount -

Just select and tap!



The grace period of Nil Fee's has now lapsed (6mths) and the Parish is responsible for a monthly fee which is a Rental Fee of \$24.50. Please consider using this facility to enable device to be kept for the visitors to donate to our Church especially during peak seasons.

Parish Men's Group

We'll meet this Sunday; please join us after Mass.

The readings of the day will be from 1 Kings, Romans and Matthew - surely something for everyone!

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day/2023/08/13.html>

Have a good week, Shane

Fr Mark's Jokes;

Have you ever listened to or read a Church bulletin and thought that the wording was ironically funny? Well, here are some hilarious lines that were in newsletters or read out at the end of service.

- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.