

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word

THE GOD OF SURPRISES

In a time of rapid change in the Church one of our community members lamented the fact that 'Just as I got it all worked out, they changed what it was!' Often the word of God has a way of turning our world and expectations upside down. After the exile, the hope for a king from the line of David was rekindled. Zechariah agrees with this hope but his vision of the kingdom that God will establish would have come as a surprise to his contemporaries. Peace will come, but not through the force of arms.

Jesus' own life and message were no less paradoxical. Those who would have been expected to understand were left floundering and confused by his message. On the other hand, those open to the surprising ways of God find in Jesus the one who will gently carry their burdens if they will take on the task of becoming disciples.

Much of Paul's energy was devoted to the formation of Christian communities and it was not uncommon for them to become discouraged when they failed to live up to the demands of the gospel. In the coming weeks, the readings taken from Romans 8 show how Paul both challenges and revitalises the Christian community of Rome. He calls them to live spiritual lives, while also making sure they hear his message of encouragement. There is a firm basis for hope since the Spirit is in us, empowering, enlivening, and transforming us.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

9 JULY 2023

FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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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 Yallabee Lodge
11am Sir William Hudson

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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

*Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,
"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":
Margaret Kellond, Clare Nowland.*

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of"

Keith Tozer, Fred Hanna, Vincent Venables, Pat Lynch

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,



Baptism: We congratulate and welcome into our Parish family Marcos Logan Taylor and Rachel Grace Taylor as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St Patrick's Parish Church.

Direct Debit Request forms are available at the Parish Office to provide cash free donation, you choose frequency and donation amount direct from your account.

12 July | CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program | 5:00pm-9pm

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple.

Information and registration - www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Helena Zobec marriage.preparation@cg.org.au OR 0405 440 463
vehicles & superannuation, stationery, maintenance etc.

Next weekend Readings

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time /A

1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading Rom 8: 18-23

Gospel Matthew 13: 1-23

We have an extra Devices TAP n Go is available in Church entrance for your 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. Please promote this Smart Pay terminal, to reduce cash handling and risk management.



The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites members of your community to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 19th August. This pilgrimage will commemorate Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, at the site she visited on two separate occasions, in 1899 and 1901. St Mary has played a very significant role in the establishment of Catholic education in our archdiocese. This pilgrimage is an opportunity to give thanks for the work done in Catholic education and honour Australia's first saint.

Please see notice board.

A new Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Prowse - Announcing the Year of Grace. A copy is available in Church foyer or on your parish website:

**PASTORAL LETTER - YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
TIME TO GATHER FOR AN ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - WITH A VIEW OF
RE-ESTABLISHING A DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL**



Early one Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake up her son. 'Wake up, son. It's time to go to Church!' 'But why, Mother? I don't want to go.' 'Give me two reasons why you don't want to go.' 'Well, one they don't really like me at Church, and two the sermons are boring!' 'Those are not good reasons for not to going to Church. Get up and get ready.' 'Give me two reasons why I should go to Church.' 'Well, for one, you're 55 years old. And for another, you're the Pastor!'