

The Living Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 September 2024

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part

and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) *The Lord upholds my life.*

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they

work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

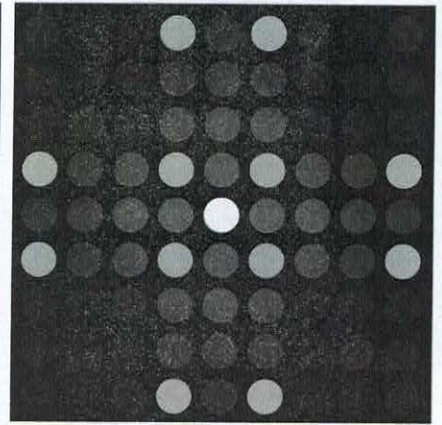
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

Today's Gospel reveals a fearfulness in the disciples' response to Jesus. Afraid of asking too many questions, they almost seem to prefer being ignorant rather than admit the limits of their own understanding. Strangely, this self-imposed ignorance does not prevent them from posturing for position. What a warning for the Church this episode seems to offer!

While this excerpt of Mark's Gospel is often interpreted in terms of the virtue of humility, the other aspect of Jesus' point is easily overlooked. Every Christian is called to be 'last of all and servant of all'. Ours is a faith of humble service.

The scriptures repeatedly make the point that faith is always embedded in creation. A mountain, a road, a town, and a house all frame the action in this episode. Because the Church exists wherever its members go our beliefs and prayers are not restricted to church buildings. We take our faith on roads, into our homes and towns, and even up mountains.

Given this, our faith compels us to have a special care for all of creation. As Jesus clearly intimates, by humbly serving created things we express our love of the Creator who made them all.

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Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Communion Antiphon: John 10:14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. ©Liturgy Help 2024

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday ----- 6pm SPP Goulburn

6pm Taralga

Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)

9am (Crookwell)

Binda -10.30am (1st Sunday)

Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

Tuena - Nil until further notice

Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 4.15pm

OLOF: Sat. 9.30am -10am

Taralga: 4.30pm (1st Sat)

Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays

Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 12md (SPP)

Sat - 9am (OLOF)

Mass Offerings: Please send to office, or central collection boxes.

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Congratulations

Aeon Abad
Shaira Alaro
Eleanor Appleton
Abigail Beecham
Ari Boyd
Georgia Brown
Angus Connor
Austin Cosgrove
Beau Craig
Jack Cunningham
Hayden Docherty
Florence Douglas
Arianwen Edwards
Charlie Ferguson
Oliver Keast
Tobias Loberg
Henry McGillion

Michael McGillion
Lillian McLean
Sam McPherson
Claudia Mercuri
Salvatore Mercuri
Scarlett Lang
Olivia Owen
Louis Pace
Ivan Pearce
Oscar Rice
Hudson Salmon
Odin Schmidt
Chanel Singh
Hamish Singh
Thomas Skelly
Saxon Skidmore-
Ferdinands
Adele Wakefield

Dear Parishioners,

This Weekend is special for Goulburn Mission. 34 of our young men and women are confirming their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat Vigil.

As a community we recognize that you are no longer children. You are on your way to becoming an adult. Today, you are making a stand for yourself, becoming an active member in the life of the Church to share the Gospel message of Jesus to wherever you go.

A very hard working and dedicated Sacramental Team, especially Cassie Harris, Sasha Doggett, Joseph Cilia, Christopher O'Mahony, Arlene Dorsett & Trinity Youth Team supported the students and their parents and we thank them for the time and sacrifice.

I thank you dear parents who have undertaken this commitment with your children over the past weeks. Please continue the faith journey for you and your children.

Dear Confirmands, the Church is happy for you, the parish community feels proud of you. Congrats. May God bless you and protect you always.

Frs. Joshy, Hilary & Xavier

When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and allow it to act, Christ Himself is made present in us and takes form in our lives; through us, it will be He Who prays, forgives, brings hope and consolation, serves our brethren, is close to the needy and the abandoned, Who creates communion and sows peace." **Pope Francis**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEP 28: St Michaels Bungonia Mass 10am

SEP 29: Crookwell Cuppa After Mass

OCT 27: Marian Procession Goulburn 10am -3pm

SEP 28: Sydney Chamber Choir 3pm Saturday SPP

18-20 October: Archdiocesan Assembly

NOV 24: Christ the King Taralga 90th Ann 9.30am