

The Living Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1 September 2024

First Reading Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

You may 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?'

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

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

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.

Gospel Acclamation Jas 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

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making *them* holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 85:3,5
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 30:20
How great is the goodness, Lord that you keep for those who fear you. ©Liturgy Help 2024

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday ----- 5pm SPP Goulburn

5pm 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.

ROSTER Coordinator-

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BAPTISMS: Book through the Parish Office.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEP 7: Women's morning Tea Station room {Workers}10 am

SEP 8: SUNDAY Taralga Working Bee. 10am at Church.

SEP 11: Crookwell Morning Tea 10.30 am

SEP 7: Saturday Vigil mass reverts to 6pm

SEP 21/22: Confirmation MASSES

SEP 28: St Michaels Bungonia Mass 10am

OCT 12: Men's Breakfast 7.30am-9am Tatts

OCT 19: Reunion of orphanages Sat 19th Oct 11am-3pm

OCT 27: Marian Procession Goulburn 10-3

Final Reunion of St John's and St Joseph's

RSVP- phil.merrigan@outlook.com

October 19th 11am-3pm

Kenmore (St Joseph's) Taralga RD

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Women's Morning Tea

Sr Noelene Quinane, a volunteer for Marymead Catholic Care supporting Homeless Women, will talk on her work in this powerful space.

VIGIL MASS: Parishioners! This IS IT! The LAST Saturday in winter for 2024. As of next Saturday, 7th of September Vigil mass time will revert to 6pm at Christ the King Taralga and St Peter and Paul's

Men's Breakfast: 7.30am-9am Saturday 12th October. Guest speaker Fr Michael Lim will discourse on his new book "Who am I in God?" addressing your true Christian identity. Please contact Michael Lamarra to reserve your seat.

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BUNGONIA: St Michael's Church Mass September 28th

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8 October | Marriage Preparation Courses
Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: **FOCCUS** - Tues 8th October 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. *SmartLoving* - online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. To register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au
Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE MARIAN PROCESSION. PLEASE DONATE YOUR TIME TO THIS ECUNEMICAL EVENT, HOWEVER YOU CAN

Recently Deceased: Maureen Swampillai, Sue Hall, Dianne Conner, Petrina Elliott, Kay Tapper, Jennifer Stewart, Rex Bryant, Pauline Grech, Ronald Jeffrey, Gloria Downey, Michael Carlon, Ron Sykes, Betty Woods, Eddie Hennessey, Peter Whittle, Annamma Jacob,

Anniversaries: Bill O'Keefe, Phyllis Corby, Olive Thistleton, Margaret Vial, Fred Fiegert (Temora), Daphne Byron, Sally Barrett, Geoff O'Brien, O'Brien and MacIntosh families, Marjorie Ellen Mackay, Phyllis Corby, Reg Bower, John McQuaid, Paul Collins, Sr Marie Jeanne, Keith G Mackay, Maxine Probert, Gregory McIntosh, Christine Mary McCormack, Winifred G Conroy, Des Thistleton, Donna Hogan, Peter Freebody, June Maloney, Bert Steenbergen, Theresia & Alec Orchard,

Prayers: Christopher White, Leslie King John Hall, Dulcie Elliott, Dorothy Brewer, Elizabeth, Orchard family, C. Steenbergen,