



## Reflections on the Gospel

1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alléluia, alléluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alléluia!

**GOSPEL**

Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according

to Luke.

*Jesus resolutely sets his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him.

These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but

the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the

disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn

them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow

you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests,

but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,

replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their

dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at

home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is

fit for the kingdom of God.'

**■ The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Today's Gospel begins at a turning point in the Gospel of Luke. Like the Servant figure in Isaiah 50:7, Jesus 'sets his face' as he sets out on the long journey to Jerusalem that will climax in his suffering and death.

### A PASSION FOR LIFE

When a Samaritan village proves inhospitable to messengers that Jesus sends before him, two disciples propose a violent response: call down fire from heaven. But violence is not Jesus' way to deal with rejection. What he would bring—to Jerusalem and to the world—and they went off to another village.

But Jesus does give very demanding responses to three people who offer themselves as companions on his journey. To the first he responds that following him will mean a wandering life of risky reliance on hospitality, with no guarantee of secure lodging.

The prophet Elijah allowed his disciple Elisha to go home and bid farewell to his parents (1 Kings 19:16,19-21). Jesus, by contrast, insists to two other would be followers that even the most sacred family obligations must yield to the claims of the Kingdom, which is about rescuing human beings for life.

The Jesus who confronts us here may seem unusually harsh. But it is important to keep in mind that the other side of this stance is the passion for human lives that drives him on. He is on the march now to a conflict with demonic forces that seek to dehumanise and destroy the world. Those who would seek to rescue people for life and for love must share both his passion and the hardships it entails.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

**FIRST READING** 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his*

*servant.*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**■ The word of the Lord.**

**RESP PSALM**

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. cf. v. 5

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight; / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Gal 5:1, 13-18

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Galatians

*My brothers, you were called to freedom.*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. **■ The word of the Lord.**



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**PARISH MASS TIMES**

*Sacred Heart Church Inverell*

Saturday 5.30pm from May to August

Sunday 9am

Monday, Tuesday & First Saturday 9.30am

Wed, Thurs and 1st Friday 12noon

1st Friday Mass & Benediction 12 noon

First Wednesday Anointing Mass 12 noon

*McLean Village* Each Friday except 1st Friday 11.00am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 4.00 to 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am—8.30am

*Tingha* St. Francis' Church Saturday 4.30pm

*Ashford* St Patrick's Church Sunday 11.00am

*Bundarra* St Mary's Bundarra 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.00am

*Yeman* St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 10.30am

Baptisms, (Saturday only) Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Peter Chapman, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp, Brian

Barker, Linda Redondo, Marie Ward, Margaret Wales,

Dorothy Ball (Dot), Mary Porchedda, Denise Taveira,

Margaret Kahler, Elsie Marie Tan, Gregory Stephen,

Joanne Essey, Bob Kneipp, Terry Kelleher, Graham

Tom, Peter Steiger, Fred Boight, Bob Sullivan, Rodney

Parr, Mary Jordan, Agnes Hannigan, Veronica

Ticehurst, David Sanders, Anne Di Costanzo, Edwin

Valencia, Wilfreda Gascon **and all the sick**

**members of our parish whose names are not**

**listed here.**

**We Pray for the souls of Recently Deceased and the anniversaries of our loved ones**

Beverley Turrey, Geoff Smith, Tony Illes, Sandra  
McSavaney, Elaine Aldridge, Margaret Palmer, Phillip  
Kenny, Sr Helen Coleman, Neville Lavender, Michael  
Turner (brother in law of June Turner) Pietro Musio,  
John Mulroy, Malcolm Williams, Rod Halpin, Joe  
Porchedda, Jean Baldwin, Marie Tanner, Michael John  
Jones, Robert McCormack, Yvonne Hawkins, Terry  
Manuel, **Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord .....**  
**May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION:**

We as a PARISH, try to live out our

VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred

community based on the Gospel Values expressed

through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.

MISSION: To know Christ more, His life and His

teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and

service. To try to share generously what graces and

blessings we have and to be instruments of the

Gospel message.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

*For the happy repose of the SOULS of:*

Patricia Clancy, Leigh Walsh, Pat Wratten, Kim

Fitzroy, Pietro Paolo Casula, Stella Spalding



MONDAY:	Rosary	9:00am
	Mass at the Church	9:30am
TUESDAY:	Rosary	9:00am
	Mass	9:30am
	Rosary & Angelus	11:30am
	Anointing Mass	12 Noon
	Home Rosary this week	3pm
	At the home of Joan Ticehurst, 74 Gordon St	
THURSDAY:	Rosary	11.30am
	Mass at the Church	12 noon
FRIDAY	First Friday Mass and	12 noon
	Benediction	12 noon
SATURDAY	First Saturday Mass	9.30am

**VISITATION OF OUR SICK BY THE PRIESTS**

If you have anyone in the hospital or at nursing homes in Inverell, Ashford, Tingha and Bundarra and would like them to be visited by our priests, please contact the Presbytery / Parish office on 67221103 or by email on inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au to arrange a visit

*Peter's Peace Collection for The Holy See*

*Charitable Works will take place this weekend,*

*29-30 June. Envelopes will be available for*

*your donation*

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM This Sunday is the last in our financial year. Thank you for your generous contributions this year. If you are behind with your giving, please start again. If you are not part of our Planned Giving Program, please consider joining. Funds contributed are used for the day to day running of the parish. A financial statement will be issued to all parishioners early in August. Statements for this year will go out in July.

**PRAYER FOR RAIN**

Heavenly Father, maker of all things

and protector of all Your people;

look upon us in Your love and give us Your help.

Open the heavens for us and give us the rain we need.

Teach us to live for You and to share Your gifts with others.

Ease our burdens, Father, and give us Your strength.

to You through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Committee	Date	Venue
Finance Committee	August 1, 2019	Meeting Room
Meeting	5.30pm	Meeting Room
Parish Pastoral Council	August 5 at 5pm	Meeting Room
Liturgy Meeting	Saturday, July 13	Meeting Room

ROSTER ...	JUNE 29—SAT 5.30	JUNE 30—SUN 9AM	JULY 6—SAT 5.30PM	JULY 7—SUN 9AM
<b>GREETERS</b>	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	P.CONSTABLE & VOLUNTEERS
<b>PROJECTOR</b>	N.TURNER	MARY JANE GUEST	S.SZUMOWSKI	MARY JANE GUEST
<b>READERS</b>	A.CASEY-RANSOM, P.MATHER	P.GIRLE, B.PISCHEKE	N.McCOSKER, M.WARD	DAVID McMAHON, JOHN THIVAKON
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	SR CORAL	M.ROBINSON	J.MONIE	CHRIS BRUSE
<b>GIFTS</b>	JIM & KAY HARMON	J.SAINT, C.BRUSE	VICKI & ALBERT TALAMPAS	GASCON FAMILY
<b>COMMUNION MINISTER</b>	P.PEY, J.HARRIS, A.MICHAEL, VOLUNTEER	D.McMAHON, J.MONIE, VOLUNTEER	SR CORAL, A.MICHAEL, P.PEY, J.TURNER, VOLUNTEER	R & T BENARES, M.NEWBIGIN, VOLUNTEER
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b>	A.TUBB GP	TRINITY SINGERS	A.TUBB GP	C.McCOSKER GP
<b>CANTOR</b>	A.TUBB	A.TUBB	A.TUBB	
<b>COLLECTION</b>	A.TALAMPAS	A.WRATTEN	B.COOK	R.WITHERDIN
<b>MORNING TEA</b>		ALTAR SOCIETY		ALMOITE & DIZON GP
<b>COUNTERS</b>		B.BALDWIN, R.TUTT, B.GARDNER, R.WITHERDIN		G.CHIE, M.SCHOFIELD, G.FLEMING, C.HOYT

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C**

**Collections Last Weekend**

1st Collection:	\$ 943.10
2nd Collection:	\$ 1832
Loose Collections:	\$ 152.50
Direct Debit:	\$ 510

Thank you for your continued Generosity ...

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2019-2020 are available at the church this week. New envelopes will

commence on July 6/7

**Women's Breakfast Friday July 12 at 8:00am,** 2nd Friday of the month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772. Everyone welcome.

Dolores Rofe would like to thank you for your continued prayers. She is most grateful.

**Men's Breakfast: July 13, Saturday 7:30 am** at the New Australian Cafe Corner Otho & Evans St. Contact Bernie Cook at 67224387 by Wednesday Night July 11

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**