

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 10: 26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

# Reflections on the Gospel

## DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY

Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' mission-sending discourse. Jesus tells his disciples, now functioning as apostles, that the mission is not for the fainthearted. Some people will reject them; others may even try to have them killed. But they should not be afraid of those who kill the body; they cannot kill the soul.

In this saying, we may have a glimpse of the Greek distinction between the immortal soul and mortal body. But it is perhaps better to see 'body' and 'soul/life' as two aspects of the one human being, not two parts. The saying is thus interpreted: human beings cannot kill life itself – real life, that is. Only God can destroy the body and the life given it. The 'one who can destroy' refers to God and to no one else, not even the devil. The Jewish rabbis would put it thus: the killing by a king of flesh and blood is not an eternal killing, but the killing performed by the King of all kings is; he kills, for this age and the age to come.

Matthew shares the latter Jewish notion – espoused in the books of Daniel, Maccabees, Wisdom – that the end of the body is not the end of life, because God will give a new body which will live in God's kingdom. The interest here is not the depiction of the state after death, but to call men and women to be without fear in this life, because there is only one who deserves to be feared: God himself. 'Fear of God,' however, is not an anxiety which is often irrational. Fear is a rational avoidance of what can really cause harm – a loss of trust and devotion to God and in Jesus, his Son.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP



# THE SAVING WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

## FIRST READING

20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
' "Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

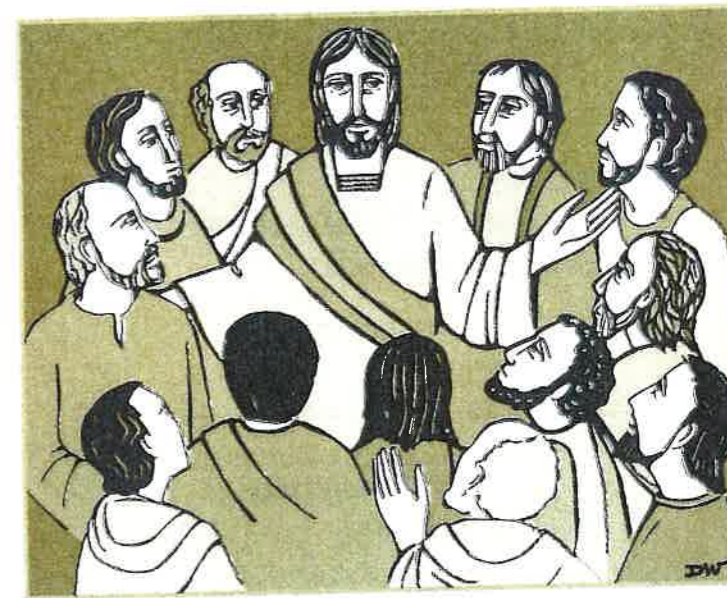
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

✠ The word of the Lord.

**RESP PSALM** Ps 68: 8-10, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14  
**R.** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**



3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 5: 12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

✠ The word of the Lord.

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## PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sick calls as usual. Please call 67221103 OR 0428126703 if you would like Fr James to come for confession, communion etc. He is free to do this now with the easing of the restrictions in NSW allowing more visitors.  
Baptisms (50 people), Weddings (20 people) by appointment with Fr James  
Funerals (50 people).

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH

Those who contribute by envelope and would like to convert to direct debit are invited to come during office hours to fill in their forms (social distancing will be observed). If you would like to continue with your envelopes, please leave at the presbytery. If possible leave in office hours. Alternatively you may like to make the transfers yourself: Please make sure you put your name in the reference section

**First Collection:** Presbytery for priest upkeep  
BSB 082105 A/C 001023550

**Second Collection:** Church for running costs  
BSB 082105 A/C 001001010

We are sure that you will understand that normal running expenses will have to be met and ask for you usual generous support.

Thank you to those who have responded already. Your support is greatly appreciated

**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*

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**  
*Holy Souls in Purgatory, Beverley Tufrey, Phillip Turner*

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
*Mary Kramer, Leo Germany, Baby Isabel Akhil, All those with the Corona Virus, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Debrah Brown, (sister of Margaret Jones) Kerrie O'Keeffe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan **the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.***

**We Pray for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries**  
*Dennis Rixon (son of Kath and Keith Rixon) Stan Jackson, Julie Ellis, Sr Margaret Gleeson rsm, Leslie Kennedy, Sue Spackman, Stephano Banchong, Sam Asara, Murray Marshall, Patricia Durkin, Yvonne Hawkins, Sr Theresa Noon, Cleo Campagner, Nolene Lane Eileen O'Brien, Sr M. Bernard Morton, Phil John Moore, Alan Matthews, Thomas Hanley, Mary Robbins, John Lennon, Veronica Hutchins, **Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord ..... May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.***

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**  
O Mary you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and feasting after this time of trial. Help us Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

## JUNE 21, 2020— 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND.**  
Could you collect your pack from the table at the door please. The new envelopes start on the first Sunday in July

From June 1 restrictions have been eased and we can now have 50 people at Mass. If you attend on weekdays, this will fulfil your obligation. Please ring or email the office on 67221103 or [inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au) to book in for WEEKEND MASSES only. No need to book for weekdays.

### Mass Schedule

<b>MONDAY, TUESDAY &amp; FRIDAY</b> 9am Rosary. 9.30am Mass	
<b>WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY</b> 11.30am Rosary 12n Mass.	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> is the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
Saturday 20/6	Confessions 8am – 9am Inverell Mass 9am Tingha Mass 4pm Inverell Mass 5.30 pm
Sunday 21/6	Inverell Mass 9am and 5.00pm Ashford Mass 11am
Saturday 27/6	Confessions 8am – 9am Inverell Mass 9am Tingha Mass 4pm Inverell Mass 5.30 pm
Sunday 28/6	Inverell Mass 9am and 5.00pm Bundarra Mass 11am

**CONTACT SHEETS**  
All those attending Masses are required to place their name and details on the contact sheet at the door. This a Health requirement for tracing purposes in case of a coronavirus outbreak.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, JUNE 22 AT 5PM IN THE MEETING ROOM**

**PRAYER OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**  
O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.  
  
We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.  
We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.  
  
We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.  
We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.  
  
Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**  
Please observe social distancing rules. Allowing four square metres per person. (1.5 metres from each other). This will apply for the foreseeable future. Hopefully after July 1 restrictions on numbers may be lifted.



FRIDAY 19 June - Feast of the Sacred Heart