

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4, 18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. *R.*

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. *R.*

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear

and shall trust in the Lord. *R.*

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,

O God, do not delay! *R.*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews Heb. 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

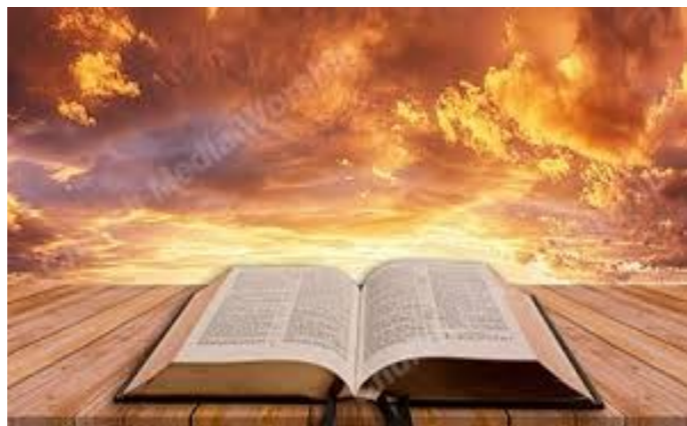
Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading Letter to Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

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Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 18th August 2019



Today's first reading, from the prophet Jeremiah, tells us something of the conflict he experienced in proclaiming God's word.

Wherever he went, Jeremiah was always fighting the establishment, the king, the princes, the army, the politicians. They all try to discredit him and throw him into prison.

As we heard, in the first reading, the king's war cabinet complains "he is unquestionably disheartening the soldiers who remain in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this".

It would appear Jeremiah isn't very successful as a military chaplain, so he is thrown into a well of mud. And, it's only when a black Ethiopian slave pleads with the king that Jeremiah is hauled out of the mud and put back into prison, where he continues where he left off.

Jeremiah is the supreme example of the prophet who is isolated because of his fidelity to the word of God. He is in conflict with his own people, with himself and yes, even with God.

It's all very well to say what we mean, but what happens to us if what we mean is not what people want to hear? What happens when the word that we speak, and the values we cherish, cause division within our community, and even in our own families?

Jesus warns us in today's gospel that even families will be divided among themselves because of him.

Every community needs its prophets, even though they don't get treated any better than the prophets of old. They're very rarely considered to be popular figures and their ratings are never high. Yet the community can't sack them, when they don't like what they hear, because they're not appointed by the community.

Often they end up like Archbishop, Saint Oscar Romero, of El Salvador, who was slaughtered while celebrating Mass, in a hospital chapel, by the power that feared him. A prophet's death is their last accusation and challenge. And our challenge is to pick up where they left off, and continue to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord.

Deacon Paul

PARISH LITURGIES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am

Tuesday 7:45am St Bernard

Wednesday 7:45am St Pius X

Thursday 7:45am Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

(Ordinarite of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am

(Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 7:45am St Bartholomew

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am St Pius X

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Sunday Before 8:00am Mass

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd, you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern. In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care.

In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty of the Gospel. Grant wisdom, O Lord, to those now discerning your holy will in the selection of our new Bishop.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our Mother, Mary Star of the Sea. Amen

Charitable Works Fund

Thanks to all our parishioners who supported the CWF Appeal last Sunday. If you did not come prepared last week please feel free to make your donation this week. We are very grateful for your generous support of this appeal.



"Today it is necessary to proclaim with renewed enthusiasm the gospel of the Family" Pope Benedict XVI
Faith is caught, Not Taught

"Worry not that your children don't listen to you. Worry they watch you."

Perhaps the most effective way to ensure your children develop a healthy faith life is to let them experience our own living faith. When we neglect our own spiritual development, our "lamp stand" can easily become a little tarnished.

For the light of our faith to shine, for our children and grandchildren, perhaps we may need to trim the wick, and polish up.

Social Justice

Can We Stop Domestic Abuse Before It Starts?

1 in 3 young people don't think controlling someone is a form of violence. 1 in 4 young people think it's pretty normal for guys to pressure girls into sex. Young people have an important role to play in breaking cycles of violence. How do we challenge disrespectful relationships and sexist attitudes? How do we promoting respectful relationships? We can help stop the abuse before it starts. This is an issue for ALL of us —Warnervale Social Justice Committee



Upcoming Parish Events

Catholic Women's League Scholarship Morning Tea Parish Hall—Thursday 22 August 10:00am Cost \$20:00.

The CWL provides a scholarship for a deserving student from each of the following schools: MacKillop Warnervale, St Peter's Tuggerah and St Joseph's and St Edward's East Gosford, to assist them to complete years 11 and 12.

Come and enjoy morning tea and meet the students to hear their stories and aspirations. A Raffle, Tombola and Trading Table will help support the work of the CWL.

Please RSVP Carolyn 0421 838 014 by 19th August

Next CWL Meeting Monday 26th August 10am Parish Centre

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment and Parent Information

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated, on 21st September. The children and their parents are now preparing for the reception of this sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers at this time and may the Holy Spirit be with them.



Golden Jubilee—St Mary's Church Toukley 1969 – 2019

Celebrating 50 Wonderful Years of Worship

St Mary's Church was Blessed and Dedicated on the 7th December 1969 by his Eminence Sir Norman Thomas, Cardinal Gilroy KBE .

This wonderful milestone, will be celebrated on Saturday 30th November 2019, with Mass at 11:00am, followed by lunch in the Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall.

This date has been chosen for our celebrations owing to the unavailability of Very Reverend Dr. David Ranson, our Diocesan Administrator, who will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth on the 7th December.

We would love to hear your stories of the past and include them in our parish bulletin over the coming months.

We also wish to develop an archives display and would be most grateful if any parishioners have any documents or photos, over the last 50 years, that we may be able to take copies to use in our display. The Sydney Archdiocese Archive Office has also been contacted for material for our archives display.

We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information, please contact Deacon Paul

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.

Recently Deceased

Josephine Tabone, Renae Ormrod, Spiro Vidin, Donell Stonestreet, Felicia Danzante, Carmel Cianter, Simon Kelleher, Patricia Marchant, Caroline Margot .

Anniversaries

Mathew Pathiparampil Chacko Paul Reid, Doris Glennen, Daniel Michael Goonan, Carol Brown, Paul Kain, James Rush, Philip Kinchington, Lidia Cure, Elizabeth Coles, Charlie McCluskey, Ignatius Lavin

Remembrances

Ruby McCarthy, Thelma Black, Kevin Minehan, Bert Ghent, Irene Martin, Norman Guggenheimer, Andy Lawler, Chet Baker, Carol Brown, Bob Huggins, Jack Huggins, James William Baker, Barbara Hudson, Bob Higgins, Fr Ian Abbott, Fr Jack Soulsby, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin, Pantaleon & Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, John Sullivan, Valmai Joseph, Stark, Moore and Langley Families, and the Holy Souls

Prayer Intentions

Hannah McCool

Please Pray for the Sick

Brian Torrington, Teresa Wegrzyn, Alison Mortiss, Maureen Baxter, Shanon Bradler, John Daniel, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, Wayne O'Neil, Daisy Realo, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Jeff Henshaw, Margo Walton, Len O'Shea, Brenda Durley, Lea Slucher, Ray Slucher, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller, Alexis Hagen, Francis Lim, Koby Bourke, Tony Hodges, Eleanor Matthews, Wendy Lott, Fred Butterfield, Lina Phillips, Betty Carroll, Leanne Knight, Mary Mahony, Arnold Fletcher, Stephen Knight, Adrienne Gibson, Arne Jensen, Heather Niblett, Kathleen Strong, Evan Shepherd, Rosa M Santos, Betty Tattersal.



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