

The Shrine of St John Paul I

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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

We can find a single theme running through all three readings this Sunday: the inclusive scope of God's saving plan.

When the Israelites returned from Exile, they found that many foreigners and neighbouring peoples had moved into the land which once they had called their own. How was living cheek by jowl with non-Israelites compatible with Israel's sense of identity as a holy people, set apart for the service and worship of God? In the First Reading, Isaiah 56:1, 6-7. the great prophet of the Exile (Isaiah 40-66) presents a bold vision where God will actually bring to the 'holy mountain' (the Temple mount) foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord, making of the Temple 'a house of prayer for all the peoples' (cf. Mark 11:17). The privilege of worshipping God is so central to Israel's identity that it is hard to think of a stronger expression of inclusivity than this.

The Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28, telling of Jesus' encounter in the region of Tyre and Sidon with a Canaanite woman whose daughter was tormented by a devil, presents us with one of the most striking episodes of inclusiveness in the Gospel tradition:

Just prior to entering this Gentile region, Jesus had given a long instruction in response to criticism from Pharisees and scribes that he did not live according to the tradition of the elders concerning ritual purity, that is, what was 'clean' and 'unclean' in a technical religious sense (15:1-20). Rebutting the criticism, Jesus insisted that 'uncleanness' (meaning incapacity for worship) is not something that one 'catches,' like a contagious disease, from external objects or particular kinds of food. Rather, such incapacity is something that proceeds from within a person. It is not failure to perform external rituals like hand-washing but evil intentions and behaviour that flow from the heart that render a person unclean.

Having thus broken through the ritual cleanliness barrier in his teaching, Jesus now enacts such boundary-crossing 'geographically', so to speak, by crossing over into a region (Tyre and Sidon) where 'unclean' Gentiles made up the majority. There the faith of a Gentile woman brings about a breaking of the barrier in a far more significant way.

In the very full account of the episode given by Matthew the sense of separation of 'holy' Israel from 'unclean' Gentile world emerges with increasing intensity. Jesus first ignores the woman completely, despite the persistence and force of her plea, as she turns to the Jewish Messiah ('Son of David') for

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help. The disciples' urgent recommendation, 'Send her away', seems to imply 'Get rid of her by granting her what she wants', but Jesus coldly insists that his mission is restricted to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel' (cf. 10:5-6). When, in one of the most moving gestures in all the Gospels, she comes and kneels before him and simply begs, 'Lord, help me', all she receives is a third rebuff in the form of the heartless image about not throwing the children's food to dogs.

But here at last is her chance. With superb wit, she takes up Jesus' image and turns it against him - or at least against the restrictive attitude he is displaying. Certainly, food prepared for children is not intended for domestic animals. But children eat untidily and house dogs under the table seize any scraps that fall. 'Outwitted', Jesus gives in, agreeing to her request and praising the greatness of her faith.

Many readers of the gospel will doubtless be troubled by the apparent coldness that Jesus initially displays towards this desperate person. By depicting him acting in such a way, however, the narrative first intensifies the sense of barrier between Jews and Gentiles, only to highlight the significance of what is happening when, as a result of the woman's faith, the barrier comes crashing down. Recent feminist interpretation has rightly identified this Canaanite woman as one of the great heroes of the Gospel tradition. Jesus allows her to 'educate' him out of the narrow understanding of his mission that his early responses betray. He is not only Messiah for the Jews but also the One in whose 'name the Gentiles will place their hope' (12:21). The great mission charge to the nations at the end of the gospel (28:18-20) has its anticipation and impulse here.

In the Second Reading, Romans 11:13-15, 29-32, inclusiveness works the other way round, so to speak. The bulk of Israel has said 'No' to the Gospel of the Crucified. Does this mean they have forfeited the chance of salvation? No, says Paul: the God who in great fidelity has worked to include the nations of the world will not fail to act inclusively in favour of the original People of choice, for God's 'gifts and calling are irrevocable'.

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Sunday	7:05 am to 7:25 am				
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Mon to Thu: 8:30am to 3:30pm Fri: 9:00am to 3:30pm

ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the **Cancer Prayer Group** Jordan room. **Craft Group** 9:00am to 12:00pm Every Friday in the Jordan Room **Grief & Loss Support** Please contact Margaret on 0439257817... **Womens Faith Circle** 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Primary Learning And Resource Centre 9:00am to 11:00am

7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by

meeting in the Jordan room. Seniors Ministry Meet 1st Tuesday of the month. Enquiries:

Monday Morning Prayer Group DVDs 1st Monday of the Month **Praver Groups** Prayer & Bible Discussion 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday

9:30 am after Mass of the Month Prayers for Christian Unity 3rd Monday of the Month

Bible Study - Monday 7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are niaht **Divine Will Prayer** 6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Group Room. Salvatorian

3:00pm, 1st Saturday of the month, in the Jordan **Collaborators** Paddies - Youth Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Wednesday during

school terms in the Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library 6:00pm. Arise - Youth Group

Years 7 to 12 meet every Sunday night during school Ascend - Youth Group terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass

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UPCOMING EVENTS For normal Mass Times see opposite on Page 2 Any exceptions will be listed below. Date Time Event Sat & Sun 19 & 20 All Masses Polish Donuts Parish Fundraiser Sun 9:30 am 3rd Sunday Morning Tea in the Jordan 20/08/23 Room after Mass. Fri 6:00 pm Arise Youth Group gather in the school 25/08/23 7:00 pm Fri Healing Evening 25/08/23 Sun 27/08/23 9:30 am Family Mass Central Coast Choral present: "Baroque and Beyond" Sun 27/08/23 2:30 pm

FR GREG WISHES TO THANK FR BRONEK AND OTHERS

I offer my profound thanks to Fr Bronek for his devotion to the Priesthood and our parish of Gosford. Without his support and help it would not have been possible for me to take my long service leave, knowing the parish was in great hands. Thank you Fr Bronek!

I would also like to thank the many parishioners who assisted Fr Bronek during my absence, there were many people who helped with the mundane little things that needed doing plus all those who continued with the ministries within the parish. We are so blessed in our community to have such dedicated people.

THANK YOU

ISOBEL AND MITCHELL BINELLO

For using their SUV to travel all the way to Liverpool on Saturday morning to collect the Polish Doughnuts from the bakery. It's quite a trip especially on a Saturday morning. Thanks also to the Fundraising committee for the work organising the fundraiser.

BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS

19/8: 5pm – Quinn Shea Pletz & Jackson Greg Tyszkiewicz

20/8: 9.30am Catalina Mya Folino; Gracie Gray Coulter; Sloane Tilly Nesbitt; Olivia Nicola Cairns; Archer Steven & Jett Gary Zwan.

Please help us welcome them into our parish.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT?

BUS HELPER

Is there anyone who would like to join the team that brings our elderly to Mass – just a once-a-month commitment?? We'd love to hear from you at the office. 4325 1042.

COFFEE SHOP, SATURDAY MORNING

We also need a Sat morn coffee shop helper, specifically for the 4th Saturday of each month.

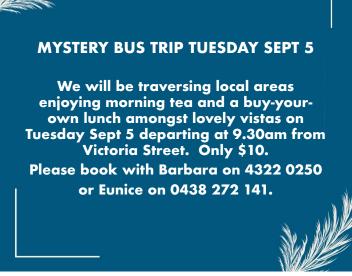
AV OPERATORS FOR SATURDAY VIGIL

Lastly, we are also in desperate need of new AV operators for the 5:00 pm Sat vigil Mass. It's much easier than you might think and full training is given.

If you can help with any of these roles we would be forever grateful. Simply contact the Parish Office for more details and hopefully to put your name forward.







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MARRIED 24 AUGUST 1968 AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WOY WOY.

Please join with us to wish the McBrides a very happy anniversary.

Both Robyn and Greg had quietly worked behind the scenes in the parish for many years in varying roles and continue to do so.

So, congratulations on this milestone of life and may you have any more happy and health years to come.

PROCEEDS TO FUND RAISING EVENTS

Following the very successful World Youth Day Pilgrimage and the raising of funds for our youth to attend, it has been decided that new fundraising, will go to the renovation of the sacristy and other needed improvements around the church. This will include this weekend's Polish Donuts.

BEAUTIFUL NEW ITEMS

FOR ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

While Fr Greg was overseas he was able to procure for the parish some needed items to help with our services.

MATCHING CIBORIUM AND CHALICE



TWO NEW BELLS TO ANNOUNCE THE BEGINNING OF MASS



One will be mounded in the Priest Sacristy and the other will be in the Foyer of the Church.

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STUNNING BELLS AND GONG



MONSTRANCE

The monstrance is really beautiful and will be a very appropriate holder to reverently display our Lord during Adoration.



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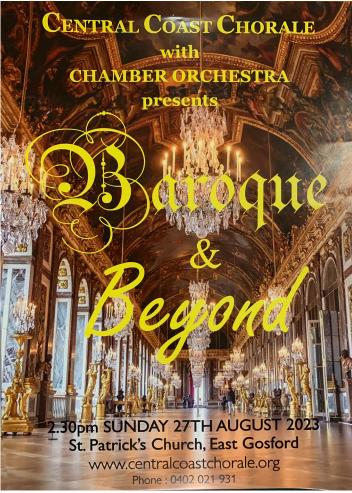
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The Statement will be launched on Thursday 17 August, and can be accessed at the <u>ACBC website</u>





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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON PSALM 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. V.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

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ROMANS 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since

their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him, 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON PSALM 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

THIS WEEK

Mon St Pius X, pope

Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am

Tue The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass St Patrick's 9:00 am

Wed Weekday, in Ordinary Time 20

Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am

Thu St Bartholomew, apostle

Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am

Fri Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 Mass 12:00 noon

Sat Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am

Sat Vigil 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

at St Pat's 5:00 pm at Somersby 5:30 pm

Sun 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mass at St Patrick's 7:30 am
Mass at St Patrick's 9:30 am*
Mass at St Patrick's 6:00 am

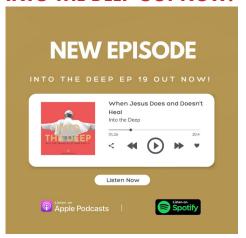
* Designates Mass is Live-streamed

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st: Is 22:19-23 Ps 137:1-3,6,8 2nd: Rom 11:33-36 Gos: Mt 16:13-20

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CONDOLENCES:

Sincere condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones. Condolences to Josie McGuinness and her family on the recent passing of her sister-in-law Shirley Anslow.

Destore us to yourself, Q Lord, that we may be restored; renew our days as of old.

-Lenentations 5:21t

MASS INTENTIONS

Dat	te	Mass	Intention	D	Date	Mass	Intenti
Sat	19/08	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTERCESSIONS	TI	hu 24/08	9:00 am Gosford	Recently Deceased
Sat	19/08	5:00pm Gosford	PRIVATE INTENTION				DENIS GEORGE WATT
Sat	19/08	5:30pm Somersby		Fi	ri 25/08	12:00pm Gosford	
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Tue	22/08	9:00 am Gosford	+ Remembrance RENE HANNEQUIN	S	un 27/08	6:00 pm Gosford	
Wed	23/08	11:30 am Gosford	PRIVATE INTENTION				

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