

The grain that dies gives much wheat

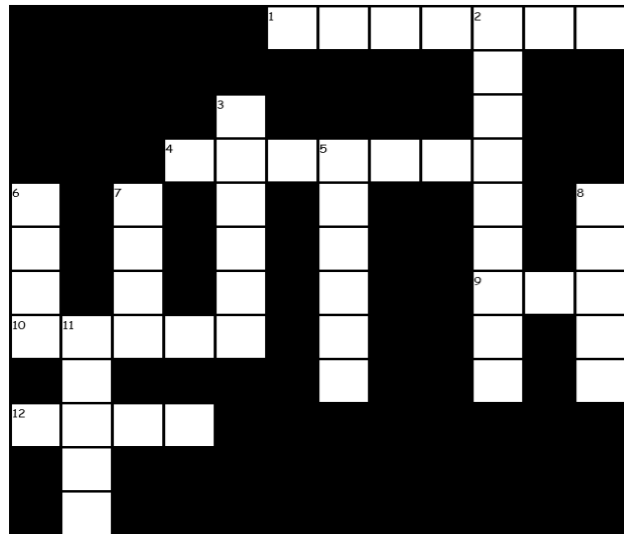
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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CROSSWORD

I will write my laws on their hearts and minds

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:1, 10, 12, R. v.12a
Jn 12:24-26



Across

- 1: sure
- 4: God will _____ our sins
- 9: the number before two
- 10: God led the people of Israel out of this place
- 12: tumble

Down

- 2: family members who lived a long time ago are called a _____
- 3: the opposite of remember
- 5: grass and other plants grow out of the _____
- 6: you use a clock to tell the _____
- 7: to do as you are told
- 8: one grain can produce lots of this if it dies
- 11: if this falls on the ground and dies it produces lots of wheat

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST PATRICK, 17 MARCH



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my

soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for

years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people - eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in *Confessions*. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone. Source: <https://www.catholic.org/>

St Patrick's legacy was palpable in the early days of the Catholic Church in Melbourne. Our Cathedral was built and named after this great missionary saint—a testament to the rich Irish culture present at the time. As an Archdiocese, we continue to celebrate St Patrick for all he has brought to our city, but it is his missionary example in particular that we are called to imitate—by going out into the streets of Melbourne. As he travelled, St Patrick carried with him a fire to light the way. May we, too, pick up the flame of Christ to light our way, and may Patrick be with us we follow in his missionary footsteps.

Source: <https://melbournecatholic.org/>

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bayswater



HOLY MASS

Weekend

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Weekday

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am
(**Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am**)
- Tuesday: 7:30pm
(**Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm**)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary: 30 minutes before weekday Masses

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am (2 months advance notice)
- **Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- **Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- **Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

PRESBYTERY

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
- Bookkeeper: **Emalyn Rivera**

OFFICE HOURS

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

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VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'



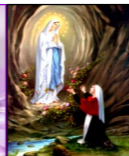


17 MARCH 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'

YEAR B / 2



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

RESPONSE

Create a clean heart
in me, O God.

ACCLAMATION

GLORY TO YOU, WORD OF GOD, LORD JESUS CHRIST!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
GLORY TO YOU, WORD OF GOD, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

I WILL WRITE MY LAW ON THEIR HEARTS

This Sunday's readings encourage us to turn towards growth and transformation out of pain and suffering. The prophet Jeremiah in the First Reading makes a great proclamation: 'See, the days are coming . . . when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel'. God's eternal covenant of love and forgiveness is written deep within our hearts.

It is because of this same promise in the Second Reading, that Christ became human to share with us in our suffering, forever praying for us and with us. In Christ, all suffering and death are transfigured into growth and new life through his resurrection.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the personal suffering and death that he will soon be facing. He knows that he could ask his Father to save him from this fate, but instead he willingly makes a choice that leads to our salvation. Jesus invites us to follow his way of living. It is not an easy path to travel, but Christ is always with us, helping and sustaining us.

Let us pray for each other that through God's infinite grace, we will remain true to the law of love that is written deep within us.

Source: Excerpted from the Scripture reflection courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK available at www.australiancatholics.com.au.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt,
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

STATION OF THE CROSS

- Every Friday of Lent at 7pm followed by a Holy Mass.
- Every Sunday of Lent after the 5pm Mass



POPE: SAINTS NOT EXCEPTIONS, BUT EXAMPLES OF HUMANITY'S VIRTUE

The saints are not unreachable "exceptions of humanity" but ordinary people who worked diligently to grow in virtue, Pope Francis said during his general audience on Wednesday in St. Peter's Square.

It is wrong to think of the saints as "a kind of small circle of champions who live beyond the limits of our species", instead, they are "those who fully become themselves, who realise the vocation of every person."

"How happy would be a world in which justice, respect, mutual respect, the breadth of the spirit (and) hope were the shared norm and not a rare anomaly," he wrote.

Just like at his general audience on March 6, Pope Francis told visitors in the square that due to a mild cold an aide, Msgr Pierluigi Girolì, would read his speech.

Continuing his series of catechesis on virtues and vices, the Pope wrote that a virtuous person is not one who allows himself to become distorted but "is faithful to his or her own vocation and fully realises his or herself."

Full report at www.cathnews.com



GLOBAL LIFE EXPECTANCY FELL DURING COVID – BUT NOT IN AUSTRALIA

Global life expectancy fell by 1.6 years during the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, but Australia was one of the few countries where people were still expected to live longer.

A new study published on Tuesday in medical journal The Lancet provides the most comprehensive look at the pandemic's toll on human health so far. It found almost every country experienced sharp dips in life expectancy in 2020 and 2021, reversing the long-standing trend of people living longer.

Australia and New Zealand were among only 32 countries and territories, out of 204 studied, to record an increase in life expectancy across the first two years of the pandemic. Full report at www.cathnews.com



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment is now open for children in Year 4 and up who would like to receive the Sacrament of the First Holy Communion. Enrolment form is available in the Narthex or you can download a copy from our website.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER & FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

We are accepting donations of flowers or money for flowers for Easter and feast of Divine Mercy. Please forward your donation to Veranika Measki or to Fr. Sabu.

EASTER EGG HUNT ON EASTER SUNDAY

The Children's liturgy group will be conducting an Easter Egg Hunt activity on Easter Sunday at 10am Mass within the parish grounds. We invite all children from the parish to attend and require that at least one parent is also present to supervise their children during this activity.

Please note: For children with any allergies, we request that parents advise the liturgy leaders on the day. We cannot guarantee that the Easter eggs used for the egg hunt will be allergen-free. We will have other lollies for children with any allergies.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- **ANNIVERSARY:** Kathryn Graydon, William King, Giulia Russo, Erica and Anita Lederer, Jack Barry, Olga Krawchuk, James Stewart.
- **SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Elisa lacovitti, Evelyn McDougall.



VATICAN'S GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION TO AID HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN GAZA

This year, the Vatican's annual Good Friday financial appeal for the Holy Land highlights the urgent humanitarian crisis facing the beleaguered population in Gaza and the Pope's plea for peace.

"The outbreak of the war in Gaza, after the events of October 7, paralysed the Holy Land. The lack of pilgrims and tourists has put thousands of families in difficulty," Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti, prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, said in a letter released on March 8.

The Vatican has overseen the Pro Terra Sancta fund, or the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land, since 1974, when Pope Paul VI designated Good Friday as the day for the collection to be taken up by parishes around the world. This year's appeal comes against the backdrop of the ongoing Israel-Hamas war, which has had a devastating effect on the civilian population.

Cardinal Gugerotti said Pope Francis "intends to carry out a project with humanitarian purposes in Gaza or the West Bank, which can help the population resume a more dignified life and create job opportunities once the war is over". Full report at www.cathnews.com

MASS OF THE HOLY OILS AND CHRISM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH AT 10:30AM.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

ON THIS DAY, OUR MASS WILL BE IN THE EVENING AT 7PM.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Please bring your Project Compassion Box and donation on Holy Thursday.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES

We will have special collection for Holy Places on Good Friday. Thank you.



WORKING BEE ON 23 MARCH AT 9AM

In preparation for the Holy Week and Easter, we will need more volunteers to clean-up the Church and its surround. Please show up and participate.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH BAYSWATER

Holy Week and Easter Activities

LENTEN RECONCILIATION: 21 MARCH AT 7PM

PALM SUNDAY: 23-24 MARCH

- VIGIL MASS AT 6PM
- SUNDAY MASSES AT 8AM, 10AM & 5PM
- SOLEMN PROCESSION WITH PALMS AT 10AM MASS

HOLY THURSDAY: 28 MARCH

- 7:30PM: LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT UP TO MIDNIGHT

GOOD FRIDAY: 29 MARCH

- 11AM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 3PM: PASSION OF THE LORD, HOLY COMMUNION FOLLOWED BY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET

HOLY SATURDAY: 30 MARCH

- 7:30PM: DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET
- 8PM: EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY: 31 MARCH

- SUNDAY MASSES AT 8AM & 10AM FOLLOWED BY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET
- NO MASS AT 5PM

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY: 6-7 APRIL

- VIGIL MASS AT 6PM
- SUNDAY MASS AT 8 AM & 10AM
 - 1PM: RECONCILIATION, ADORATION, ROSARY
 - 3PM: PROCESSION, DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS
- NO MASS AT 5PM

