

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus resolutely set 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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Breaking Open the Word

THE CALL TO FOLLOW

When Paul wrote to the Christians of Galatia it was to his own converts, people he had evangelised and continued to guide in their journey of faith. As Gentile converts Paul had not required them to follow all the demands of the Jewish Law. Later, Jewish Christians arrived arguing that Paul was mistaken and this led to confusion and conflict among them.

Paul's response is to remind the Galatians that they are called to freedom and that Gentile Christians had no need to follow all the requirements of the Jewish Law in order to be Christians. However, the freedom to which Christians are called cannot be confused with self-indulgence since Christians are all called to be faithful to the demands of the higher law of love.

The beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is the appropriate time to clarify the nature of discipleship and its demands. The disciples must learn that Jesus' road is one of peace and that they should move on quietly when they meet opposition. To the man that says he will follow him Jesus reminds him of the lack of security that lies ahead of disciples. To those who ask leave to bury their dead and say farewell to their parents, Jesus replies that even the demands of family relationships and responsibilities take second place to the call to follow him as disciples.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

THE SAVING WORD

26 JUNE 2022

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.**



SECOND READING

Gal 5:1, 13-18

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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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased Shirley Foster, Mary Ciappara, Marie Stromboli, James Henry Mowle, Desmond Ebeyer, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the sick and dying, the poor and the homeless (that they continue to walk in the light of God's love, mercy & compassion), the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Fr Anthony Simari, Rita Ciappara, Daisy Joseph, Xavier & Louise Micallef, Giuseppe Musumeci, Joseph Sultana, Joseph Panetta, Carmelo Borg, Antonio Lopes, Anthony Bujeya,

The Sick: Angelo Portelli, Anton Snashel, Ellie Carter, Mary Lau, Lilly Weekes, Brian and Colleen Maguire, Max Fenech, Marc Bakusic, Metilda and Jacintha Mary, Fran Evans and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying poor and homeless in our parishes and those suffering from Covid.



Please see Parish websites for other notices.

Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday, - 2 July, 5.30pm St Agnes'
Sunday - 3 July, 9.00am 'Andrew's (Livestreamed)

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube.



SCAN ME

Funeral for the Late Shirley Foster - St Andrew's, Tuesday, 28 June at 11.30am



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar—Matraville.

Our Sundays are now in full swing of our Ordinary Time of the Church's year, which will

continue now until 26 November, when we will begin our church's new year with Advent. Green is the colour of Ordinary Time and there are many shades of green, (In Ireland they say that there are 40 shades of green) green is the colour of hope and growth and there is much need for hope in our world today.

This week our last week of 2nd Term and our halfway point of the calendar year—Gosh!! Next Term those who children who are in Year 3 in Catholic Schools and Year 4 and above in State Schools will be invited to enter into the Sacrament of Eucharist Program (1st Holy Communion). A Parent Information Evening will take place at St Andrew's Church 6.30pm, Thursday 4 August. 1st Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at St Andrew's, Malabar on Sunday 11 September: 10.30am & 12.15pm. Whilst at St Agnes', Matraville there celebration will be on Sunday 18 September at 11.30am.

This Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Sts. Peter and Paul. Peter the Apostle of the Jewish Christians and Paul is the Apostle to the Gentile Christians. Both play a pivotal role in the spreading of the Good News to the ends of the earth. Please come to Mass this Wednesday to celebrate these founding Fathers of the Church. Many thanks to those who attended the Corpus Christi Procession through the Streets of Sydney with the Blessed Sacrament. It was a wonderful occasion of Faith and beautiful afternoon; Praise be Jesus Christ.

Wishing God's blessing upon each of you all and praying for the Sick and dying of our Parishes. Please encourage parishioners to return to our faith communities of St Andrew's and St Agnes'. **Fr John**



to **Alex and Josephine Pennisi** of Matraville, who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Friday 24th June.

Holy Fathers Annual Appeal (Peter's Pence) - this weekend, as you leave the church you are invited to place your giving towards the Holy Father's Appeal. Your giving is appreciated.

SVDP Winter Appeal—Thank you to all those who gave generously last weekend. If you were unable to support last weekend, please do so this weekend.

St Anthony's Bread - Also a big thank you to those who gave to St Anthony's Bread at St Agnes' and to Mrs Nella Colombo who has organised St Anthony's Bread for 40 years.

Planned Giving: Please get any contributions in before 30 June to claim the 37% tax deduction for 2021-22. You can also give securely through the parish website - click the green Support Us button at the top right.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The

Funeral for the Late James Henry Mowle, - St Andrew's, Wed, 29 June at 10.30am.