

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

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.'

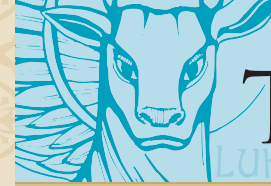
■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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WE ARE NOT ALONE

Jeremiah could have been excused for thinking that he had been taken out of the frying pan and cast into the fire! No sooner had he been released from prison and placed under the watchful eyes of the royal guard, than he found himself up to his neck in mud in a water cistern! Little wonder he poured out his heart to God 'the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision' (Jeremiah 20:8). The lot of those who speak the word of God is often one which meets with misunderstanding, rejection and isolation. Speaking the truth is no guarantee of being accepted. Jesus was aware that his mission of preaching the good news to the poor, bringing freedom to captives, and proclaiming the Lord's year of favour (Luke 4:18-19) would bring about division and rejection. As the early Church knew all too well, even family members could be divided based on their response to Jesus' message.

The letter to the Hebrews continues its reflection on the life of faith by noting that despite opposition and difficulties we are not alone. Just as the people of Israel in the desert were accompanied by a cloud that guided them, we are now surrounded by a cloud of witnesses – people of faith that stretch back through the ages to Abraham and Sarah. Above all, Jesus' presence, his example of endurance and his courage in facing the cross, can help us to keep running steadily in the life of faith.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

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 Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

R. Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock / and made my footsteps firm. **R.**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear / and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**
4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, / O God, do not delay. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

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.



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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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Mary Burley, Veronica Feher, Mrs Lily Paul, Kevin Roberts, Elvira Tubadeza Aquino 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: Dorothy Moyes, Iris Summons, Elise Mondon, Lavinia Roberts, Maria Huynh Thi Thilong, Jenny Moy, Desmond Ebeyer, Mary Knight, van Friccek, and P.J. Chacko

The Sick: Maria Reilly, Lachlan Strawbridge, Josh Peel-Yates, Dagny Payet, Tina Maria, Eva Pethes, Angelo Portelli, Anton Snashel, Ellie Carter, Mary Lau, Lilly Weekes, Brian and Colleen Maguire, Max Fenech, Marc Bakusic, Fran Evans, Ernie Ross Metilda and Jacintha Mary. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes and those suffering from Covid.



Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday, - 20 August, 5.00pm St Andrew's (Livestreamed) - Fr Bijoy
Sunday - 21 August, 10.00am St Agnes' - Fr Bijoy

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube.



SCAN ME

FUNERAL- For the late Mary Burley, Wednesday, 31 August, 10.30am—The Coast Chapel.



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

Last Saturday was a wonderful celebration for both the Archdiocese and St Agnes and St Andrew's parishes, with 5 men being ordained to the Priesthood. One of them been Father Bijoy Joseph who is now with us until the end of September. Father Bijoy will be celebrating Masses this weekend, and I am sure you will make him welcome. It is tradition for a newly ordained priest to give 1st blessings, so I am sure if you ask Fr Bijoy, he will impart his first blessing upon you. (The Catholic Weekly, has a special edition on the newly ordained priests, you may wish to purchase a copy for \$2.

This weekend is a very special and proud moment for the Archdiocese, as the Archbishop will confer the Dempsey Medal (Sunday 10.30am St Mary's Cathedral, which I will be attending) on Lee Leo of St Andrew's, and Rosa Wells of St Agnes' for their sterling service to the Parish. Chris Keher has also been given a Dempsey Medal for his Service to both St Andrew's and St Agnes' as he has spear headed the restoration of our parishes and still is today. Sadly, Chris is away and will receive his medal at a later date. James Dempsey was a prominent and devout member of the Catholic community in early Sydney. Before Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn arrive in the colony of Sydney in 1817 Catholic men and women used to gather for prayer at James Dempsey's house. Thus, beginning the nucleus of the Catholic community in Australia. When Fr O'Flynn was deported in 1818 the Blessed Sacrament was left in Dempsey's house until the official Catholic Chaplain were sent in 1820. The James Dempsey medal has been chosen by the Archbishop to honour those who have given exemplary service to parishes in the Archdiocese.

This Monday is the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy day of Obligation—we are expected to come to Mass just like our Sunday obligation. Masses on Monday: St Agnes, 7am & 11.30am (School Mass) while at St Andrew's, 9am (School Mass) & 7pm. All welcome at all masses.

Please collect your receipts of you giving for the last twelve months at the entrances of both Churches.

First Eucharist Commitment Sunday once again his weekend for our 1st Eucharist Program.
God Bless you all **Father John**

REMINDER PARISH OUTING - Tuesday 16th August, Masks not compulsory, please bring

Welcome to Elina Li who will be received into the Catholic Church on Saturday at St Agnes.



We welcome **Leo Dingle, Jack Kay and Emilia Ponder** into our Parish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism at St Andrew's, this weekend.

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 Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.