

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our
heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

PRAYER AND THE SCRIPTURES

Many people find the scriptures both fascinating and confusing. Written for different times and cultures between 2000-3000 years ago, it should come as no surprise that there are occasions when their meaning is not immediately clear, and their application to our lives uncertain. Today's readings from the second letter to Timothy reveal that it was not all that different for Christians late in the first century. Paul's letters were just beginning to be gathered and the gospels were just beginning to be preserved in written form. How should a community of faith make use of the Old Testament and these new Christian writings?

Timothy is challenged on a number of levels to use the scriptures as a resource for his ministry, providing sound teaching and guidance. One of the deepest challenges in the reading is that of proclaiming the message whether it is welcomed or not. It is a call to have the courage of one's convictions and persistent and enduring faith.

Jesus' parable about the widow and the unjust judge, as well as Moses' victory over the Amalekites, focus on how persistent and hope-filled prayer is essential for the life of faith. In an age when communication is almost instantaneous, it can come as a shock to learn that it is by patiently waiting and listening that we will best hear God's voice. While it may seem that God is slow to answer, sometimes it's our hearts that are slow to grow, change, and be attuned to God's plans!

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 OCTOBER 2022

FIRST READING

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

**R. Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

■ 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.

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October The Month of The Rosary



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

**Please pray for the
ful Departed:**

Recently deceased: Ron Virago, Josh Peel-Yates, Nick Bacon, Geoff Reid and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane, Tomo and Pavrica Hasanovic

Anniversary: Inez D'Souza, Lydia & Joe Bujeya, Dr Ralph Baccash, Noel Mahon, McDonald Family, Dorothy Hall, Giovanni Andreatta, Jim Walshe, Moya Buckley, Jenny Moy, Yolande & Robert Aquilina, Louisa & Xavier Micallef and on the 20th Anniversary of the Bali Bombings, Gayle Airlie, Cathy Seelin, Garadine & Steven Buchan, Tom Singer and all those who dies in Bali.

The Sick: Billy Stitt, Roy Burton, Milton Scott, Maria Reilly, Lachlan Strawbridge, Tina Maria, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes and

Faith-



Where will Fr. John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday - 22 October 5.00 pm at St Andrew's
Sunday - 23 October 9.00am (Livestreamed)

**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

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

Last Wednesday marked the 20th Anniversary of the Bali Terrorist Bombing, 202 died in this senseless attack on humanity. 88 of the victims were Australians. There are many who suffered injuries that were inflicted on them from that night, together with the trauma that still plagues them even today. Many families were broken apart never to be joined together again. In our own Parish of St Andrew's, Malabar, five of the 88 dead were parishioners: Gayle Airlie, Cathy Seelin, Geradine and Steve Buchan and Tom Singer. Let us remember them in our Masses this weekend. May they rest in peace together with all victims of Bali and all whose families have been affected by terrorist acts.

Welcome back to all for Term four. I hope those who had a vacation during the break found it refreshing. Our year now speeds up with a fastness, that will leave us behind as we draw to Christmas and the end of 2022. I suggest make lists to help our memories so that nothing can be forgotten.

Our Year 12 class of 2022 are speedily ploughing through their HSC Exams. Please keep them in your prayers together with their families.

Please keep in your diaries Friday 18 November, St Agnes' War Memorial Church, Matraville as a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 10am by Bishop Richard Umbers as our St Agnes' School closes after 82 years. So, pass the word on come along and give thanks to God of such a rich history. Next year our Matraville School will reopen as Sacred Heart Catholic Primary, Matraville as Our Lady of the Annunciation, Pagewood closes and comes over to the Matraville site.

After 15 years as Auxillary Bishop in Sydney, Bishop Terry Brady retires and we wish him every blessing and thank him for his ministry of service to all in the archdiocese of Sydney

God bless you all—Fr John



Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend at St Agnes' and next weekend at St Agnes'. Please give generously.

FAREWELLING ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

The amalgamation of St Agnes' Matraville and OLA Pagewood has been fast-tracked, with the new Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Matraville to open in January 2023. As such, a variety of celebrations are currently being organised to farewell St Agnes' school including a Mass of Thanksgiving and Morning Tea on 18 November.

If you have any photos, memorabilia or contact information for people who have contributed to the rich history of St Agnes', we invite you to contact the Organising Committee at stagnesfarewell@gmail.com.

Parish Outing to Bilpin Fruit Farm on Tuesday, 15th November 2022.

Cost \$50, includes morning tea, lunch at Penrith RSL and coach fare.

Final payment by Sunday, 16 October. Contact: Kathy 9311-1749 or Marie 9661-7186

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 safeguardingenquiries@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.