

GOSPEL

Jn 12: 20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

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 to myself.'

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

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

17 MARCH 2024

A MATTER OF TIME

In this fifth week of Lent, we approach the crux of our belief. We are drawing near to our journey through Passion Sunday and Holy Week. Jeremiah heralds: "See the days are coming" and Jesus in the Gospel of John proclaims, "Now the hour has come!" These times are both important in their own context yet also mark God's time.

Jeremiah's prophetic words announce God's new covenant with the House of Israel, a covenant which God writes on their hearts that "I will be your God and you will be my people" (Jer 31:33).

As John's passage opens, it is the time of the Passover and some Greeks want to see Jesus. Their seeking of Jesus affirms the words of the Pharisees earlier "the world has gone after him" (John 12:19). The Greeks approach Philip as he has a Greek name, and Philip goes with Andrew, to Jesus. With the Greeks seeking him, Jesus recognises that the gathering has begun, "the world has gone after him," so he announces, "the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23). An Amen saying follows: "Very truly (Amen, amen), I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). In this image of a grain of wheat is firstly the revelatory sense of Jesus' fate, destiny and mission. Secondly it is the way to see the disciples and our own lives and mission.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Jer 31: 31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

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 Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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

Heb 5: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

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 ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 26

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!



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OUR CHURCHES

Kilmore: St Patrick's Church, 37 Sutherland Street, Kilmore Vic 3764
Broadford: Our Lady Help of Christians, Cnr The Parade & McKenzie Sts, Broadford Vic 3658
Wallan: Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East Vic 3756
Wandong: St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>16/17 Mar</u>	<u>23/24 Mar</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	16 Mar	23 Mar
Reader	Peter Kelly	Brian O'Dwyer
Eucharist Minister	Amy Leahy	Cath O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	16 Mar	23 Mar
Reader	Marita Dumaresq	Ben Boyd & Marg F
Eucharist Minister	Paul Reed	Velia Barro & Sr Anne
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	17 Mar	24 Mar
Reader	Justine Sapiano	Sean Carroll & Lance P
Eucharist Minister	John Dixon	Jeanette Jain & Kate A
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	17 Mar	24 Mar
Reader	TBA	TBA
Eucharist Minister	Annette Moore	TBA
	Tracey Brincat	TBA
PowerPoint	Rosebelle Quinn	Fetu Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	17 Mar	24 Mar
Reader	Ian Pirie	Christine Dodd & Ian P
Eucharist Minister	Leonie Dunlop	Lynne B & Christine D
PowerPoint	Sandra McCaughey	Kathy Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Ann Harrigan	Jeannette Jain
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Arthur Donovan	Helen Clancy
		Pauline Duff
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	Lynne B & Carry E

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Allan Gourlay, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Amanda Minniti, Vicky Katte, Peter Harvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Marg Wickham, Patrick M Kelly, Terence M^oMahon, Eileen Donahoo, Marie Graham, Ronald Bernard Robson Jnr, Placida Baudracco, Patrick Devlin, May Josephine Coustley, Juanita Rodriguez, Matthew Colliver, Frances O'Connor, Tony D'Elia and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Graham Reeves

Sun 17th Mar: Pray for the soul of Stephen Fernandez.

Mon 18th Mar: 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

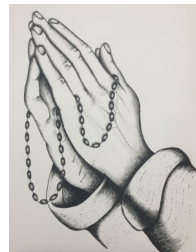
Tue 19th Mar: Pray for the soul of Connor Whyte.

Wed 20th Mar: **No 9am Mass in Wallan.**

Thu 21st Mar: Pray for the intentions of Mary Pandikattu.

Fri 22nd Mar: Pray for the soul of John Twohig.

Sat 23rd Mar: Pray for the intentions of Tony Harrigan.



Easter Mass and Service Times 2024

<u>Tuesday 26th March</u>	7pm – Reconciliation at Wallan
<u>Wednesday 27th March</u>	7pm—Reconciliation at Kilmore
<u>Thursday 28th March</u>	7pm—Holy Thursday Mass at Kilmore 7pm—Holy Thursday Mass at Wallan
<u>Friday 29th March</u>	9.30am—Live Stations of the Cross at Wallan Church grounds 11 am – Stations of the Cross at Kilmore Church 3pm—Good Friday Service at Wallan Church 3pm—Good Friday Service at Kilmore Church
<u>Saturday 30th March</u>	5pm—Mass at Broadford 7pm—Mass at Kilmore (Easter Vigil Celebration) 9pm—Mass at Wallan (Easter Vigil Celebration)
<u>Easter Sunday 31st March</u>	7.45am—Mass at Kilmore 9am—Mass at Wallan 10.30am—Mass at Kilmore
<u>Divine Mercy Sunday 7th Apr</u>	2pm – Confessions, Adoration, Prayers, Chaplet of Mercy & Holy Mass



Stations of the Cross:

Each Friday during Lent at 7pm in both the Kilmore and Wallan Churches.

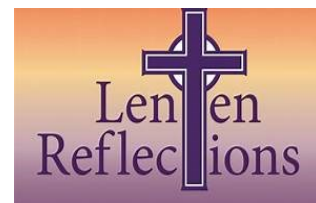


Lenten Reflections—

“An Introduction to Reading the Bible and the Gospels”: Each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm at Assumption College, Shandon House. Please park on the street & enter via Gate 5.

Weekly topic is as follows:

-Wednesday 20 March: An introduction to Mark's Gospel 3



A St. Patrick's Day Prayer Of Celebration

Gracious God,

We come before You with hearts that are filled with praise. We praise You for the powerful way in which You used, Your servant, Patrick, to bring the Word of Christ to the people of Ireland.

We celebrate not only the ways in which You used him but ultimately the victory of Christ against sin and death. May we live in that same conviction daily, and be ready to share the gospel in and out of season. In Jesus' name, amen.

(<https://theprayerpocket.com/st-patricks-day-prayers-irish-blessings/>)



An opportunity to help the Church:

We are refurbishing the Kilmore Parish Centre. If anyone would like to donate, please call the Parish Office or speak with Fr Prakash. Thank you

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles to: stpatsparishmagazine@gmail.com

Wallan Children's Choir:

Choir practice will start in second term (22nd of April) at 5.30pm at Our Lady of the Way Church, Wallan. If any new members would like to join the children's choir please ring Bernadette on 0411353600.

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

“Live Your Best Married Life in Love”

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details. Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne, BOOK NOW

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Please note that there will be no 9am Wallan Mass on Wednesday 20th March.



Fourth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March



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