

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

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

THE SAVING WORD

17 MARCH 2024

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!

Welcome to
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5th Sunday of Lent

Reflection:

Jesus and his disciples hadn't preached to these Greeks. They didn't proselytize them, they came of their own free will. What was the attraction? They and we are attracted by the One who, in his hour, is a completely faithful servant to God; who shows total generosity, willing to give up everything for us, without holding back anything in reserve;

So, we ask ourselves:

- How have we benefited from the sacrifices others have made on our behalf?
- What sacrifices are we being asked to make for the well being of others?
- How have we experienced the fruits of these sacrifices in our own lives?

Baptism

We welcome into our parish community
 Alice Wren, daughter of Simon and Danae Quenby.
 We also welcome into our parish community
 Luka Juliet and Autumn Rose, daughters of
 Raad and Christine Cerinich.
 These children will be baptised this weekend.
 May God continue to bless the
 Quenby and Cerinich families.

Safeguarding Officers

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MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 16 March 6pm	St Dom
Sun 17 March 8am	OLGC
Sun 17 March 9.30am	St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 19 March 7pm	St Dom
Wed 20 March 9am	St Dom
Thurs 21 March 9am	OLGC
Fri 22 March 9am	St Dom
Sat 23 March 9am	St Dom

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 23 March 6pm	St Dom
Sun 24 March 8am	OLGC
Sun 24 March 9.30am	St Dom

Easter Liturgies

Lenten Reconciliation: 25 March, 6pm, St Dom's

Holy Thursday: Lord's Supper 6pm OLGC

Good Friday:

- Stations of the Cross 9am OLGC
- Stations of the Cross 10.30am St Dominic's
- Liturgy of the Passion 3pm St Dominic's

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 6pm St Dominic's

Easter Sunday: 8am OLGC & 9.30am St Dominic's

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Molan,
 Gomm and Hall families on the passing of
 Peter Molan, Colin Gomm (brother of Eileen) and
 Colleen Hall.

The funeral Mass for Colleen Hall will be celebrated
 on 10th April, 1.30pm at OLGC. Rosary 9th April,
 7pm at Bowra & O'Dea Westminster chapel.

The funeral service for Colin Gomm will be at
 2pm, 27th March at Pinnaroo.

Funeral details for Peter Molan TBA.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent
 6pm at St Dominic's and 7pm at OLGC

Rosters this weekend	16 March 6pm St Dom	17 March 8am OLGC	17 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers	H Corray	D D'Souza	I Rodriguez
Acolyte	P Wall		O Pilot
Offertory Procession		T Dinh P Trong	
Altar Society		I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	
EMHC	Pat, Dermott		Gillian, Luke

Rosters next weekend	23 March 6pm St Dom	24 March 8am OLGC	24 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers	P Truda	K Creasy	O Pilot
Acolyte	Boni		D Ee
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society	Group 3	K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		L Howell D D'Souza	
EMHC	Pablo, Berly		Oliver, Darry

Senior's Group: Tuesday 26 March: Coach trip to RAAF Museum and cafe at Bull Creek. Limited seating 21. Wyn 0407 261 500/ Chris 0417 979 629

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Peter O'Mara and Ramona Mendis
 will be commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of
 Holy Communion at Mass this weekend. We con-
 gratulate our new ministers and thank them for their
 willingness to serve.