

# LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ During the course of 10 years, Jeremiah had witnessed Jerusalem being captured, the Holy Temple destroyed and God's people walked out of their land into exile. Jeremiah's early message and warning to the King and people had been ignored. The King even burnt Jeremiah's first manuscript of writings and warnings! Jeremiah spoke to the 'Shepherds' — Priests and Rulers of Israel — and told them they were at fault for not helping people remain close to God. Their lack of care caused people to be scattered. What qualities do you wish to see in your leaders? Priests? How could you encourage them in their responsibility as shepherds? Does 'leadership' also require 'followership'?
- ❖ St Paul is the great teacher of how Jews and Gentiles — two peoples who were very distant and 'dis-liking' of each other — have become one family through Jesus. How? The Laws teaching Jews to be separate from everyone else have now been completed and abolished. The purpose of the Laws was to be close to God. The 'Blood of Christ' has now become the forgiving sacrifice given by God to show all sin and distance have been removed. And this applies to everyone. Jews *and* Greeks (Gentiles). Have you had any experience that united you to many people? Do you recognise this takes place profoundly at Mass?
- ❖ Can you identify any barriers of culture, language, fear, or perception that have stopped you feeling and living as a 'brother' or 'sister' with someone different from you? What would be required to put that enmity (obstacle causing hostility) to death? Is there a clean / unclean distinction at the root of the problem? What do you think St Paul would say?
- ❖ Today is the only time in the Gospel of Mark the word 'Apostles' is used. It means 'ones sent'. We come 'from' someone and 'report back' to someone. Disciples are missioned by Jesus and must return to Jesus. Jesus takes them to a deserted place. So excited, so busy *they had no opportunity even to eat*, Jesus guides his disciples toward rest. Do you consider you have a healthy balance of work and rest? Where is *your* deserted place? What is the most enjoyable way for you to find rest? Jewish people connected 'rest' with 'Sabbath'. Are you allowing Sunday to be an experience of real rest?
- ❖ Imagine a family member or close personal friend has died. A busy atmosphere at home or work. People demanding many things. While wanting to rest, there is a vast crowd needing you. Jesus was 'moved with pity'. The word is translated also as compassion — mercy — which has its origin in the Hebrew word for 'womb'. What does this teach about Jesus? Can you relate to this experience? When have you 'fed' people with your life ... words ... presence? What happened?
- ❖ This passage of Jesus teaching a large crowd will lead to his feeding the Jewish crowds (Mark 6) and the Gentile crowds (Mark 8). To teach us more about this, the next 5 Sundays we will jump into the Gospel of John, Chapter 6. Jesus, the Righteous Shepherd and True King of Israel will feed all peoples with the Eucharist — the *Bread from Heaven*. Make a conscious decision on how you could learn more about the Eucharist over the next 5 weeks. Prayerfully reflect on John 6.

## ***On the Solemnity of the Ascension, Pope Francis declared 2025 a Year of Jubilee*** — continuing from his Bull, proclaiming 2025 as a Jubilee Year —

Echoing the age-old message of the prophets, the Jubilee reminds us that the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone. The rich must be generous and not avert their eyes from the faces of their brothers and sisters in need. Here I think especially of those who lack water and food: hunger is a scandal, an open wound on the body of our humanity, and it summons all of us to a serious examination of conscience. I renew my appeal that *"with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, let us establish a global fund that can finally put an end to hunger and favour development in the most impoverished countries"*.

Another heartfelt appeal that I would make in light of the coming Jubilee is directed to the more affluent nations. I ask that they acknowledge the gravity of so many of their past decisions and determine to forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them. More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice. It is made all the more serious today by a new form of injustice which we increasingly recognise, that *"a true 'ecological debt' exists — particularly between the global North and South — connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment, and the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time"*. If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry.

2025 will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, the 1700th Anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea. From apostolic times, bishops have gathered on various occasions in order to discuss doctrinal questions and disciplinary matters. In the first centuries of Christianity, synods frequently took place, showing the importance of ensuring the unity of God's People and the faithful proclamation of the Gospel. The Jubilee can serve as an important occasion for giving concrete expression to this form of synodality, which the Christian community today considers increasingly necessary for responding to the urgent need for evangelisation. All the baptised, with their respective charisms and ministries, are co-responsible for ensuring that manifold signs of hope bear witness to God's presence in the world.



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

July 22  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Sg 3:1-4b or  
2 Cor 5:14-17  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### TUESDAY

July 23  
Weekday  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

### WEDNESDAY

July 24  
Weekday  
Jer 1:1, 4-10  
Mt 13:1-9

### THURSDAY

July 25  
St. James, Apostle  
2 Cor 4:7-15  
Mt 20:20-28

### FRIDAY

July 26  
Sts. Joachim and  
Anne, Parents  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Jer 3:14-17  
Mt 13:18-23

### SATURDAY

July 27  
Weekday  
Jer 7:1-11  
Mt 13:24-30

### SUNDAY

July 28  
Seventeenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:42-44  
Eph 4:1-6  
Jn 6:1-15

## COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

*John P. Murray osa*  
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### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.  
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by  
mass  
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.  
English 10:00 hrs.

### BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.  
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am  
mass.

### CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).  
English before 10:00 am mass.

### CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite  
the entrance of the Cathedral.

### Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.  
Sat, Sun : Closed  
& public holidays

# Dear Padre

July 21, 2024

## ***What does it mean to call the pope infallible?***

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13-19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility... not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches *ex cathedra* ("from the chair") as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church's understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church. ●

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**GREAT AMEN**

Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION: BEHOLD THE LAMB (No. 939)**

**FINAL HYMN: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY (No. 724) PLEASE STAND**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

Sunday, 21 July 2024

**ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN (No. 848) PLEASE STAND**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

**Priest:** I confess to almighty God,

**All:** and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

**GLORY TO GOD**

**Refrain:** Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

**FIRST READING:** Jer 23:1-6

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:**

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**



1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. (R)
2. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. (R)
3. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (R)
4. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. (R)

**SECOND READING: Eph 2:13-18**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians:**

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.**

**GOSPEL: Mk 6:30-34**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Good News according to Mark.

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

**Priest:** The Good News of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** I believe in God,

**All:** the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:  
"Shepherding God, hear our prayer"**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY: I HAVE LOVED YOU (No. 588)**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.