



# The Voice

13th September 2015    Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B    Psalter Week 4

## OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

• **Recently deceased:**

Eileen Robinson,  
Maisie Robinson,  
Shirley Ryan,  
Phillip Fitzgerald.

• **Anniversaries:**

Leonora (Lea) Esposito,  
Ian Jeffrey Hunter,  
John Joseph Gatt,  
Mr. & Mrs. Mortimore,  
Michael & Bartley Mortimore,  
Beryl Murray,  
Audrey Armstrong.

• **And the Sick:**

Sara Selim, Peter Wellins,  
Frances Sara, Neil Cameron,  
Beryl Allen, Lola Proctor,  
Jack Moulds, Mark Taylor,  
Fr. Brian Rowland,  
Carol Cross, Bruce Spence,  
Mary Dolan, Roy Beveridge,  
Grace Williams, James Leary,  
Rita and John Webb,  
Charles Knowles,  
Audrey Winsbury,  
Marsha Burzynski,  
Peter Harrison, Sandy Sirrell,  
Elaine Finlayson, Connor Cole,  
Alan Harland, Greg Glanz,  
Anne Singleton, Arnold  
Diorio, Terry Murphy,  
John Mortimore,  
Marianne Diorio.

**PETER'S MONOLOGUE -  
GET BEHIND ME SATAN!**

What does he expect of me?

One moment my word is law, in heaven and on earth. The underworld cannot stand up against me.

The next, I'm Satan and I am getting in his way. Then to get anywhere we all have to die.

I simply don't understand.

Things have been going fine, up 'til now. The people have been really responding to what he says and does.

There have been miracles of course, but it's been what the people see in him that really makes you think.

They have so much hope.

In him, they see God reaching out to them; in their poverty, in their disbelief, in their sinfulness.

And so do I.

So when he asked us, 'Who do people say I am?' we gave him the standard answers: Elijah, Jeremiah, one of the prophets, even John the Baptist.

When he asked us who we thought he was, the answer was clear.

He was the hope of the poor, forgiveness for sinners, justice for all people. He is the Christ.

He is the Son of the living God.

I was only saying what everyone else was thinking. You couldn't travel with him and share his life, like we did, and not come to really know him.

He seemed happy at first.

I don't really understand what he said next, but it was pretty full on.

The Father revealing; me being a rock, changing my name, the power to bind and loose... He was very excited. But then suddenly his mood changed.

He said he was planning to go to Jerusalem. I could not believe it.

The people loved him. But because of this the Chief Priest, Scribes and most of Pharisees saw him as a threat. Jerusalem!

The Romans are bad enough, but with all the others, Jerusalem is the last place he needs to be. He knows that, we know that, so why do it? It makes no sense.

So I took him aside and I told him:

He can't let this happen! We were sitting by the road a little further along than the others. He was looking tired and worried. He looked up at me and said it. I'll never forget it.

'Get behind me! Satan.'

I must've looked shocked, but he kept on.

'You are an obstacle in my path. Your way of thinking is not God's way.'

I was so angry.

He turned and walked back to the others. Slowly I walked back.

He was sitting, eating some bread, and as he ate he began to speak.

'If you want to follow me, forget yourself, your life, your fear, and follow me. Even to death.'

What does he expect of us?

We have all given up so much for him.

We believe in him.

We know him to be the Christ.

Yet he wants more!

Do we follow him to death in Jerusalem?

What does he expect of me?

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## Psalm Response

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I will walk in the pre-sence of the Lord; in the land of the li-ving.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. *Alleluia!*

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## Around the Parish

**100 game Bingo Marathon** will be held on Saturday, 3rd October 2015 (October long weekend). Games start 2.30pm and go to 5.30pm, then we have a break including a free BBQ and catering, then more games from 7.30pm-10.30pm. We operate it as 2 X 50 game sessions and sell the tickets for each session separately, pens and pads available. It's a great day out and something not to be missed and of course if you can't make part of the Marathon, you can join in at any stage as we sell books separately. Cost for 6 tickets all day is \$96. Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd. Woy Woy.

**Volunteer Church Cleaning 18/9/15:** Mary McCumstie, Christina Thorson, Bill Cantley, Kathleen Cullen.

**Children's Liturgy 20/9/15:** Brenda Sweet, Alecia Amaral, Gerri O'Keefe.

**Sympathy:** St. John the Baptist Parish Family extends its prayerful sympathy to family, relatives and friends of Jeanette Pisani, who was buried from our church last week and Eileen Robinson whose Requiem Mass took place last Friday.

**Baptisms:** We pray for and welcome into our Faith community Oliver Ames-Rossi, Ella-Rose Gregory and Indigo Johnson who were baptised last week.

**Cuppa and a Chat:** A group of seniors meet every third Monday in the Leo Mahon room and is held next on Monday, 21st September, 1.30pm-3pm. If you would like to join us, phone Bernard 4341 5343. Transport provided.

**Jam and Cake Stall** will be operating on Sunday, 27th September at 7.30am and 9.15am Masses. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of the Parish bus.

**Catechists:** We ask for the prayers of our Church community that the Holy Spirit will inspire them to join our wonderful ministry. Our need for Volunteers is indeed great. The rewards are greater and entry requirements have recently being streamlined. Please consider, pray and then ask for details, without obligation! Susie Simmons 0411 566 622, Thank you and bless you all.

**Altar Flowers:** Anyone wishing to donate towards the ongoing refreshing of flowers is kindly asked to make their donation at the parish office or via the collection at Mass in an envelope clearly marked "Altar Flowers".

**Our Lady of Sorrows:** Tuesday, 15th September, 1.15pm-2pm. Join us in praying some devotional prayers in honour of the sorrows of Our Lady in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## The Just Word

**Building a Bright Future:** Literacy skills developed from a basic to advanced level throughout life are part of broader competencies required for critical thinking, the sense of responsibility, participatory governance sustainable consumption and lifestyles, ecological behaviours, biodiversity protection, poverty reduction and disaster risk reduction. For more information go to: [www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/international-days/literacy-day](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/international-days/literacy-day)

**Stage One: Building foundations for future success. Indigenous community volunteers:**

In 2011, ICV was approached to provide practical literacy and numeracy classes to Indigenous

adults in the remote Martu communities of Punmu and Jigalong. They wanted to be able to do things that could vastly improve their education and employment prospects. Things like writing job applications and reading newspapers from outside the community. Martu are an Australian Aboriginal people of the Western Desert. Today, some 2500 Martu live in these lands. The majority of Martu are multilingual, with English as their second language.

**Stage Two: Striving for Sustainability:**

As the effects of improved numeracy and literacy flowed through the community, ICV helped make the programs sustainable in the longer term.

Now in its third year, the literacy and numeracy support program is helping community members go from strength to strength. It is helping people be better role models for their children by being better educated themselves, and encouraging them to consider their own career and educational opportunities.

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## From the Diocese and beyond

**Family Support:** CatholicCare family support provide home and centre based support for families. Services provided include individual support, home visits, playgrounds, group work (on subjects such as parenting, domestic violence, conflict resolution, self-esteem and protective behaviours), family advocacy, counselling, community development, referral and financial assistance. We work from a strength based and culturally sensitive perspective,

recognising that all families have strengths and sometimes need practical assistance to assist in difficult times. Our family and Youth Support Service provide children, young people and families with one to one support, advice and assistance. Contact the Central Coast family centre for more information—4356 2600.

**PSU Youth: Join us for the launch of our Central Coast Faith Night !!** Broken Bay

Youth Office invites you to BBYAC Faith Nights 2015 (18-35 years). Join Young Adults from around the Diocese to share a meal and be inspired in our lives and faith.

Date: Tuesday 29 September 2015 Location: Gosford RSL Club, 26 Central Coast Hwy, West Gosford

Time: 6:30pm to purchase your meal and drink  
7:30pm Guest Speaker.  
RSVP: [youth@dbb.org.au](mailto:youth@dbb.org.au)



# Readings for Today and Next Sunday

Bruce Janiga

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 13

Is 50:5-9

Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

In Isaiah today we hear from one of the Servant Songs, four texts frequently applied to Christ as the one sent by God with a special mission. The servant is called "to speak to the weary / a word that will rouse them" (v 4). The servant, like many Old Testament prophets, suffers rejection because of his word but is not dismayed. He knows that his help is the Lord God, and he will not "be put to shame" (v 7). The servant teaches us that sometimes we too will suffer because of our faith, but we must stand firm, for God is with us.

James tells us that faith, "if it does not have works, is dead" (v 17). Faith is more than giving intellectual assent to a set of beliefs. To truly believe is to live a life inspired by faith. There must not be a disconnect between what we profess and how we live. If we say we love our neighbour, we must live out that love on a daily basis by assisting those in need. We cannot just wish them well; we must do good for them. Faith cannot be merely professed; it must be lived.

In the Gospel, Simon Peter's declaration of Jesus' identity as "the Christ" (v 29) is an improvement over the disciples' previous lack of understanding, but they still have more to learn. While the people think Jesus is a prophet, Simon Peter declares Jesus to be God's anointed one, messiah. But readers of the Gospel know that Jesus is more than this; he is also God's Son. When Jesus begins to explain that his role as *Messiah* entails suffering and death, Peter rebukes him; this is not Peter's view of what it means to be the Messiah. But it is precisely in Jesus' suffering and death that we come to understand his Messiahship: it is one of service and self-sacrifice.

**For Reflection:** Do I live my faith or merely profess it? Does my life indicate that I believe that Jesus is God's anointed one? How do I understand Jesus' suffering as part of his messiahship?

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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20

Wis 2:17-20

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

Jas 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

In the Book of Wisdom, the wicked persecute "the just one" because he "reproaches us for transgressions" (v 12). They plot to persecute him "with revilement and torture" (v 19), condemning him to "a shameful death" (v 20). As it was in the day of our writer, so it was also in the day of Jesus, in the day of Mark, and in our day: the wicked persecute the righteous. But the righteous can draw strength knowing that God is with them.

James challenges the Christian community to consider whether their internal strife might have its origins in their search for personal satisfaction. Selfishness brings division. In contrast to "selfish ambition" (v 16), God's wisdom leads to unity and peace among people. "Jealousy and selfish ambition," mentioned twice in three verses (vv 14-16), are contrary to the way of God, and we should resist them.

In the Gospel story, coming shortly after the transfiguration – in which Jesus is declared God's "beloved Son" and the disciples are commanded to "listen to him" (9:7) – Jesus once again predicts his impending Passion. Mark tells us that the disciples still "did not understand" (v 32). What they discuss on the way back to Capernaum is "who was the greatest" (v 34). Jesus is talking about suffering and death, and they are worried about status in the apostolic community. It is time for another lesson, so Jesus places a child in their midst and tells them that they must be concerned with outsiders, like the child. In Jesus' day, children were not accorded much status, but Jesus tells them they must receive "one child such as this in my name" (v 37). They want to be great in the eyes of the world, but Jesus shows them that true greatness is viewed in light of what matters to God. To be great in the eyes of God, one must be "the last of all and the servant of all" (v 35), welcoming the least among us as Jesus did.

**For Reflection:** Is my ambition about self-fulfilment or self-offering? Do I allow my own agenda to blind me to God's will for my life?




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In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

SEE JAMES 2:17

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## Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula

Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Koolewong, Tascott, Blackwall, Booker Bay, St Hubert's Island, Empire Bay, Horsfield Bay, Pearl Beach, Patonga, Woy Woy Bay, Daley's Point and Phegan's Bay.

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7.30am , 9.15am, 6pm.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds); Saturday and Public Holidays 9am; First Friday 4pm (with Anointing of the Sick).

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday after morning Mass; First Friday, 3.30 p.m.; Saturday 11.30am; & 4.30pm ; Sunday 7.00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am; 5th Sunday, during 9.15 a.m. Mass.

Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practising Catholics, at least sixteen years old. If there is at least one Godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents and Godparents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction, held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am; every Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am).

**PARISH CHOIR** – Practice Wednesday nights in the church, 7 p.m.

Enquiries: 4341 3367.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**, 21a Dulkara Rd South Woy Woy 2256. p 024341 0884 f 0243 445049.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP** For information and events contact Sam French 042 244 9539.

**CATHOLICCARE** Marriage & Family Counselling, Pregnancy help –

20 Watt St, Gosford. Phone: 4324 6403.

**MARY MAC'S PLACE** Volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact Christine on 4341 0584.

**CASH HOUSIE** every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre. Cnr. Ocean Beach Rd. and McMasters Rd. Games start at 7.30 p.m. and finish approx 10.20 p.m., cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6.00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Parish. Enquiries: Rob 0427 990 818.

## People's Hands

Paul Turner

At Mass, people use their hands for a variety of purposes, but there is little legislation governing what to do with them. All the faithful should make the sign of the cross with the priest at the beginning. They sign their foreheads, lips, and breast with the deacon or priest just before the Gospel. They may offer some sign of peace. They have the option of receiving communion in the hand.

The priest follows plenty of instructions. He extends his hands for prayers and greetings, and he outstretches them for solemn blessings. During the Eucharistic prayer, he may raise his hands during the preface dialogue, impose them over the bread and wine, sign the same elements with the cross, lift and show the body and blood of Christ to the people, make a sign of the cross over himself, and elevate the body and blood of Christ for the final doxology. The priest breaks bread with his hands and holds a broken host while saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

People use their hands for some actions that are not in the rubrics but are sensible nonetheless. They switch off electronic devices on entering the church. They hold participa-

tion aids to join in the singing and the responses. They place contributions into the collection basket.

Some people improvise other actions. They hold a rosary. They gesture back to the priest when he gestures to them. They join hands with others and raise them together. They sign themselves with the cross for the final blessing.

People's most common gesture associated with prayer – folding hands – is never explicitly mentioned in the rubrics of the Mass. However, in the interests of popular piety, it is a praiseworthy practice; especially when the words people say or hear are directed to God, they may fold their hands in a way that signals to the individual, to other worshipers, and to God that a moment has arrived to pray.

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