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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Malabar**

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

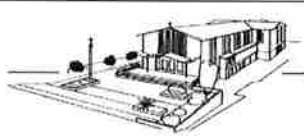
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm – 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Matraville**

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs & Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. after 9.10am Mass until 9.45am

School: 9311 1995

**Please Tell Others**

Many parishioners are still not aware that masses are now being celebrated in our parishes. Please pass on the following information either by phoning, texting, emails or putting the bulletin in their letter boxes.

**Resumption of Masses**

However, in keeping with Government regulations, at present  
**we are limited to only fifty people at each Mass.**  
**Only the first fifty people will be allowed in.**

***Please be early enough if you wish to attend.***

You will need to leave your name & contact no. when you enter.

**During this time of limited numbers, you are **most welcome** to attend  
**a weekday mass if unable to attend on the weekend.****

Weekday masses: 9.10am on Tues., Wed., Fri. and Sat. at Malabar.

7am on Tues, Wed, and Fri at Matraville

We also have 9.10am Mass on Thurs. at Matraville.

***Please use the disinfectant every time on your way in.***

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for St. Andrew's**

Please pick up your new set of envelopes at the back of the church.

A few have a **different** number so please check name and address.

**You are encouraged to stay in or join the Planned Giving Program  
even if you will not be claiming a tax deduction.**

**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

**Recently deceased:** John Cooksley, George Kerbage, Fr Wilf Plukett,  
John Weekes and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

**Anniversary:** Bruce Leo, Alexander Selvan, Agnes Borg, Carmelo Borg,  
Bryan Cameron, Xavier Micallef



Please reflect on the Scripture readings on the other side of this bulletin.

You are invited to read the reflections by Fr Paul on our website.

[www.stagnesmatraville.org.au](http://www.stagnesmatraville.org.au) [www.standrewsmalabar.org.au](http://www.standrewsmalabar.org.au)

**Musicians needed.**

If you can play a musical instrument, please think about  
helping at our Parish masses.

***Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.***

**Sincere thanks** to those who have continued their **Financial Support**

*If you wish to help, you can make a direct deposit into our bank account:*

**Matraville – St Agnes**

BSB: 062 784

Account: 0496 5001

**Malabar – St Andrew**

BSB: 062 784

Account: 0428 5001

*or place cash/cheque into an envelope and mark it 'for Malabar' or 'for Matraville'  
and for security, please place into brass slot beside front door of MALABAR Presbytery only.*

**It's almost tax return time.**

If you wish to **help the parish** and claim **100% tax deduction**

you can make an online donation to the CWF before 30 June.

Just google **Charitable Works Fund Sydney** to find the link.

***We feed our bodies regularly. Are we feeding our souls?***

***Let us remember we and our families have a spiritual life  
which needs nourishment.***

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 15: 26-27

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mt 10: 26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

21 JUNE 2020

**OF WHOM TO BE AFRAID?**

As a basic human emotion, fear can go two ways. It can be a safeguard and protection. Or it can be a force that cripples and disables. The key thing is to distinguish well-founded fear from that which is illusory or based on deception. A great part of spiritual direction consists in helping people to recognise their fears and see whether they are based on falsehood or reality.

Today's Gospel addresses challenges believers face in living out and giving witness to their faith. Ringing through it is the refrain: 'Do not fear'. Jesus acknowledges that there will be much that will dismay believers and make them afraid. He urges them to distinguish appropriate from inappropriate fear.

Disciples need not fear persecutors who can only kill the body. Our physical existence is held in God's hands; we are precious in God's sight – infinitely more so than sparrows, none of whose falling to the ground escapes divine notice. In all threats, then, we can be confident that God will see them through to eternal life.

For disciples, the only truly valid fear is that of falling out of God's favour. The warning, 'Fear him, rather, who can destroy both body and soul in hell', may refer, then, to those whose evil influence and deception could bring this about.

God's only desire is to impart to us eternal life. But we can so alienate ourselves from the outreach of divine love as to face eternal loss. It is of such a consequence that people ought truly to be afraid.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

**FIRST READING**

20: 10-13

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.**

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
'"Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**



3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Rom 5: 12-15

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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