

LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

PRIMA LETTURA

Es 17,8-13

In quei giorni, Amalèk venne a combattere contro Israele a Refidim. Mosè disse a Giosuè: Scegli per noi alcuni uomini ed esci in battaglia contro Amalèk. Domani io starò ritto sulla cima del colle, con in mano il bastone di Dio». Giosuè eseguì quanto gli aveva ordinato Mosè per combattere contro Amalèk, mentre Mosè, Aronne e Cur salirono sulla cima del colle. Quando Mosè alzava le mani, Israele prevaleva; ma quando le lasciava cadere, prevaleva Amalèk. Poiché Mosè sentiva pesare le mani, presero una pietra, la collocarono sotto di lui ed egli vi si sedette, mentre Aronne e Cur, uno da una parte e l'altro dall'altra, sostenevano le sue mani. Così le sue mani rimasero ferme fino al tramonto del sole. Giosuè sconfisse Amalèk e il suo popolo, passandoli poi a fil di spada.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sal 120

Il mio aiuto viene dal Signore.

Alzo gli occhi verso i monti: da dove mi verrà l'aiuto? Il mio aiuto viene dal Signore: egli ha fatto cielo e terra. **R.**

Non lascerà vacillare il tuo piede, non si addormenterà il tuo custode. Non si addormenterà, non prenderà sonno il custode d'Israele. **R.**

Il Signore è il tuo custode, il Signore è la tua ombra che sta alla tua destra. Di giorno non ti colpirà il sole, né la luna di notte! **R.**

Il Signore ti custodirà da ogni male: egli custodirà la tua vita. Il Signore ti custodirà quando esci e quando entri, da ora e per sempre! **R.**

SECONDA LETTURA

2Tm 3,14-4,2

Figlio mio, tu rimani saldo in quello che hai imparato e che credi fermamente. Conosci coloro da cui lo hai appreso e conosci le sacre Scritture fin dall'infanzia: queste possono istruirti per la salvezza, che si ottiene mediante la fede in Cristo Gesù. Tutta la Scrittura, ispirata da Dio, è anche utile per insegnare, convincere, correggere ed educare nella giustizia, perché l'uomo di Dio sia completo e ben preparato per ogni opera buona. Ti scongiuro davanti a Dio e a Cristo Gesù, che verrà a giudicare i vivi e i morti, per la sua manifestazione e il suo regno: annuncia la Parola, insisti al momento opportuno e non opportuno, ammonisci, rimprovera, esorta con ogni magnanimità e insegnamento.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, Alleluia

La parola di Dio è viva ed efficace, discerne i sentimenti e i pensieri del cuore.

Alleluia!

VANGELO

Lc 18,1-8

In quel tempo, Gesù diceva ai suoi discepoli una parabola sulla necessità di pregare sempre, senza stancarsi mai: In una città viveva un giudice, che non temeva Dio né aveva riguardo per alcuno. In quella città c'era anche una vedova, che andava da lui e gli diceva: Fammi giustizia contro il mio avversario. Per un po' di tempo egli non volle; ma poi disse tra sé: "Anche se non temo Dio e non ho riguardo per alcuno, dato che questa vedova mi dà tanto fastidio, le farò giustizia perché non venga continuamente a importunarmi". E il Signore soggiunse: Ascoltate ciò che dice il giudice disonesto. E Dio non farà forse giustizia ai suoi eletti, che gridano giorno e notte verso di lui? Li farà forse aspettare a lungo? Io vi dico che farà loro giustizia prontamente. Ma il Figlio dell'uomo, quando verrà, troverà la fede sulla terra?

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te, o Cristo.



St Kieran's Parish - Osborne Park

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

19th October 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Exodus 17: 8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120

Response: **Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

I lift my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard you're going and coming both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures

– from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4: 12

Alléluia, alléluia !

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alléluia

GOSPEL:

Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me, I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." 'And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays helping them. I promise you; he will see justice done to them and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
SUNDAY	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 nd Sunday)
TUESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
WEDNESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
THURSDAY	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
FRIDAY	
8:00am	Mass
BAPTISM	
1 ST & 3 RD Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
CONFESSION	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS	
By appointment	
PARISH CONTACTS	
Parish Priests	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti Fr. Oscar Aguilera
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Margaret Leonard Pat Richards
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Parish Hall bookings	Judith: 0437908793
PARISH OFFICE HOURS	
Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
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MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat	6:30pm	Marie Therese Joseline Alcindor (18 Yr Anniv.) Norren Anderton (102 years)
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	
	9:00am	Assunta & Giovanni Demarte
	10:15am	Carmel Fogliani (passed away on Thursday 16/10/25)
	11:15am	
READERS		
Sat	6:30pm	Margot Hanness
	7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way
Sun	8:00am	Anne & Greg Diamond
	9:00am	Josefa Hazebroek & Zoran Vukojevic
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass (2 nd Sunday of the month)
SERVERS/ACOLYTE		
Sat	6:30pm	Pio, Chloe, Michaela, Elle, Campbell & Gian <i>Brad</i>
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	Joseph, Jonathan & Gebriel
	9:00am	Abigail, Ahinsa, Grace, Luke & Tess <i>Eugene, Pedro & Brendon</i>
	10:15am	<i>Giovanni</i>
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
Sun	9.00am	Josie & Carlo
HOSPITAL		
By appointment		

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you!

St Kieran Presbytery Account (1st Collection):
BSB: 086006 Account Num: 773741302

St Kieran Parish Fundraising account:
BSB – 086006 Account Num: 940251782

St Kieran Parish Account (2nd Collection):
BSB: 086006 Account Num: 670197551

Exodus 17 :18 -13 2 Timothy 3 14 - 4:2 Luke 18 :1-8

There are times when the soul, like a weary soldier, lifts its eyes heavenward and wonders if God is still listening. Not doubting His existence, mind you—but questioning whether He is still near, still attentive, still concerned with our small struggles. This is the murmur behind much of modern disbelief—not so much that God is gone, but that He has grown silent. And it is here that the Scriptures speak most pointedly.

In **Luke 18**, we find a widow—one of the most powerless figures in her society—confronting a judge who neither fears God nor respects man. A dreadful combination, that. Yet by her persistence alone, she wins justice. The point, of course, is not that God is like the judge, but rather precisely the opposite: if even an unjust man can be moved by persistence, how much more shall the Father of Lights respond to His children crying out day and night? Now here is the joy of Christian prayer—it is not meant to be a passing courtesy offered to the Divine, like tipping one's hat to the Queen. No, prayer is to be persistent, even importunate. It is, a boldness that is born not from arrogance but from trust. This is a truth: The living God wishes to be *pursued*.

But we must not mistake delay for denial. God is not slow. No—His delays are deliberate, pedagogical. He stretches time not to toy with us but to *form* us. Like a wise teacher who allows the student to struggle with the equation before offering the solution, God permits our longing to deepen, our desire to mature, our hearts to be enlarged.

In **Exodus 17**, we see this enacted in another form. Moses' arms, held aloft in prayer, are the difference between victory and defeat. When they falter, Amalek prevails. When they are lifted—by the help of Aaron and Hur—Israel triumphs. What is this but a physical parable of a spiritual truth? Human strength fails. But when prayer is upheld, even by the community of believers when our own strength wanes, the battle turns.

And St. Paul, presses the point further still: "Continue in what you have learned." Continue! Endure! The Scriptures are breathed by God not merely to inform but to *transform*—to equip the man of God for every good work. In an age of short attention spans and immediate gratifications, Paul's exhortation is a call back to rootedness, to the long obedience in the same direction.

Faith, then, is not a momentary flicker. It is a furnace that must be kept stoked. And it is prayer, chiefly persistent prayer, that supplies the coals. So, when the heavens seem brass and your words echo back at you as if flung into a cave, do not lose heart. You may be nearer the throne than you think. God is not deaf. He is patient. He is forming you—lengthening your hunger so that you might enjoy the feast all the more. And when the Son of Man comes—that piercing final question—*will He find faith on earth?* Will He find those still praying? Still waiting? Still believing? If so, it will not be because they were stronger, cleverer, or more theologically sound—but because, like the widow, they refused to give up.

PARISH EVENTS

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact **Eugene Tresham** on **0420 936 988** to arrange.

**NO ITALIAN MASS ON 26/10
DUE TO CONFIRMATION
SACRAMENT**

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Daily Rosary at the Prayer Shrine of St Kieran at 3:30pm throughout October. All are warmly invited to join

Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead in November?

November 2 – All Souls' Day marks the beginning of this special focus. It is a day to remember and pray for all the faithful departed who are undergoing purification in **Purgatory**.

The Church teaches that **prayers, Masses, and sacrifices offered by the living** can help these souls reach heaven more quickly.

This practice is based on **2 Maccabees 12:46**

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

Spiritual Meaning and Message Purgatory is seen as a place or state of purification for souls who died in God's grace but still need cleansing from the effects of sin before entering heaven. **The Church Militant (us on earth)** is spiritually connected to the **souls in purgatory** and the **Church Triumphant (saints in heaven)**—this is the **Communion of Saints**.