



# St. Lawrence's Parish Coonabarabran

## The Gospel of Mark 8:27-35

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce

himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



### REFLECTION *by Greg Sunter*

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

Mass Times this week			Mass Times next week		
14 Tue	St Lawrence's Coonabarabran	5:30PM	21 Tue	St Lawrence's Coonabarabran	5:30PM
15 Wed	St Lawrence's Coonabarabran	9:30AM	22 Wed	St Lawrence's Coonabarabran	9:30AM
18 Sat	St John's Baradine	6:00PM	25 Sat	St John's Baradine	6:00PM
19 Sun	St Lawrence's Coonabarabran	9:30AM	26 Sun	St Lawrence's Coonabarabran	9:30AM
19 Sun	St Lawrence's Coonabarabran	4:00PM	26 Sun	St Lawrence's Coonabarabran	4:00PM



We acknowledge the original owners of this land, and pay respects to the elders and deceased members, of the Gamilaroi people.

## Readings for next week

September 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

Wis 2:12, 17-20;  
James 3:16 – 4:3;  
Mk 9:30-37

Hours of the Sunday,  
Te Deum

PSALTER WEEK 1



## Action for Afghanistan

Dear Friend,

It is clear that the Afghan people, especially ethnic and religious minorities as well as women and children are in great danger in their own country. In addition, there are more than 5,100 Afghans living in Australia, many with families in Afghanistan, and many without any certainty about their future in Australia.

While the Federal Government has undertaken to allocate at least 3,000 places for Afghans within the current humanitarian intake, the need is dire and immediate, and a special additional intake is required. We therefore wish to raise our voices as members of the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) to urge the Federal Government to:

provide a special allocation of at least 20,000 additional humanitarian places for people fleeing Afghanistan, guarantee permanent visas to those living here under temporary visas, and

enable family reunions for Afghan people living in Australia.

We encourage you to be part of the voice of CAPSA, through one or both of the following ways:

Send a letter to your local Member of Parliament directly through the CAPSA website at [capsa.org.au/afghanistan](https://capsa.org.au/afghanistan). On this website you will find a form letter which you can easily edit or send as it is. By entering your postcode, you will be able to send it to your local MP.

At [www.actionforafghanistan.com.au](https://www.actionforafghanistan.com.au) you will be able to sign a petition along with thousands of other Australians.

We remain in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan who need our compassion and kindness now.

## Ways to Stay Connected

- **Word&Faith online-** Tuesday 7:30pm or Thursday 12noon or Friday 9:00am <https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/>
- **Connect@home-** [click here for more information](#)
- CCD SRE Archdiocese of Sydney **Faith formation webinars** for Catechists (our Bishop will be talking about Jesus: Bread Come Down from Heaven on **Thursday 16 September at 10:30am**). Email [Anita.Lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Anita.Lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au) to register
- **Pray the Rosary** via ZOOM with the Archdiocese of Canberra- [click here for details](#)
- **Online Masses-** details can be found here <https://bathurst.catholic.org.au/>



Click on the link below for the August Reflection for the Year of St Joseph,

[https://catholic.org.au/images/Year\\_of\\_St\\_Joseph\\_Reflection\\_August\\_2021.pdf](https://catholic.org.au/images/Year_of_St_Joseph_Reflection_August_2021.pdf)

Peace Ecology & Justice e-Bulletin September 2021 - Season of Creation | World Day of Prayer for Creation

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/newsletters-and-bulletins/columban-ebulletin/>



**Masses will be celebrated on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at  
9:30am & 4:00pm. Please book on the following numbers:**  
**Ph: 6842 1043      Mob: 0475 903 147**

**Please keep in mind there are still public health orders in place that must  
be adhered to:**

- **QR code check in OR manual check in on the form provided**
- **Masks to be worn indoors at all times**
- **No singing**
- **1 person per 4sqm rule applies**
- **Pre-booking is required**

**Please keep up to date with health orders via NSW Health**

### **Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers**

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2022 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers in our Australian communities however when it is possible and safe to do so we will recommence sending volunteers to Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliari volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an inquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliari.org.au/>

*Applications close October 30th, 2021.*

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## **Fan the Flame**

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

**'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,  
let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.'**

**Mark 8:27-35**

There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection. For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatised Church... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised.

*((Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18)*

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

<b><u>Coonabarabran Roster</u></b>					<b><u>Mass Intentions</u></b>
	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<p><b>Please pray for the sick of our parish community and family members:</b></p> <p>Gail Healey, Ken Zingel, Bill Forrest, Cheryl Forrest, Margaret Fleming, Agnes van Leeuwen, Clare Holdforth, Jax Smith, Luke Roberts, Colleen Watson, Terry Muller, Rodrigo Jaboneta, Regina Lemon, Ben Robinson, Charlie Knight, John Estens, Margaret Collins (Sutton), Roland Soussa, Albert Markland.</p> <p><b><u>Prayer for the Sick</u></b></p> <p><i>Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.</i></p> <p><b><i>Please pray for the recently deceased:</i></b> <i>Kevin Meyers</i></p>
Commentator	C Munns	M Milsom	N Milford	G Giles	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	N Higham	P Sweeney	K Martin	G Penman	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	K Martin	D Mitevski	N Higham	B Sutton	
Prayers of the Faithful	C Munns	M Milsom	N Milford	G Giles	
Computer	L Roberts	B Weursch	C Munns	K Martin	
<b><u>Baradine Roster</u></b>					
	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Trish	Annette	Ange	TBA	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Glenda	Don	Kim	TBA	
Commentator	Greta	Irene		TBA	
					

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