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Mathew 16:21-28 (NLT)

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹ From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

²² But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

²⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

²⁷ For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.

²⁸ And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21

If the problem can be solved why worry?
If the problem cannot be solved
worrying will do you no good. ~ Buddha



The Farmer and the Donkey

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway-it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all of his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!



Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off, and take a step up.

"It's not what happens to you that determines how far you will go in life; it is how you handle what happens to you."

~Zig Ziglar



Meg's Musings

I write this on the day that Anthony Albanese is due to announce the date of The Voice referendum. I hope and pray that Australians will choose to be respectful throughout the time of the campaign, and will accept the results - whether they agree with them or not. So much time, effort and passion has already gone into this matter. The "Uluru Statement from the Heart" was completed seven years ago, and people have been anxiously waiting for a response to their words, and their hopes.

The words of a chorus came to me, as I contemplated that,
 "Let there be love shared among us
 Let there be love in our eyes
 May now Your love sweep this nation
 Cause us, O Lord, to arise
 Give us a fresh understanding
 Of brotherly love that is real
 Let there be love shared among us
 Let there be love."

Blessings from Meg



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We thank God for our friends, and for our families.
- We pray that The Voice referendum will be conducted with respect.
- We pray for the residents and staff of Alblas, who have been affected by illness.
- We continue to pray for Jan Parker as she undertakes physio rehabilitation.
- We pray for those in Greece and Canada most impacted by the bushfires.



Divisiveness leads to a lot of things. Rarely are any of them good. ~ G Kent

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Lismore Flood Appeal	\$7 100
Cancer Council	\$ 600
Heart 180 AED	\$3 054
Little Wings	\$2 000
Cancer Council	\$ 700
Aussie Helpers	\$2 000
Parkinsons NSW	\$ 500

Ronald McDonald House \$1,000

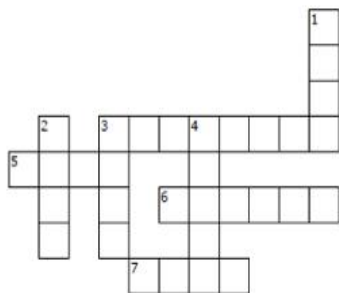
The Heart 180 AED is a defibrillator which is kept on the front wall of the building, and available to anyone who needs it.

It's quite an impressive amount, and there is more available for distribution.

Take Up Your Cross

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:22-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. One who believes in Christ and follows his teachings
5. The period between birth and death
6. To accept the leadership of someone
7. To no longer have something because it has been taken away from you or misplaced

DOWN

1. To keep something from harm or loss
2. To discover something unexpectedly or as a result of a search
3. To refuse to allow yourself to have something you want
4. The object upon which Jesus was crucified

There is beauty and power in unity. We must be united in heart and mind.
 One world, one people. ~ Lailah Gifty Akita

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who matter don't mind and those who mind don't matter. ~ Dr Suess

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

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