





## PARISH BULLETIN Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 22 October 2023

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### *Response: (R)Lord, hear our prayer* CELEBRANT/LEADER:

Dear friends, heartened by the saving word of God, let us pray with faith and hope and love for our troubled world.

**READER:** For all participants in the Synod as the first session enters its final week, that they will become a leaven of synodality for the whole people of God. We pray to the Lord. *(R)* 

**For** continued rain in due abundance, so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord. **(***R***)** 

**For** the people of Israel and the Palestinian territories, that the terrible cycle of killing and retaliation will end and seeds of healing and peace be sown. We pray to the Lord. *(R)* 

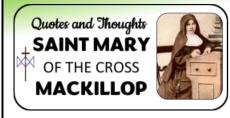
**For** the people of Australia, whether First Nations, settlers, migrants or refugees, that we be united in our commitment to mutual respect, fairness and solidarity. We pray to the Lord. **(***R***)** 

**For** the sick among us and for those who care for them. For all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they share fully in the glory of God's promise. We pray to the Lord. **(***R***)** 

**For** Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. We pray **Hail Mary**...

#### **CELEBRANT/LEADER:**

We pray for the people of Australia, whether First Nations, settlers, migrants or refugees, that we be united in our commitment to mutual respect, fairness and solidarity. **AMEN** 



# PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### **POPES INTENTION OCTOBER** For the Synod



We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

**We pray** for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.

**We pray** for the church on this Mission Sunday, that 'all hearts will be on fire and all feet on the move' for the sake of the good news.



We pray for the sick and suffering, may the healing sacraments and pastoral care of the Church always be available to them:

Donna Nash, Sally-Ann Thompson, Jane Nash, Keith & Barbara Brownlie, Wendy White, Barry & Alma Reed, Ashton, Danielle & Stewart Hurley, John & Anna Vincent, Jim Parkes, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Val Perkins, Natalie Lestone, Merilyn Knight, Jen Farrell, Tom Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie, John Elliott, Betty Cowell, Joyce Cotterill, Peter Hopkins, Heather Whitby, Larry Bedingfield, Erika & Margo Birmingham



## PARISH CALENDAR

Mon: Saint John of Capistrano Tue: Saint Anthony Claret Wed: Mass Bombala 9.30am Thu: Fri

Sat: LW&HC Delegate 5pm Feast Saints Simon & Jude Sun: LW&HC Bombala 9am



Recently Deceased Sue Minchin, Bill McIntosh, Carole Mustard, Carmel Thompson October Anniversaries

Kathleen Bellesini Sr Betty Bourke rsj David Cottrell, Carol de Jonge Claudette Elliott, Dick Kennedy Ina McGrath, John Morgan Yvonne Murphy, Therese Rumph Louise Stevens, Ann-Maree Stokes Katie Thornton, Dawn Walker



"We have loved them in Life: Let us not forget them in death."

## WORLD MISSION DAY



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, pray in the holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Jude 1:20-21

I wish not to care, if I can please God and do my duty. (28.8.1864) God won't ask how others do the work ..... but He will ask you how you have done yours. (14.12.1890) Out of every cross God wishes us to merit by making it an occasion of pleasing Him. (29.10.1895) Birth of Peter MacKillop, Mary's brother, 26.10.1857.

## READINGS

#### FIRST READING: FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

# I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

**1.** O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. *(R.)* 

**2.** The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. *(R.)* 

**3.** Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. *(R.)* 

### SECOND READING: ST PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you. From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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#### 1. Glory And Praise Dan Schutte

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessing he bears to those who trust in his ways.

1. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,

Praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings.  $\pmb{R}$ 

2. In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.

Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.  $\boldsymbol{R}$ 

#### **2. Eagles Wings** Fr Frank Andersen MSC Antiphon: I have carried you on eagle's wings! I will care for you in all your years!

1. My heart is full of peace; You have been within my life! Your guiding hand has always covered me, I am full of confidence in You! *Antiphon* 

2. My soul is like a child,Cradled safe within your arms!You have carried me across my years!Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy. *Antiphon* 

Upcoming Events

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL For our twinning conference in India, will take place over the next 2 weeks Collectors will be at the Church doors



## **Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.' The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.' We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.' (Italics added) We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.