



**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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21 August 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Father,

Help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.

In our desire for what you promise, make us one in mind and heart.

Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)

2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 13:22-30 by Richard Leonard

Salvation has, rightly, always been the big issue. Who was going to make it, how it was going to happen and when would Christ return in glory have captured the imagination of each generation of believers.

The roots of this thinking can be found in today's Gospel. The earliest Christians, especially the Gentiles, saw that the Jews had been given every opportunity for salvation. They were the Chosen people. They had the Law and the Prophets. They were looking for the Messiah. Jesus, however, did not come as they expected or act as they hoped, so they rejected him and his followers. Within a generation after Jesus' death the Jews were persecuting the Christians and expelling them from the synagogues. The Christians took comfort from saying that in the salvation race the Jews might have started as the favourites, but they had missed the start and were now coming last.

This way of thinking had a strong effect on the Church. While we have always believed in the mercy and love of God, at different times we have been hostile to other religions, other denominations and the secular world. We have often needed to express this in absolute terms about who was going to be saved and, more importantly, who was not!

The Second Vatican Council, however, reflected on the Church's experience of working side by side with religious people and secular humanists throughout the world who were as committed as we are to justice, love and freedom. In the 'Declaration on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions', the bishops thought more generously about how God has a relationship with all people who in turn relate to God, even if they do not name it in the same way we are able to. The Council did not resile from believing that Jesus is the way to the Father, but they also affirmed that God can work in an infinite number of ways to assist people to salvation. It is Church teaching now that our relationship to all people who share the best of our values must be characterised by acceptance, collaboration, dialogue and charity.

This does not make salvation any less important. It just clarifies for us that it is God, not us, who does the saving and the judging. Christian salvation marks us out as people who know who we are following, where we are going, how we are getting there and why this world, and the next, matters to us. Salvation gives our lives meaning, direction and purpose.

The way we live out this salvation should be irresistible to others. As the folk hymn sings, 'They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis may unite all Christians in the feast of God's kingdom.
(pause) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will be open to religious freedom and all people given the right to hear Christ's Gospel. (pause) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who have lost faith will once again hear Christ's invitation of love and peace.
(pause) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community who faithfully gather at this altar will one day take our place in the kingdom of God. (pause) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will experience God's love and healing, especially Bruce Feehan, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers. (pause) In your mercy:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will live in God's kingdom of eternal life, especially Ron Corby, Carmel Rooke, Neil Hall, James Clarke whose anniversary occurred on 19 August and our own deceased relatives and friends. (pause) In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Merciful God, the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ made us your people.
In your love, grant peace and unity to your Church.
Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church.

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am in the church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Araluen Mass: 21 August at 11am. Lunch afterwards at the pub.

Dear Parishioners,

First Reconciliation was celebrated last Saturday with four children receiving the sacrament. They will make their First Communion during the Mass on 17th September.

Araluen Mass: Don't forget this Mass at 11am on 21 August. This is one of Mick's Regional Masses. He suggests people gather at the pub afterwards for a lunch. This would be another example of our "Walking Together".

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 2pm Saturday 27 August

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Wood Raffle; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table.
Enquiries to Jenni Miller on 0436 339293



News from the pews: this is a new addition. If you have any news or photos to share, please email me. Sharing our news (happy and sometimes sad) is part of "Walking Together" as the Archbishop is asking us to do this year. This forms part of our local response.

Ross Lawless looks like he might be home this week; Les Hart is recovering at home and Ann McDougall was admitted to the Braidwood hospital last Saturday evening. Lee Maher is currently home in Braidwood.

The funeral Mass for Ron Corby will be held on Wednesday, 24th August at 11.00am.

Post-Plenary Forum: What happened at the Plenary Council and where to from here... Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will host a public forum, 7.30pm Wed 17 August in the Parish Centre, Transfiguration Parish, Curtin. Local Plenary Council participants (Sr Clare Condon, Msgr John Woods, Deacon Gavin Keating, Sally FitzGerald, Francis Sullivan) will reflect on what happened and where this leaves us as a Church. All warmly invited.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Isaiah 66:18-21. 2nd: Heb. 12:5-7,11-13. Gospel: Luke 13:22-30.

Readings for next week: 1st: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29. 2nd: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24. Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
20 Aug		Cathy F	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
27 Aug	Felix	Geraldine	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
3 Sept		Helen P	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
10 Sept	Felix	Cathy F	Bobbie/Tommy	Helen H

Ministries of service:	19 August	26 August	2 Sept
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Joy	Helen P
Cleaning:	Pauline & Wendy	Helen P	

Counters: 1st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 2nd: Sunday: Wendy H
3rd Sunday: Gabrielle K 4th: TBA

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care, keep warm.
Helen Hart