



**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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28 August 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*Almighty God,
every good thing comes from you.
Fill our hearts with love for you,
And increase our faith by your constant care.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with

spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 14:1,7-14 by Michael Tate

Heaven Embossed Invitations

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Pope Francis and all who minister in the name of the church, that they will welcome and wait on those judged to be of least account. (pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have suffered from or are at risk from violence and abuse, that the Australian bishops' Social Justice Statement calling for respectful relationships will encourage them to speak up and seek help. (Pause) Lord, hear us,

We pray for the many countries facing famine as a result of war and drought, that the world's food stocks will be swiftly shared to save their people from starvation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for every nation where increasing inequality is feeding resentment and division, that campaigners for social justice will sow seeds of unity and equity. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the families of Australian defence personnel who have died or suffered in service of their country, that Legacy Week (28 August-3 September) will assure them of ongoing support. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the children now preparing for the sacrament of First Communion, that that it will be a meaningful step in their faith journey. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Ann MacDougall, 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, that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, Ron Corby and Nigel Hall . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will take their place with all the saints in the city of the living God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, you renew us with your many blessings.

May they strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in one another.

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

Dear Parishioners,

Social Justice Sunday: 2022 Statement “Confronting Violence and Abuse

How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse

- Listen to, support, and believe those who are experiencing violence and abuse.
- Speak out about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.

- Publicise the support available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.
- Reflect together on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.
- Reject spiritual abuse by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.
- Connect with programs, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.
- Promote resources on responding to family and domestic violence produced by dioceses e.g. Perth, Broken Bay and Parramatta.

Prayer

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals,
replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse,
with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.

Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used
to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness,
respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.

Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse,
and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible,
encouraging them to change their behaviour. AMEN

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 2pm this Saturday – hopefully a fine day.

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 is home again; Ann McDougall is hoping to get home this week.

Around 30 people attended Mass at Saint Patrick’s Araluen last Sunday. It was the first Sunday Mass held there in many years. The church has seen some extensive work done on it to bring it back into public use. Many thanks to Clem who has been the driving force behind this work. St Patrick’s has been rewired, the Stations restored and new carpet runners installed.

Most of the people who attended Mass also went to the pub for lunch. A very convivial day.

Pictured is Michael Crosby ringing the bell before Mass.

Noel was there taking photos so we can expect to see a montage of the attendees in the foyer of the church next weekend.



Congratulations to Mick who celebrates his Golden Jubilee of ordination at this time.

Vinnies Ozanam Sunday Appeal is coming up. Some of the international work we do is through what we call Twinning, which is where one conference directly supports another somewhere in the world. The Society in Canberra Goulburn has approximately 70 twin conferences in Indonesia, India, Thailand, and the Solomon Islands. Through Twinning, our members seek to support our fellow members in developing countries spiritually, financially and through mutual encouragement. Our Conference is currently Twinned with one in Kerala. You might remember we had a special appeal many years ago to enable the purchase of treadle sewing machines. We hope for some support from our fellow parishioners when we open the appeal on Ozanam Sunday.

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

Readings for next week: 1st: Wisdom 9:13-18. 2nd: Philemon 9-10,12-17. Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
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
17 Sept		Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H

Ministries of service:	26 August	2 Sept	9 Sept	16 Sept
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret
Cleaning:		Bronnie & Felix		Bunny & Ella

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