

# 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

23 October 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty and ever-living God, Strengthen our faith, hope and love. May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us and come to share the life you promise. Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,

nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.

until it arrives he is inconsolable

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,

acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow,

nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (*R.*)

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



#### REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 18:9-14 GPBS 18/10/2022

# **Pocket Prayers**

The Jesus Prayer has its origin in this parable. The text of the prayer is simple: "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner". Although prayed since the sixth century, the modern technique associated with this prayer - controlled breathing and mantra-like repetitions – probably didn't come into use until the fourteenth century. Like any prayer, the point isn't to perfect the technique but to find the right spirit.

The tax collector in the parable had the right spirit, even if he couldn't imagine the technique that history would form around his prayer. He simply bowed his head, acknowledged his sins, and counted on God's mercy. The Pharisee, who had more style and undoubtedly greater technique, gave himself over to self-celebration, reporting his good deeds in the event God might have missed them. In the process, he missed the heart of prayer, which is humility.

The lesson on prayer is simple. Pray however you want, but be sure of two things: that you DO pray, and that your heart is invested in your prayer.

# How do pride and humility figure in your experience of prayer?

Pocket a Scripture for the week. You may want to take a line from this week's readings, or any other Scripture that attracts you. Pray it often, and note how it affects your relationships, responses, or decisions.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

On this World Mission Sunday we pray for the whole church that, like Paul the apostle, all the baptised will bear missionary witness to Christ with courage and conviction. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the pilgrim people of God, that believers everywhere will practise daily prayer that is humble and honest. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the United Nations; that at this time of political, economic and social upheaval the world body will uphold its ideals of peace and justice for all. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who face further flood disruption in eastern Australia, that their communities will give them strong and lasting support. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the children of Australia, that National Children's Week (22-30 October) will offer them much to celebrate and enjoy. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who face homelessness unexpectedly, especially older women, that they will find the help they need to be safely housed. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Michael Crosby, Geoff Bradley, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, 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 – Richie Simpson, Berri McAuliffe . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will receive the crown of righteousness from Christ their Lord. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased Richie Simpson, Berri McAuliffe, Bruce Feehan, for our own deceased relatives and friends . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May their hope of eternal life be fulfilled beyond measure. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

#### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord,

bring us to perfection by the receiving of your loving grace.

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: November date TBA at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Krawarree Mass: 30 October at 11am. Lunch to follow in the hall.

Vinnies Meeting: Friday 21st October at 1.30pm.

# Dear Parishioners,

This week we hold our Mission Sunday Appeal:

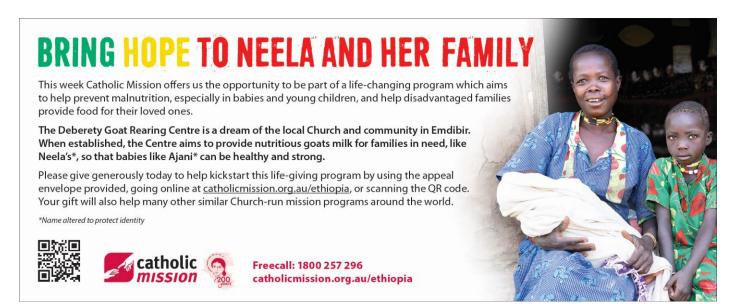
"What we do for our brother, we are doing it for God. Because God is invisible, but we see Him in our brothers and sisters who are in need." Bishop Musie

Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies.

As the Pope's international mission agency, we respond to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith in action and through prayer. We share in God's mission to reach out, give life by sharing our personal and financial resources to: proclaim the Gospel, serve people in need and act for peace, justice and creation in partnership with local churches so that all may have life in Christ.

Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support initiatives in 1,100 dioceses, including remote Australia. Grassroots needs are identified by local Catholics, to give people the opportunity for a full, enriched life—physically and spiritually—regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender.

This year we are bringing hope and building brighter futures for families in Emdibir, Ethiopia.





If you wish to attend Br Brian's 90th Birthday Celebration on 5th November please either reply to this email or phone Helen on 0430 169 849

The cost is \$35 per person which can be paid directly to the Office, Helen H or Germaine in advance or on the night.

A small contribution towards a birthday gift would be appreciated.

**News from the pews:** 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.

## Any news to share?

Radio Church Sundays 6pm, 88.9 FM.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday 22nd October

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle – this month the raffle prize is a non-stick pasta pot and frypan set plus pot plant;

Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table.

Enquiries to Jenni Miller on 0436 339293



A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer, led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thu 24 Nov in a relaxed retreat setting. Contact Alfred (0412 268 044, readysetgo@live.com.au). https://bit.ly/cursillo22

# Year of Walking Together Events

Archbishop's Day of Teaching - Saturday 12 November 2022 at St Peter Chanels Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free! Talks, Testimonies, Worship, Healing prayer ministry! Holy Mass at midday. Free Sausage Sizzle lunch! To register: https://www.trybooking.com/CDFEF. Or call/text Maida 0423 658 326

Re-opening and Blessing Mass for Sts. Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral in Goulburn commencing at 11am on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Readings for Mass1st: 1st: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19 2nd: 2 Tim. 4:6-8,16-18 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

**Readings for next week:** 1st: Wisdom 11:22-12:2. 2nd: 2 Thess. 1:11-2:2 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

# **Ministry Rosters for our Masses**

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
22 Oct	Felix	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
29 Oct		Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
5 Nov	Felix	Helen P	Bobbie/Tommy	Helen H
12 Nov		Cathy F	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H

Ministries of service:21 Oct28 Oct4 NovAltar Decorating:MargaretJoyHelen PCleaning:Bronnie & Felix

Counters: 1st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 2nd: Sunday: Wendy H

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Gabrielle K 4<sup>th</sup>: Phil Owen

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

Take care of each other Helen Hart

