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Year A

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
6:45am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest out of office hours
call - 6248 8253**

**Render to Caesar
the things that are
Caesar's,**



**and to God
the things that
are God's.**

**If you are feeling unwell please DO NOT come to church.
Please record your name & contact number on the Register
provided in the foyer.**

**PLEASE sanitise your hands on entering the foyer or parish centre.
Please DO NOT return your bulletin to the basket, if you are not taking
it home put it in the bin.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

Responsorial Psalm

95:1. 3-5. 7-10

R/: Give the Lord glory and honour.

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.

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.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/:**

SECOND READING

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 replied, '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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

CATECHESIS ON THE MASS

The Priesthood of Christ



Over the last couple of weeks we've been looking at the form by which the sacrifice of Christ is offered. It is to be remembered when we understand the Mass that it is primarily the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross made present really and truly by the ritual of the Mass. As we recall there are a number of ingredients that are intimately associated with sacrifice-1) a visible (often precious) gift, 2) an act of sacrifice or ritual which visibly represents the invisible, inner sacrificial disposition of the priest and worshippers. 3) a sacrificing priest who is authorized to appear before God as the representative of the community; 4) the purpose of the sacrifice, which primarily consists in the recognition of the absolute sovereignty of God through adoration, thanksgiving and petition, and secondarily in reconciliation with God through atonement.

We have covered, so far in our analysis, the notion of a visible gift or oblation, this is Jesus Christ himself. Jesus is the divine victim the most precious gift that can be offered. Christ by virtue of his truly assumed humanity offers his own body and blood as the new Passover Lamb "**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world**". Just as the Passover Lambs of the Old Law represented God's mercy by sparing the inhabitants of those homes whose wooden lintels were covered in the Lambs' blood, the God-man's blood now pleads for mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation on the wood of the Cross.

The sacrifice of the cross then is played out for us ritually in the Mass. This is the second element of sacrifice we have now investigated by our thorough explanation of the Eucharistic Liturgy, its rites, gestures and structure. The Mass simply is the ritual which visibly represents the invisible, inner sacrificial disposition of the priest and worshippers.

We now come to an appreciation of the third element of sacrifice and that is the concept of priesthood. Anthropologically the notion of priesthood obviously pre-dates Christianity, most sophisticated cultures entertained a priestly

Cont... caste, tribe or college. Prior to a sophisticated take on priesthood every father of a household or every leader of a tribe acted as a priest. For most cultures' priests were the agents of sacred rites, custodians of the moral code, mediators between the god and the tribe, and the bearers of sacred knowledge. To some extent these characteristics are pertinent to the priesthood of Christ's Church too, the priest is a conductor of sacred rite, the guardian of the moral law, and the bearer of sacred knowledge.

The Christian understanding of the priesthood derives from Christ himself. Jesus Christ is the priest *par excellence*, he, as the *Letter to the Hebrews* teaches, is the Supreme High Priest of our religion (Hebrews 5). It is the priesthood of Christ then we shall explore in the coming weeks.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

CHURCH CAPACITY

Please make sure you arrive before the start of Mass to register. The 10am Mass is now reaching capacity (100 parishioners). Once the 100 has been reached, the door will be locked and no one else will be admitted to fulfill Government requirements.

BEATING THE CRUNCH

In the paper the other day someone wrote about the current economic crash as a 'crisis of faith': we had believed in the money markets as our religion. We just thought that money would make money and money would buy happiness.

'The Pharisees are trying desperately to get rid of Him. If He says you can pay taxes to Caesar, then He's on the side of the hated Romans, whom they hoped the longed-for Messiah would free them from, so they can stir up the people against Him. But if He says not to pay Caesar, then He's guilty of treason and they can hand him straight over to the Romans.

'Jesus saw straight through this. And His answer was not just clever: it had a very basic message that we often forget: God is in control, not human beings. We don't need to try to manipulate God or others. If we are faithful to God, and work within our situation, He will do the rest.

'In these tougher times, we need to rely on God's providence. This is our opportunity to let go of the money religion, so that money becomes what it should be: a useful tool, not our master.'

Excerpt from a homily by Dominic White OP

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There was a young man who was desperately in need of a job. He asked God to help him find employment, and when he secured a job that paid \$10 a week, the young man was so overjoyed that he promised God that he would always give 10 percent of his income to the church. He began by giving \$1 a week, 10% of his \$10 income. As time passed, the young man moved on to a higher paying job. Now he was making \$100 a week, and he dutifully put \$10 in the plate each Sunday. Eventually, he earned \$1,000 a week, and while he still put \$100 in the plate, it had become a grudging duty.

Finally, he hit the big time -- earning \$10,000 a week. He could not bear the thought of putting \$1,000 into the plate each Sunday, so he sought out the pastor. "When I made that promise, I only earned \$10 a week," he said. "My promise made sense back then, but now things are different. Would you please release me from my promise to give 10% of my income to the church?"

The pastor thought about it for awhile and then replied, "My son, I cannot release you from a promise you made before God. But I would be happy to pray that your income be reduced back to the original \$10 a week!"

THANK YOU

Helpers are integral in our parish community. As such we would like to acknowledge and say a big thank you for the delicious baked food and help last Sunday. Our first morning tea since the beginning of Covid was a great success. An extra thank you to Elizabeth Jones for her delicious Rosary Cake.



MISSION SUNDAY

For the Joy of the Lord is your Strength

Nehemiah 8:10

Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and ensuing civil conflicts.

You will hear about Chen's story - how his landmine accident has affected not only his life, but that of his family; and how the Arrupe Centre, led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, is providing many children and families affected by disability with the support they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Today you have the opportunity to support the Arrupe Centre as it continues this essential work. You may choose to become a monthly partner, in which your gifts will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in Cambodia. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world.

Envelopes are available on the exit tables please put them in the second collection slot of the collection boxes.



THANK YOU

Fr Bernie received his completed booklet this Week.
He sends a BIG THANK YOU to all for his very special Booklet containing your kind thoughts, words and prayers.
He was overwhelmed by your kindness.

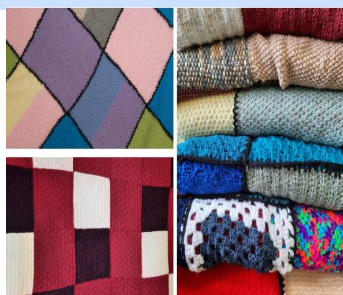


Fr Bernie will be celebrating 60th Anniversary of his ordination on 22 October.

*He has served the Lord with gladness - tirelessly, faithfully and with great compassion for his flock.
Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter his life, May God continue to richly bless him and watch over him.
May the God of peace grant him peace now and always.*

THANK YOU

Thank you for your donations of wool and completed squares for ACU Engagement's Wrap with Love giving initiative.



Along with contributions from ACU staff and students we had over 200 squares, resulting in seven completed blankets. With such a fantastic result, four of the blankets were gifted to Wrap with Love and three to the Canberra Hospital Foundation via Good Omen Goodeze. A special thank you to Geraldine O'Connor and her friends, and to Pat Gilchrist, for your wonderful contributions.

ANNE GRIEVE

Remembering Anne Grieve. An occasion to remember Anne, who died on 8 April this year at Calvary Hospital, will be held Saturday, 31st October, 12.00 midday, at Neil Harrigan's house, 197 Antill St. (on corner opposite the church). Time for personal sharing and BBQ lunch commencing around 12.30. If planning to attend, RSVP to raymond.canning@hotmail.com

ROSTER

Please contact the office by 2 November if you would like to volunteer for the Liturgy Roster. At present we need Acolytes, Readers, People to operate the Data Projectors for the Vigil, 8am & 5pm Masses and volunteers for the register table.
Please note the roster on the bulletin for the first two weeks of November will appear in the previous weeks bulletins.

WEEKLY READER FORMATION

Weekly Reader Formation sessions have resumed on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. Meet at the door of the church at 7.30 pm.

18 - 24 October 2020
Marian Procession

10 am 25 October 2020
Youth Marian Reflection

11 am 25 October 2020
Multicultural Mass

FOLLOW THE LINKS ONLINE AT WWW.CATHOLICVOICE.ORG.AU

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please check the notice board in the foyer for Covid 19 rules for the Church.

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Moya McGrath, Barbara Parsonage, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Anne Corver, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Frank Zobec, June Pollard, Maureen Dawes, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Joe Schimizzi, Bob Hackett, Elsie Loughton, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Beth Delos Santos, Maureen Blood, Anna Linard, Bernard Druett

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Anna Koenigkamp, Marie Shaw, Trinidad Briones, Rosa Nelly Diaz Lorca, Giovana Italiano

Anniversaries - In Loving Memory

Glenn McCluskey

PARISH

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - Parish School of Religion is in recess. Families wishing for children to receive Sacramental preparation should contact Nicole Webb on 0414139170. A friendly reminder to observe COVID precautions by keeping children who are unwell or who have been exposed to unwell family members, at home.

MASS INTENTION - please email or phone the Parish Office.

PRAY THE ROSARY - First Saturday each month 3.30pm

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is NOON TUESDAY
Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

ROSTER 24 / 25 October		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone