

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

WONDER FOR GIFTS RECEIVED

It has been said that the problem with humility is that it's the only virtue you can't boast about! For some it is a sign of maturity, for others, it shows a lack of belief in oneself, or it can be a means of subtly advancing your own cause in a way that is socially acceptable, but self-serving.

As Jesus addresses the question of humility, he wisely takes it in stages. Firstly, using the example of the wedding feast, he leads the Pharisees to admit that a self-serving humility can result in a person being exalted. Having gained their attention, Jesus moves on to deal with the nature of authentic humility which expresses itself in care for those who are less fortunate.

Over the last few weeks, the passages taken from the letter to the Hebrews have been reflecting on various aspects of the life of faith. These passages have been both encouraging and challenging. As the reflection concludes there is a call to awe, gratitude and humility for the marvellous gifts every Christian has received. In the ancient world the firstborn son would enjoy the lion's share of the inheritance, and many Christians, as slaves, did not enjoy the status of citizenship. This meant that they had, at best, limited rights. As Christians, however, their status has been radically changed. The covenant in Jesus' blood makes us all 'firstborn sons', sharing the same dignity and status as citizens in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

28 AUGUST 2022

FIRST READING

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

R. 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

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

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Daylight Saving changes*

St Patrick's Cooma Mass Time
 Mass Sunday's at 10am & 5pm
 2nd & 5th Sunday 5pm LITURGY
Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Sunday 4:00 - 4:30pm
Weekday
 Tue 5pm Mass Adoration 4.30pm
 Mass 10am Mon Thu & Fri
Adaminaby
 Vigil Mass
 Mass 4th Sunday *5pm
Nimmitabel
 Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
 *5pm Sat Vigil Mass
 1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm
Numeralla
 Mass 2nd 5.30pm
 LITURGY 4th Sunday 5.30pm
Berridale
 Mass 2nd Sunday *5pm Sat Vigil
 Mass 4th Sunday 10am
 LITURGY OF THE WORD
 1st 3rd & 5th Sunday
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 2nd Sunday 10am Mass
 4th Sunday 8am Mass



**REMEMBERING
 THEIR FAITH AND LOVE**

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased:

Maureen D'Amico, wife of Giulio, mother of Rick, Ed and David (funeral liturgy Monday 10:30am, St Patrick's); Margaret Hassall, Ken Jones, Maria Sturmer, Robert Pascoe

Anniversaries & Special Intentions:

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death": Shirley Caldwell, Roger Hassall, Charles & Betty McGill; Mark Rick, Marie Dunne, Gordon Stewart; Tony Lette; Miskelly and Payne families.

Prayers for our Sick: "May they be comforted through the Spirit of healing:

Keith Lynch, Amelia Zeija, Lola Povey, Warren Hinds, Margaret Frazer, Honey Brackel, Belinda Mercer, June Dykes, George Dykes, Josephine Mondolo, Franco Mondolo, Gary Watkins, Alice Johnson, Mary Hanna, Angela Blyton, Jara Gregor, Clare Nowland, Marie McCulloch, Pauline Taffa

Welcome Fr Stephen Hackett to St Patrick's Cooma for 10am Mass

Pope Francis on Ageing

An old age that is consumed in the despondency of missed opportunities brings despondency to oneself and to others. Instead, old age lived with gentleness, lived with respect for real life, definitively dissolves the misconception of a Church that adapts to the worldly condition, thinking that by so doing it can definitively govern its perfection and fulfilment. When we free ourselves from this presumption, the time of ageing that God grants us is already in itself one of those "greater" works Jesus speaks of. In effect, it is a task that was not given to Jesus to fulfil: his death, his resurrection and his ascent to heaven made it possible for us! Let us remember that "time is superior to space". It is the law of initiation. Our life is not made to be wrapped up in itself, in an imaginary earthly perfection. It is destined to go beyond, through the passage of death — because death is a passage. Indeed, our stable place, our destination, is not here; it is beside the Lord, where he dwells forever.

Here, on earth, the process of our "novitiate" begins: we are apprentices of life, who — amid a thousand difficulties — learn to appreciate God's gift, honouring the responsibility of sharing it and making it bear fruit for everyone. The time of life on earth is the grace of this passage. The presumption of stopping time — of wanting eternal youth, unlimited well-being, absolute power — is not only impossible; it is delusional.

Our existence on earth is the time of the initiation into life: it is life, but one that leads you towards a fuller life, the initiation of the fuller one; a life which finds fulfilment only in God. We are imperfect from the very beginning, and we remain imperfect up to the end. In the fulfilment of God's promise, the relationship is inverted: the space of God, which Jesus prepares for us with the utmost care, is superior to the time of our mortal life. Hence: old age brings the hope of this fulfilment closer. Old age, by now, definitively knows the meaning of time and the limitations of the place in which we live our initiation. This is why old age is wise: this is why the elderly are wise. This is why it is credible when it invites us to rejoice in the passing of time. It is not a threat; it is a promise. Old age is noble; it does not need to beautify itself to show its nobility. Perhaps the disguise comes when nobility is lacking. Old age is credible when it invites one to rejoice in the passing of time: but time passes... Yes, but this is not a threat; it is a promise. The old age that rediscovers the depth of the gaze of faith is not conservative by nature, as they say! God's world is an infinite space, in which the passage of time no longer carries any weight. And it was precisely at the Last Supper that Jesus projected himself towards this goal, when he said to his disciples: "I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Mt 26:29). He went beyond. In our preaching, Paradise is often rightly full of beatitude, of light, of love. Perhaps it lacks a little life. Jesus, in the parables, spoke of the kingdom of God by putting more life into it. Are we no longer capable of this? The life that continues...

Three Parishes Together
NOVENA PRAYER FOR A SECOND PRIEST
 I invite you to pray this prayer for the next nine days, asking the Lord to send us a second priest for this area.
 Lord, you know us and all our needs. We are in need of a second priest to help guide us in our mission of bringing Christ to all. We ask

Rosters- Ministry

Usher

Sun 28th 10am Pauline Radosavljevic
 5pm Ron Jaajaa
 Sun 4th 10am Kathleen Bashford
 5pm volunteer please

Reader/ Commentator

Sun 28th 10am Kevin Dunne Suja Tessa
 5pm Paul Mackay Terri Rick
 Sun 4th 10am Lyn Last Tony Goodwin
 5pm Jan Payne Mary Bennett

Altar Servers

Sun 28th 10am
 Sun 4th 10am Natalia & Amelia Zieja

Children's Liturgy

28th Aug 10am Joan Simpson
 4th Sep 10am Suja Tessa

Altar Linen

Sun 28th Gaie Mooney
 Sun 4th Jolanta Zieja

Morning Tea

Sun 28th
 Sun 4th Kathleen Bashford
 FLOWERS: assisted by Claire Neumeyer

Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time /C

1st Reading Book of Wisdom 9:13-18
 2nd Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17
 Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

Acolyte

Sun 28th 10am Andrea Bosco
 5pm Richard Cmunt
 Sun 4th 10am Andrea Bosco
 5pm Darren Steinke

Special Ministers-suspended Chalice- 1 minister

Sun 28th 10am Rafal Zieja
 5pm Mary Bennett
 Sun 4th 10am Jan McLean
 5pm Kate Grimstad

Cleaning NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED PLEASE

Sat 3rd Blyton & Barrett family
 Sat 10th Sue McPhie Leah Baker
 Bernadette Moser

Hospital

Sun 28th Joan Simpson
 Sun 4th Jan McLean

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