

Sunday 30 Aug 2020  
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time A  
First Reading Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

*The Word of the Lord  
R Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2*

**R.** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; For you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you Like a dry, weary land without water.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary To see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, My lips will speak your praise.

3. So I will bless you all my life, In your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, My mouth shall praise you with joy.

4. For you have been my help; In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; Your right hand holds me fast.

**R.** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking be-

ings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

*The Word of the Lord  
R Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

*See Eph 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation. Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction. After witnessing the marvelous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**PAIN, SUFFERING,  
AND SORROW ARE  
BUT THE KISS OF  
JESUS—A SIGN THAT  
YOU HAVE COME SO  
CLOSE TO HIM THAT  
HE CAN KISS YOU.**

*- St Teresa of Calcutta*



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Tues 01:** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 02:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 03:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 04:** 9.15am Mass  
**Sat 05:** 9am Rosary/Mass  
9.30am Recon  
6pm Mass  
**Sun 06:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass

ROSTERS 29/30 AUG

Church Cleaning  
B Coffey/M Paine (31-4/9)  
Welcomers  
6pm B Wilson  
9am J McClelland  
5pm D Ebejer  
Commentator  
6pm M Bridges  
9am C Lowe  
5pm S Ebejer  
Readers  
6pm J Quigley  
9am M Lowe  
5pm M Devine  
Eucharistic Ministers  
6pm A Rogers  
9am L Stevens  
5pm D Gorzalka  
Computer Screen  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Priest  
5pm M O'Neill  
**REGISTRARS**  
6pm J Wain, J McCarthy  
9am B Basevi, G Norris  
5pm N Beatty

ROSTERS 5/6 SEPTEMBER

Church Cleaning  
R & K Ison (3-7))  
Welcomers  
6pm Sr Marie McAlister  
9am L Page  
5pm M deSmet  
Commentator  
6pm M Weatherall  
9am B Basevi  
5pm M O'Neill  
Readers:  
6pm J Mackay  
9am A Skinner  
5pm K O'Sullivan  
Eucharistic Ministers  
6pm A Rogers  
9am K Corbin  
5pm L Favetta  
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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A

THE CROSS, A CONDITION FOR DISCIPLESHIP



Last weekend, St Matthew presented a narrative with many images. These included the image of the Church to be built on Peter, the rock personified, and the image of the keys signifying the magisterium of the Church. This weekend, Christ continues his discourse by pointing to a significant image, the Cross, a principal symbol in Christianity. It recalls the Crucifixion and the redeeming effects of his Passion and death.

Before the time of Christ, the cross represented suffering and was used to execute criminals, especially under the imperial Roman rule. The crucifixion story of Jesus and two other thieves reflects this. Christ's redemptive death on the cross

gave it additional and indeed, a new meaning; from being a mark of shame and suffering, the cross is now identified with hope, victory and a symbol of triumph. Thus, the cross is a sign both of Christ himself and of the faith of Christians. In ceremonial usage, making a sign of the cross may be, according to the context, an act of profession of faith, a prayer, a dedication, and a benediction.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus presents the symbol of the cross as a necessary condition for true discipleship when he said: *"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself, take up his cross and follow me"* (Matthew 16.24). In saying this, Jesus calls for an open and enduring disposition to accepting the cross in whatever form or shape.

The invitation of Jesus to his followers then and now remains critical as the reality of the cross is not less light by day or years. 2020 has been a year of the cross! This may be visible not only in the events of the fires, but in the global pandemic, creating enormous human suffering, derailing many world economies, overwhelming medical services resulting in massive fatalities, with many families unable to spend time with their deceased loved ones.

Additionally, the loss of income or means of livelihood, changes to lifestyle with prolonged uncertainty and fears are common experiences. The ongoing lockdowns, the isolation, the compelling home-schooling experiences for parents and children, the discomfort and difficulties resulting from the many guidelines, the impact of cancer and the growing presence of mental illness, the focus of this year's *Social Justice Sunday* among other things, potentially reminds us of the cross.

Sometime, the weight of the cross can be crushing, leaving us with little or no energy for the next step. However, St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop tells us, *"Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things, we feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them"*.

In the words of St. John of the Cross, *"We tend to be rich, soft, comfortable. We shrink even from words like self-denial, mortification, purification, asceticism, and discipline. We run from the cross: Don't if you really want to live!"*

The cross is a necessary component of our baptismal call to discipleship,  
*no cross, no crown.*

*Fr Martins*



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

### SEPTEMBER

#### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis. Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



### UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wrap With Love**  
Tues 8th 10am  
**Bible Study/Faith Formation**—Wed 9.30am  
**Craft Group**—Thursday 10am--12pm

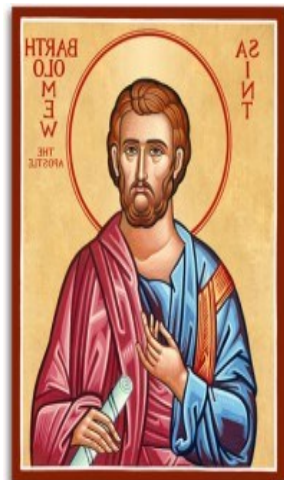
**Adoration**—Friday 5.30 pm  
**Reconciliation**—Saturday 9.30am  
**E-Activity Singalong** Mon 1pm

## St Bartholomew Feast Day August 24th

### Patron Saint of tanners, tailors, leatherworkers and Butchers

**Bartholomew was one of the 12 apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament.**

Nathaniel Bar-Tholmai is known just by his first name or by the common -rendering of his surname, which literally means *son of Tolomai*.



Philip introduced Bartholomew to the Lord. When told that the Messiah had arrived and that he was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartholomew's response was, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" which prompted Jesus to say, "This man has no guile" (John 1:47); in other words, he speaks his mind.

John's Gospel mentions Bartholomew as one of the Apostles to whom the risen Christ appeared at the Sea of Galilee after his Resurrection.

Two ancient testimonies exist about the mission of Saint Bartholomew in India. These are of Eusebius of Caesarea (early 4th century) and

of Saint Jerome (late 4th century). Both of these refer to this tradition while speaking of the reported visit of Pantaenus to India in the 2nd century. The studies of Fr A.C. Perumalil SJ and Moraes hold that the Bombay region on the Konkan-coast, a region which may have been known as the ancient city Kalyan, was the field of Saint Bartholomew's missionary activities. Along with his fellow apostle Jude "Thaddeus", Bartholomew is reputed to have brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1st century. Thus, both saints are considered the patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

One tradition has it that Apostle Bartholomew was executed in Albanopolis in Armenia. According to popular hagiography, the apostle was flayed alive and beheaded. According to other accounts he was crucified upside down (head downward) like St Peter. He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity. The remains of St. Bartholomew were transferred to two churches in Italy: Benevento and the Church of St. Bartholomew-in-the-Tiber in Rome. This saint's main symbol consists of three knives representing his gruesome death.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

Originally a Hungarian civil society initiative to commemorate Mother Teresa's death, International Day of Charity on September 5 took off worldwide in 2012 when the UN declared it an international holiday. Besides honoring Mother Teresa's tireless work to help others overcome poverty and suffering, the holiday provides a platform for charitable opportunities to take place. If you can't make a financial donation on September 5, there are still many ways to get involved. Overall, this day reminds us that simple acts of charity can alleviate the worst effects of humanitarian crises and create more inclusive and resilient societies.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY THIS AUGUST.

### Gathering: "Strengthening Wellness and Self Care in a Challenging Year"

This invitation is extended to all parishioners, family and friends who have been impacted by the many events of this year. **Date:** Tuesday September 15th at St Bernard's Church, 9 am Registration for 9.30am start—12.30pm.

**Guest Facilitator:** Bruce Chan BA (Psych) Bruce has over 13 years experience in counselling. Cost is Free—sponsored by Baptist Care Fire Relief Funds.

Health Protocols will be in place. Please wear a mask.

**RSVP:** September 8th to Parish office, notice in foyer of church or Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057 email: [mariet51@bigpond.com](mailto:mariet51@bigpond.com). Please bring a plate if you are able to. We have extended this invitation to other churches.

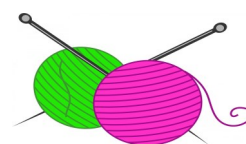
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## Feasts of the Week

**3rd—St Gregory the Great Pope and Doctor**  
**4th—Blessed Dina Belanger**



### WRAP WITH LOVE

Help is needed to sew up squares. Batches of squares are available on the shelf in the meeting room, or contact Jenny on 0414 664 077. Thankyou

### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**1st Collection** Acc. Name: Central Presbytery Fund Bank Acc: 000029248 BSB: 062-786 Ref: TOWN & SURNAME. Eg: Batemans bay Jones

**2nd Collection** Supports the running costs of the Parish Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786 Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank You may also contribute using this link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>.

### Remembering the Sick:

Daniel Coffey, Pio Liberale, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

### Death Anniversaries:

Stanley Crowther, Lorna Vella, June Bowditch, Trevor Latta, Egidius Post, Kata Katic, Emilia Marszalek,

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:**

Jan Schor, Dennis Mayer, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Eli Chatfield, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Tony Craddy, Terry Parsons, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Sencio, Janette Gosman, Evert Ordelman, Mato Katik

## Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass

**VENUE:** Corrigans Cove

**CROATIAN MASS** will be held on Saturday 5th September at 11am. All welcome

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