

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sunday 18 Oct 2020
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading *Is 45:1-4-6*
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.
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.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

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. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading *1 Thes 1:1-5*
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.
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.
The Word of the Lord
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Gospel Acclamation *Phil 2:15. 16*
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 22:15-21*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God’s.
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 said, ‘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.’

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REFLECTION
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Whose Image and Likeness?
Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. *They* are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, ‘Whose image is it and whose inscription?’ They said to him, ‘Caesar’s’. Then he said to them: ‘Render to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.’ The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, ‘Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.’ We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: ‘Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, *and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.*’ (Italics added) We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, ‘Child of God’, effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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Some give to mission by going: others go, by Giving.

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES
Tues 20: 5.30 Mass
Wed 21: 9am Mass
Thurs 22: 9am Mass
Fri 23: 9.15am Mass
Sat 24: 9am Rosary / Mass 9.30am Recon
6pm Mass
Sun 25: 9am Mass
5pm Mass

ROSTERS 17/18 OCTOBER
Church Cleaning
B Favetta/J O'Neill(19-23)
Welcomers
6pm Sr Marie McAlister
9am J McClelland
5pm L Favetta
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am B Basevi
5pm J O'Sullivan
Readers
6pm J Quigley
9am A Skinner
5pm M Devine
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm J Wain
9am C Connell,
5pm L Favetta
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm M O'Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm S & M Beashel
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm D & N Gorzalka

ROSTERS 24/25 OCTOBER
Church Cleaning
D & L May (26-30)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am C Connell
5pm M deSmet
Commentator
6pm J Quigley
9am A Brown
5pm K O'Sullivan
Readers
6pm P O'Kelly
9am A Horsfall
5pm P Billington
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers
9am L Stevens
5pm D Gorzalka
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O'Sullivan
REGISTRARS
6pm J Wain, J McCarthy
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm N Beatty

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A
2020 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER
Theme: here am I, send me (Is 6:8)

“WHAT THE SPIRIT BRINGS.....”
The most consoling words in today’s reading are: ‘**I have called you by name, conferring a title**’ ...that **title** given at Baptism where we were anointed priest, prophet and king giving us the authority required, in our adult life, to call upon the Holy Spirit at all times. ‘*The Spirit joins with our spirit to bear common witness that we are children of God*’ Romans 8:16

St Paul tells us that it is not just saying prayers and keeping the faith, but that the spiritual life of the Christian is based on the living and professing that faith through the actions of our daily life. The virtues of **faith, hope and charity** must be lived in their fullness. During this time when the Sacrament of Confirmation has recently being conferred, we may commit ourselves once again to the **Gifts** - Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Awe,) and **Fruits** of the Holy Spirit - Love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control! What a **treasure trove** we have to call on!! They are in our knapsack. What stops us??

We are also encouraged to pray for our Community especially at this time. The gospel reminds us that we are forever being challenged by the ‘world’ to be strong in our Faith. We do have the responsibility to be a good citizen, to obey the rules and pay our dues. There are many issues today that challenge us to take a stand. This is often difficult as it is so easy to stay silent. Silence can be a strength but there are times when our voices are to be heard. This is where we can call on the Holy Spirit to help us. How do we respond?



The mental anguish which is so rampant needs addressing by each of us in our own way. It may only mean a listening ear... a smile but to be aware of those around us is a simple way of being a positive image rather than the negative which seems to make all headlines. Although we may not realise it, we are often the instrument that God requires to lead another to God.

We don’t have to do great things, but we can do the little things well!
God bless

Sr Marie

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

OCTOBER

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



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—Wed 28 th 11 am
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30 am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am-12pm
Men Alive—1st & 3rd Wed 8 am
Adoration—Friday 5.30pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30 am
Christmas Day Combined Churches Lunch Meeting—Mon 19th Oct 1.30pm Meeting Room
BBECET Meeting—Mon 19th Oct 5-6pm Anglican Church
E-Activity: Singalong Mondays 1 pm

Mission Sunday Appeal

The joy of the Lord is our Strength! *Nehemiah 8:10*

Today is World Mission Sunday - a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world.

This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and practical support to live a fulfilling life.



Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre which provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise. You are warmly invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia through this year's Church Appeal.

WAYS TO GIVE: Due to COVID restrictions here are some ways to support the Appeal -

1. **Envelopes (available in Church foyers) – please put in the collection box in the foyer.**
2. **visit Website – give online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia;**
3. **Text GIVE to 0488 854 436 and then follow instructions. Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.**

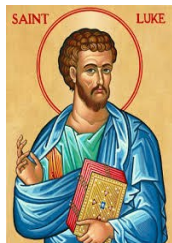
ST LUKE, THE EVANGELIST - FEAST DAY SUNDAY 18TH

St Luke is quite special. Not only was he the only Gentile to write books of the Bible, but he was a close companion of St. Paul. If St. Paul succeeded in evangelising the western Roman empire, Luke may have had more to do with it than we know.

It is likely that God used his medical skills to keep St. Paul alive some of those times when he was beaten, stoned, or half-drowned. St. Luke is also the first Christian physician on record. Untold thousands have followed in his steps. Physicians can look to St. Luke as an example, but so can historians, because his writings are very much in the Greek tradition. Painters claim him for their brotherhood, too, because tradition holds he painted a picture of the Blessed Virgin which hung in the Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome.

The apostle Paul told us that Luke was a doctor. In fact, he called him "dear doctor Luke." Given his use of medical detail in the two books he wrote for the Bible, The Gospel According to Luke and The Acts of the Apostles, we might have guessed it ourselves. Luke pulled back the curtain on the young Jesus more than any other gospel writer. Without him we would not know anything about the boy Jesus's thinking. It is a pretty safe bet that Luke interviewed the Blessed Virgin Mary and got most of the details from her. Perhaps he even heard the Magnificat, recorded in his gospel alone, from her very own lips. October 18 is the great doctor's feast day in churches that observe such traditions.

St. Luke is patron saint of artists, bachelors, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, doctors, glass makers, glassworkers, gold workers, goldsmiths, lace-makers, lace workers, notaries, painters, physicians, sculptors, stained glass workers, surgeons, and unmarried men.



OCTOBER ROSARY Everyone is invited to join in praying the Rosary before daily masses or in private at home during the month of October.



Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn

invite all to join in a Public Forum (Zoomed) on Thursday 22nd October 5 to 6.30pm, **How can The Light from the Southern Cross shine in dioceses?** Forum will examine recommendations from the report promoting co-responsible governance in the Catholic Church in Australia. **Speakers:** Susan Pascoe AM and Virginia Bourke. **FORUM CHAIR** Andrea Dean. **Contact** Mark Metherell 0417 603 697 Further information on the notice in the foyer, or www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events

Friends Of Maranatha Committee

invites you to a sale of clothing and household bric-a-brac on Saturday 7th November at the CWA rooms at 11 am. If you can assist with donations of saleable goods it would be much appreciated. For more info contact Norma Dean on 0477759990.

We look forward to your support.

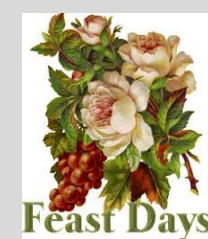
PPC RENEWAL PROCESS

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Plan. The following parishioners have been invited to participate in the discernment process leading to the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council. These will collaborate with the incumbent Pastoral Councillors in developing a new Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021-2023. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Mick Lowe, Nola Beatty, Miranda Vidovic, Tony DCosta, Judith Baroman, Pat Jobes, Peter O'Kelly, Maria Devine, Saskia Ebejer, Jenny Rzepa

Feasts of the Week

Sunday 18th—St Luke the Evangelist
Monday 19th—St Peter of Alcantara, St Jean de Brebeuf, St Isaac Jogues, St Paul of the Cross
Tuesday 20th—St Irene
Friday 23rd—St John of Capistrano
Saturday 24th—St Anthony Mary Claret



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

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

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

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, 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 Odum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Adrian Ebejer, Terence O'Mahony, Domenico Cristallo, Olga Drinan, Kevin Rourke, Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Norma Phillips, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community:

Peter Varkulevicius, Ian McAdam, Pio Liberale, Amelia Davis, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey, Jan Schor, Dennis Mayer, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Evert Ordelman, Mato Katic, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Tony Craddy, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Senci, Hilda Muldoon, Philip Lewis

Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass.

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove

Eurobodalla Tea & Talk

Sessions 11am—2 pm

All residents are invited to come down for a chat and say hello to your neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee.

Bushfire support services will be available

Locations:

*Mogo Mall Tues 20th October

*Nelligen Foreshore Reserve Tues 27th October

Congratulations St Vincent de Paul Conferences: Batemans Bay, Bega, Braidwood, Cooma, Eden Merimbula, Moruya, Tumut and The Bushfire Task Force who combined, received the NSW Volunteer of the Year.

Welcome and Congratulations: Yvonne & Bob Oerder, Phil Billington & Maria Gafney who were inducted as full members of our Batemans Bay Conference on Monday October 12th.

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma District Funerals</p> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay Buy fuel any time</p> <p>EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
<p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee</p> <p>100% BEEF BURGER 248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p>02 4472 1802</p>	<p>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4472 4446 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>

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