

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20
A reading from the book of Wisdom
Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.
The godless say to themselves, ‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.
1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth.
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James
Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.
Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and

battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thes 2:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.
After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

Today's Gospel reveals a fearfulness in the disciples' response to Jesus. Afraid of asking too many questions, they almost seem to prefer being ignorant rather than admit the limits of their own understanding. Strangely, this self-imposed ignorance does not prevent them from posturing for position. What a warning for the Church this episode seems to offer!
While this excerpt of Mark's Gospel is often interpreted in terms of the virtue of humility, the other aspect of Jesus' point is easily overlooked. Every Christian is called to be 'last of all and servant of all'. Ours is a faith of humble service. The scriptures repeatedly make the point that faith is always embedded in creation. A mountain, a road, a town, and a house all frame the action in this episode. Because the Church exists wherever its members go our beliefs and prayers are not restricted to church buildings. We take our faith on roads, into our homes and towns, and even up mountains. Given this, our faith compels us to have a special care for all of creation. As Jesus clearly intimates, by humbly serving created things we express our love of the Creator who made them all.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday 19th - St Januarius
Monday 20th - Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions

Tuesday 21st - St Matthew the Evangelist, Apostle
Wednesday 22nd - St Thomas of Villanova



Thursday 23rd - St Pio of Pietrelcina
Friday 24th - St Pacifico of San Severino
Saturday 25th - St Finbar



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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist



Singalong
postponed due to Covid restrictions

Cenacle Prayer
Tues at 4.45pm Online

Enjoy The Good News
postponed due to Covid restrictions

Opal Mass - Every 1st Wed 10.30am
Glen Mass - Every 2nd Wed 10.30am .
Goodwin Manor Mass Every 3rd Wed 2pm
Maranatha Mass - Every 4th Wed 2pm

Craft Group-Thurs Not on due to Covid Rules

Adoration-
Fri (24/9) 5:30pm Online

Charismatic Prayer Group - Friday (24/9) after morning mass.

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop - Postponed due to Covid19 restrictions advised.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Have you ever had to correct or give bad news to someone? A child? A member of staff? A partner? It's not always easy, is it?

I had to give a young female worker some counselling regarding her supervisor's mid-year work performance assessment. We had hardly begun than she covered her ears; started crying; and blurted out: "I don't want to hear this." Fortunately I had some training in handling anxious behaviour. I managed to placate her.



It took some time. I was reminded of this incident while reading Mark's Gospel for this Sunday's Mass. I recalled in detail this girl's way of coping with the anxiety she felt at the prospect of bad news (real or imagined). "If I don't hear it, it doesn't exist." **Denial.**

Jesus & his disciples were on a road trip through Galilee. For the second time in as many weeks, Jesus tried to tell them about the inevitable cruel death he was to suffer & his subsequent resurrection. But they did not understand what he was saying. They were afraid to ask. *They were anxious. They went into denial. They didn't want to hear bad news.*

The group continued walking. Jesus went ahead. The disciples followed, arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. They fantasised about their future prospects under Jesus the Conquering Liberator, the Messiah. *Who would be Jesus's Chief Minister?* Their fantasising about their greatness suppressed anything Jesus had said about betrayal and suffering.

At their destination, Jesus tried once again to teach them that he was trying, through them, to set up a new kind of society. The power structure would be inverted. The leaders would be but trusted servants. Not for them, the pursuit of prestige, power & possessions. Jesus sat down, like a Rabbi about to give instruction.

He drew a small child into his arms. Children are at the bottom of society's pecking order. No power and influence here, yet Jesus equated the child with himself. **"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."**

In fact Jesus went further. **"Whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."**

The way to the Father is through Jesus, but the sure way to Jesus is through the poor, not the rich; the weak, not the strong; the ignored, not the celebrated.

Through our Baptism we share in the mission of Christ. We become his disciples.

Like Him we are to welcome, receive, embrace, earn the trust of those in need who cross our path. In the course of any one day, The Holy Spirit will let us know who they are, if we ask, in the name of Jesus.

God bless,

Joe Quigley

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

September

**An Environmentally
Sustainable Lifestyle**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

PARISH DAILY MASS

Online -

9AM Tuesday to Sunday

BB Parish link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89462634718?pwd=UGhwWFhlWkZUQWZ0bmhRMUZYYUpXZz09>

ROSTERS

Due to the extension of the lockdown to 24th September, 2021 the rosters will not be issued this week.

Once we know what is happening the roster will be emailed out to you.

Ministry Connect

We encourage all Ministries/Team & Group Leaders to keep in touch through the 'Phone Tree' at this time of isolation. All private prayer intentions should be directed to Fr Martins who is also available for home visits to the sick.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name:
**St Bernard's
Operating
Account**
BSB: 062-786
Bank
Acc:000012939
Ref: Family Name

2021 Fathers Day Appeal for Retired Priests

September each year we celebrate Fathers Day and undertake Fathers Day Appeal during the month in support of the Clergy Retirement Foundation which cares for 28 retired priests of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn. We live in such a difficult time, however, your ongoing contribution will be of immense help in providing accommodation, financial assistance and health care.

Contributions are tax deductible and can be made in the following ways:

- Electronically BSB 062 786 Account 22557
Account Name: Clergy Retirement Foundation
Reference: "BateBay FDA"
- For cheque or cash donations:

Envelopes are available at the front of the Church for posting.

Thank you for contributing to the care of our priests in retirement.

PPC Online Meeting In Brief 16 September 2021

- The PPC is appreciative of all the efforts made by many parishioners to engage others during this time through phone trees offering contact with isolated parishioners and the many innovative and evolving parish online resources including the Parish Online Mass streaming 9am Tuesday to Sunday; followed by an hour Bench Ministry allowing parishioners to be nourished spiritually beyond the virtual Mass, this is in addition to the Facebook page, parish websites and parish bulletins emailed and printed copies available for contact-less pick-up from the front of the church.
- The PPC encourage parishioners to join in praying for the success of the Plenary Council with the first session commencing this October. During our meeting Professor John Warhurst, a member of the Plenary Council from Canberra Goulburn linked with us to bring us up to date on the Plenary Council process, prospects and hopes. More information and opportunities for parishioners to follow the plenary council will be available online at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>. At this website, there are still opportunities to contribute to the Plenary Council Facilitation Team or we can contribute via John Warhurst c/- parish office. The second assembly is planned to take place in July 2022.
- The PPC acknowledges that the times have been challenging for all parishioners and in particular we appreciate the hard work of teachers in our schools who have worked very hard to convert their teaching and pastoral care to the online environment. We wish all teachers and students a restful school holiday period and trust that they will have the ability to recharge ahead of term 4.
- Please remember to engage with any PPC member on parish matters important to you.

Please keep safe everyone.

Covid-19 Update: Please see Parish Website for the latest protocols with church closure until 11.59pm Friday 24th September 2021 depending on new cases in the area

Mass online from St Christopher's Cathedral in Canberra is available daily
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

BULLETIN - The Parish Bulletin will be uploaded to our website: www.cg.org.au/batemansbay and emailed out each week. Printed copies will be available at the front of the church, if you would like to pick up a copy when you are in town doing your shopping.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

TO THE FATHER Heavenly Father, St Joseph set aside his own plans to embrace your dream for us. You invited his help in caring for Jesus your Son, our Saviour, and the Revealer of your wonderful love. Enable us to live by your loving plan and to reflect to the world the light of Christ. *St Joseph, man of dreams and trusting steward,*



LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



HUMILITY

The Gospel of Mark this week recounts the disciples arguing about who was the greatest – they are rebuked by Jesus. The pandemic is revealing our strengths and our weaknesses and our fears and our anxieties.

Perhaps we are being called to reflect on what it might mean to be humble – to learn from and rely on others.

An insight

Humility gives us the sacred gift of being able to learn from everyone. It gives us the ability to take advice from any person who gives it, not just the brilliant or the holy or the great, but from the simple and the ignorant and from those who may be far below our own position or station in life. It gives us the power to imitate Christ himself, who learned from Peter how to catch fish, and from Joseph how to make tables, and from Mary how to eat. It gives us the power to learn, even from those who do not appeal to us at all, whom we may not like very much.

The humble person knows they don't know all things, knows that good advice, no matter what the source, is a rare gift, a gift that helps develop the wonder of self-knowledge. Very often, it is from people we may not like very much, or from people who are a little nasty and mean, that we learn how deep our pride is in reality and how far we still have to go before we have reached any real degree of humility. For such people will tell us what they think of us, will give us advice without bothering to be nice about it, will show us quite brilliantly and quite cuttingly, too, by the way, how proud we really are. Real humility will give us the power to accept such words, and though they may hurt because we are still human, we will be able to take them and because of them grow even closer to Christ.

—Excerpted from **With God in America** by Walter J. Ciszek, SJ

Loving God we pray for the humility to be open and accepting of others – to learn with an open mind, to listen with respect, to accept with grace and to be grateful for all that we have. Amen

Death Anniversaries: Gill Post, Kata Katic, Emilia Marszalek, Ivy Rootsey, Glenda Gallagher, Pio Liberale, Ian McAdam

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Gloria Gamble, Jeanette Urbanik, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Shirley Barber, Patricia Sweeney, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Gwen Lavin, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young

Remembering the Sick:

Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose
Between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no

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