

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*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

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

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.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

### Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You have to 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.

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### Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Heaven Embossed Invitations

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'



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For the celebration  
of the Word and the  
Eucharist



Choir Practice  
Monday @ 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30  
am Fridays after  
Mass, and 1st  
Saturday of the  
month @ 9.30am

Wrap With Love  
Tuesday 31st August, @  
1pm Meeting Room

Croatian Mass  
Saturday 10th  
September @ 11am.  
All are welcome

Craft Group - 10am  
Thursdays

"Enjoy the Good News"  
Wednesday  
after 9 am Mass

Adoration Tuesday @  
4.30pm

COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after Mass  
Venue: Corrigans  
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All Welcome  
COFFEE N CHAT

## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR

### THIS WEEK:

Fr Tom is away on holidays.

There will be no morning masses over the next couple of weeks at St Bernard's.

Daily Mass is available at Moruya

**Tuesday 5.30pm**

**Wednesday - Friday 9.15am**

Fr John Walter is doing weekend masses

In case of **EMERGENCY ONLY** you can call Fr Eden Langlands  
on 0411 581 753

**NEXT Weekday mass at St Bernard's is  
Friday 16th September @ 9am**

### CELEBRATION OF JOSEPHITE SISTERS IN BATEMANS BAY

The weekend of the 14th, 15th and 16th of October, 2022 has been set aside to celebrate 85 years of ministry by the Josephite Sisters in Batemans Bay.

Whilst a full program will be advertised at a later date, we need to make some bookings for a formal dinner on the Saturday night. To that end, there is a sheet in the foyer of the Church on which you are asked to PRINT your name and contact details and the number of people in your group.

The dinner will be held at Club Catalina on Saturday 15th October 2022

after Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass and will commence at 6.30pm at the Club.

The list will be available until the second Sunday in September after which we are not able to take further bookings. It will be a two-course meal and the costs will be determined by the numbers attending and advised to you at a later date.

FrTom

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Monday 29th**

The Passion of St John the Baptist



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**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:

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The children of the Parish are preparing for this celebration on the weekend of 17th & 18th September.

**Parishioners** please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for reception of this most sacred gift.

**HOLY Parents** please remember to sign off your attendance in the folder in the church foyer and bring your children forward for a blessing when you come to communion.



**CUPPA WITH MARY MACKILLOP**

will take place in the home of Mary Haigh on Tuesday Sep 6th @ 10am - 11am.

**All are welcome.**

Enquiries to Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057



**Social Justice Sunday**

**'Listen with the ear of the heart'** [Rule of St Benedict]

I had the privilege of knowing and being educated by Sr. Pauline Fitz Walter, a Good Samaritan Sister. In her later years of ministry, she was known as the 'Street Angel of Sydney' due to her untiring work among the mentally ill and poor, opening a number of hospitality houses to support and house them.



The starting point of this call was the **chance meeting** of the Australian poet Francis Webb, at the Mt St Benedict Novitiate, Pennant Hills. While on hospitality duties 'a well dressed gentleman walked up the drive'. Sr. Pauline greeted him and asked which Sister he had come to see. He replied: 'No Sister in particular, but do you think you can help me? I've come looking for peace.' Sr. Pauline replied: 'That is a great idea. Peace is what we are all looking for.' He added: 'I've just absconded from a Mental Hospital in Parramatta'. ['Street Angel of Sydney' by G. Chan, page p.47]

From this chance meeting Sr. Pauline began a journey with Francis Webb and others that took her into the institutional world of those suffering from mental illness. In his correspondence with Sr. Pauline, Francis wrote on Christmas Day, 1969: 'I'll never, never forget your charity. St Paul speaks of the unplumbed height and depth of Christ's love; yours is a perfect image of it. [Ibid p.55]

**Be attentive, reflect, and be humble**

Sr. Pauline's response to this life situation, her hospitality, attentiveness and humble witness to Gospel values is reflected in today's reading and Gospel [Luke: 14: 1, 7-14].

In Sirach [3:17-20, 28-29] God asks us to be **'gentle in carrying out our business, to behave humbly, reflect on the parables and be attentive.'** Sr. Pauline would have been familiar with these words from the Rule of St Benedict which asked that 'one listens with the ear of the heart.' [Prologue]...to notice God's call to situations right in front of us.

In Luke's Gospel, **Jesus notices** at a meal he is invited to, how the guest picked places of honour. He challenges this 'honour' system embedded in first Century culture. To secure one's place in this 'social ranking' system it was appropriate to invite friends, family and rich neighbours. Those attending would reciprocate with an invite to their place for a meal. Jesus calls into question this type of 'caste system', **imagining instead hosts who chose to associate with people who are poor, crippled, lame and blind [14:13] as their new network.**

The problem for hosts, however, as Jesus recognises, is that no honour is forth coming in return. His teaching rather is about the way we treat others, especially those among us unable to 'pay us back'. **Jesus is thinking not only about the poor but also about us.** Those in need will not be able to repay us in anyway but **they will enrich us in ways we cannot imagine.** Like Sr. Pauline, we will be the most fortunate of people to have had the courage to invite those who most need it to 'our table' of love and compassion.

**Marie Weatherall**

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions  
**SEPTEMBER**

**For the abolition of the death penalty**

We pray that the death penalty that attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**Pastoral Care Visitation and Communion to the Sick:**

We are in need of more volunteers. Can you give an hour of your time once a month or fortnightly and be on a roster? Training on 1:1 and all resources provided. Call Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

**Celebration of Thanksgiving**

for the

**Sisters of St Joseph**  
**St Bernard's Parish Batehaven**  
**1937-2022**

**Friday 14 October**

12.35pm Lunch at school for Sisters  
1.30pm Assembly with parents and children in Hall  
2.15pm Tour of school by SRC  
6.00pm BBQ Dinner at the Convent

**Saturday 15 October**

11.00am Drop-in gathering to meet and greet Sisters  
5.00pm Mass  
6.30pm Dinner at Club Catalina

**Sunday 16 October**

10.00am Mass  
Unveiling of plaque and presentation of History Book  
Brunch After Mass of bacon and egg rolls

**Remembering the Sick:**

Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, 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, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill

**ROSTERS**

**27/28 AUGUST**

**Church Cleaning**  
M de/J Maher  
(29/8-2/9)

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer: M Law  
Commentator M Weatherall  
Reader M Bridges  
Eucharistic Ministers J Wain  
Computer Screen M O'Neill

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer L Foran  
Commentator B Basevi  
Reader: N Beatty  
Eucharistic Ministers S Beashel, L Rodwell  
Computer Screen T Priest

**MORNING TEA:**

A Brown & helper

**3/4 SEPTEMBER Church Cleaning**  
B Coffey/MPaine (5-9)

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer: D Robinson  
Commentator J Quigley  
Reader J O'Sullivan  
Eucharistic Ministers M Devine, Y Oerder  
Computer Screen K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer C Connell  
Commentator . L Page.  
Reader: B Basevi  
Eucharistic Ministers N Page C Schor  
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