

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it

with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. "Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Breast Feeding into Heaven

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called 'good works' are no more than our duty and don't deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven. If we saw human beings as 'formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory' (St John Paul II, *Evangelium*

Vitae 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty. Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life. We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 4th—St Francis of Assisi

Wednesday 5th—St Faustina Kowalska

Thursday 6th—St Bruno

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e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the

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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist

Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
 Monday @ 1pm

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

Cuippa with Mary MacKillop
 Tuesday 4th October 10-11am
 at Carolyn and Ken Evenden's home

Wrap With Love
 Tuesday 11th October 10am

Craft Group - 10am
 Thursdays

"Enjoy the Good News"
 Wednesday after 9 am Mass

Adoration Tuesday @ 4.30pm

COFFEE CLUB
 Venue: Corrigans Cove
 All Welcome
 COFFEE N CHAT

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

MASSES THIS WEEK: Monday 3rd October—Sunday 9th October

- Monday:** Mass 9am
- Tuesday :** Adoration 8am
Mass 9am
- Wednesday:** Mass 9am
- Thursday:** Mass 9am
- Friday:** Mass 9am
- Saturday** Reconciliation 9.30am
Vigil Mass 5pm
- Sunday:** Mass 9 am



PLEASE NOTE: SATURDAY Vigil Mass will revert to 6pm starting on 22nd October, the week after our celebrations for the Sisters of St Joseph.

Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Sisters of St Joseph St Bernard's Parish Batehaven 1937-2022	
12.35pm	Lunch at school for Sisters
1.30pm	Assembly with parents and children
2.15pm	Tour of school by SRC
6.00pm	BBQ Dinner at the Convent
Friday 14 October	
11.00am-1pm and greet	Drop-in gathering to meet the Sisers
5.00pm	Mass
6.30pm	Dinner at Club Catalina
Saturday 15 October	
10.00am	Mass
Sunday 16 October	
Unveiling of plaque and Presentation of History Book	
Brunch After Mass of bacon and egg rolls	

Dinner for Sisters of St Joseph

Thank you to all the people who have put their names on the list for the dinner to farewell the Sisters of St Joseph on Saturday evening, 15th October at 6.30 at Club Catalina. Because of the number of people wishing to attend, we have changed the sit down dinner to a more informal canapé offering where guests will be able to mingle more easily. The cost will be \$25 per head with a glass of bubbles or soft drink on arrival. Following the Masses this weekend and next weekend, the tickets will be available to be purchased from the Church entrance.

We look forward to a wonderful celebration. To help cover costs for the weekend we will be having a retiring collection this weekend after both Masses.

ROSTERS
1/2 OCTOBER
Church Cleaning
M de/J Maher (3-7)

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer:
D Robinson
Commentator
S Ebejer
Reader J Mackay
Eucharistic
Ministers
Y Oerder,
M Weatherall
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer
M deSmet
Commentator
M Lowe
Reader: C Lowe
Eucharistic
Ministers
C Schor N Page
Computer Screen
D May
MORNING TEA:
L & N Page

8/9 OCTOBER
Church Cleaning
B Coffey/M Paine
(10-14)

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: M
Devine
Commentator D
Robinson
Reader P Nolan
Eucharistic
Ministers
A Rogers, J Wain
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer P Jobes
Commentator L
Page
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic
Ministers
L Stevens, A
Scicluna
Computer Screen T
Priest
MORNING TEA:
M Vidovic &
Zdenka



The Year of
Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary,
Mother of the Church, pray for us.
All Saints of God,
who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us.

Amen

THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER 2022-2023

The Bishops of Australia are organising an on-line and multi-hubs national conference on evangelisation (20-22 October 2022). It is called "Evangelise". The website is:

www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au

We will be having a "hub" here in Manuka at the Pastoral Centre but you can register and have one in your own parish. Evangelisation is a key pastoral priority of the Plenary Council. This conference can offer you and your key leaders the necessary pastoral skills needed to go forward with confidence. Please inform yourselves of what is offered here.

After a few years of postponement due to Covid, our annual **Marian Procession** at St Clements Retreat Centre returns. It will be on Sunday, 23 October 2022. Details will be forwarded to you soon.

Re-opening and dedication of the Old Cathedral Goulburn, will take place on Wednesday, 30th November 2022. Details later.

WHY? WHY? WHY? HABAKKUK

Do any of you parents remember those early days of parenting when your child started to ask **Why?** When each answer you gave, as simply as possible, gave rise to another **Why?** For the most part, if you were like me, it was an interesting but challenging part of being a parent. Just how far should I go in explaining to a child why she cannot have another ice cream? Or why is pulling a cat's tail dangerous? So often I fell back on "Because Daddy says so" or "Because Mummy loves you". Her eventual silence didn't necessarily indicate she accepted my explanations.

In today's first scriptural reading (Habakkuk 1. 2-3, 2. 2-4) we have a minor prophet asking God a couple of big "**Whys?**". As a prophet he is minor only in comparison with major big hitters, like Isaiah and Jeremiah. He has less to say than they wrote and yet his short story of three chapters has been considered worthy of being included in the Bible. And also being part of this Sunday's Liturgy of the Word when the theme is trust in God.

The name Habakkuk means "Embraced by God". He recounts an oracle he received from God (possibly in a dream or a trance when he felt hugged by his Creator and hence his nom de plume). He lived during the reign of King Jehoiakim (609-597 BC) at a time when Israel was split into warring factions. Jehoiakim was a wicked and irreligious king. Judah is in a mess. Habakkuk asks God: "**Why do you make me see such trouble? Why do you tolerate wrong?**"

God's reply disappoints. He is going to let the Babylonians, "**that ruthless and impetuous people**" subjugate Judah.

Habakkuk, like my daughter, has a further question. "**Why are you silent while the wicked (The Babylonians) swallow up those more righteous than themselves?**" These Babylonians won't differentiate between good and bad Jews that they capture in their military dragnet.

God's reply is so important that he orders Habakkuk: "**Write down this revelation and make it plain on tablets so that whoever reads it may appreciate that it was foretold. This revelation awaits its appointed time.**" Habakkuk then records in fourteen verses the fate that awaits the Babylonians. God foretells the conquest of Babylon in 539 BC by Cyrus, King of Persia and the freeing of the Jews from their exile in Babylon.

Habakkuk probably did not live to see God's prophecy fulfilled but he has such faith in God's word that he adds a hymn of nineteen verses to his short story. I quote two verses that illustrate his trust in God no matter what happens.

*"Though the fig tree does not bud
And there are no grapes on the vines,
Though the olive crop fails
And the fields produce no food,
Though there are no sheep in the pen
And no cattle in the stalls,
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord
I will be joyful in God my Saviour."*

Joe Quigley

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 Odium, 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: Queen Elizabeth II, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara,

PUBLIC ROSARY: On Saturday, 15 October, you are invited to join fellow parishioners to say Rosary at 11am at the Rotunda, Russmartin Park, Moruya. For more information, please contact Michael Irwin 0478 227 979.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND FRAIL

*There has been **no response** to the following which has been advertised for one month. We have parishioners in their homes needing Holy Communion and a visit.*

CAN YOU ASSIST?

*Could you give **one hour a month** to see someone. 1:1 Training and all resources supplied.
Marie Weatherall
[m] 0405 028 057.*

THE BAY THEATRE PLAYERS
invite you to attend
The Calendar Girls
A play by Tim Firth

On Friday 28th October 7.30pm
Cost is \$32 with all
proceeds to go to The Sisters of Our
Lady Queen of Peace School for
disabled children in Vietnam.
Tickets Carol 0400 616653
Or Anne 0402 465 603

Diocesan Pastoral Council

Archbishop Christopher has proposed a new Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) that will assist him in the core mission of the Church in this Archdiocese:

Evangelising: spreading the good news of Jesus to all
Service: being instruments of mercy and responding to the needs of the poor
Promoting: human flourishing in a fulfilled creation

The Working Party, formed by Archbishop Christopher, is seeking your views, as parish and other communities and as individual members of the Church. Four questions have been framed to gather views that might be a single sentence or a more extensive responses:

*Why should the Archbishop constitute a Diocesan Pastoral Council?
In your view what role might a Diocesan Pastoral Council play in the life of the Archdiocese?*

To fulfil its synodal mission, a Pastoral Council should be both representative and skilled – what advice can you offer to the Archbishop about how best to achieve these goals?

Are there elements/issues that you believe the Summary or the full Report have missed that are important for the Archbishop to consider?

You can provide your views through your Parish Pastoral Council, the priests in your parish, or directly in this form or via email: (workingparty@cg.org.au). Please respond by 28 October 2022.

*Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions*

OCTOBER

A Church Open To Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We like to welcome all new Parishioners and so need you to assist us by filling out a Blue Form found in the Foyer of the Church.

We have noticed since Covid, that people have stopped filling out this form, so if you are **new to the Parish in the last two years please fill out the form and leave in the box.** This will assist the Parish Priest and Welcomers of new Parishioners. *Many thanks*

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