

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**First Reading** 2 Kgs 5:14-17  
 A reading from the second book of the Kings

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2*

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.
  2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.
  3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.
- (R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**Second Reading** 2 Tm 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.* Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation**

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.' So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was

made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'. This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Tuesday 11th—ST John XXIII



Friday 14th—St Callistus I

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.

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 Or Anne 0402 465 603

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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

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

Wrap With Love  
 Tuesday 11th October 10am, Wednesday 26th October 1pm

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C**

**MASSES THIS WEEK: Monday 10th October—Sunday 16th October**

- Monday:** Mass 9am  
**Tuesday :** 11am Funeral Mass—Mrs Nita Gozalka  
**Wednesday:** Mass 9am  
**Thursday:** Mass 9am  
**Friday:** Mass 9am  
**Saturday** Reconciliation 9.30am  
 Vigil Mass 5pm  
**Sunday:** 10am Mass—Celebration Mass for the Sisters of St Joseph

**\*BRUNCH AND PRESENTATION TO THE SISTERS WILL FOLLOW MASS**

**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	
Friday 14 October	Lunch at school for Sisters
12.35pm	Assembly with parents and children
1.30pm	Tour of school by SRC
2.15pm	BBQ Dinner at the Convent
6.00pm	
Saturday 15 October	Drop-in gathering to meet the Sisters
11.00am-1pm and greet	Mass
5.00pm	Dinner at Club Catalina
6.30pm	
Sunday 16 October	Mass
10.00am	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.

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**ROSTERS**  
**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

**15/16 OCTOBER**  
Church Cleaning  
R & K Ison (17-21)  
**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer: B  
Oerder  
Commentator M  
Weatherall  
Reader M Bridges  
Eucharistic  
Ministers  
M Devine, A Rogers  
Computer Screen  
K Conway  
**10.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer M Law  
&  
C Connell  
Commentator K  
Hadley  
Reader: N Beatty  
Eucharistic  
Ministers  
J Wain; S Beashel  
Computer Screen  
T Jackson  
**MORNING TEA:**  
M & C Lowe



**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](http://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.

**Thanksgiving for what is!**

I have a book mark from Caritas that shows a very joyful image of a little African girl dancing and smiling; she seem so full of gratitude despite the fact that she has an amputated leg and she is dancing on a crutch. When we see such images we see life from a new perspective. It reminds me of the quote from Helen Keller who was blind from birth yet led a purposeful life full of thankfulness: 'When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.'

**Thankfulness for what has already been given is the foundation for hoping for what is not yet. As we look at the harvest of our blessings in our heart let us marvel at the abundance and be thankful for what is.**

**Jesus heals and commends a grateful Foreigner.**

In today's Gospel [Luke 17: 11- 19] Jesus heals ten lepers. In Jesus' time 'Leprosy' referred to skin diseases of various kinds and victims were classified as ritually unclean and even persons who touched them were also considered ritually unclean. They had to live away from their family, friends and community. It was a totally isolating disease, with devastating consequences for their families and themselves. Unable to work they had to depend on the charity of others to survive. If their condition improved they were re-admitted to the community only after the priests declared them ritually clean.

The Gospel tells us today that Jesus heals 10 lepers sending them off to the priests to be declared ritually clean. The Gospel goes on: **One of them [ the foreigner] when he saw he was healed turned back praising God at the top of his voice and falling on his face thanked Jesus. He recognises the effects of God's healing actions.** This act of thankfulness has the effect of leaving the relationship open – open for God to do more for him, should Jesus choose to do so. Having acknowledged he has been healed Jesus declares 'his faith has saved him'. Like this foreigner we are invited to open our hearts and eyes to see the signs of God at work in our own lives and in the world around us. To allow that sense of God at work in us & to deepen our faith in the practical possibilities of the Kingdom.

'St Ignatius Loyola told Jesuits *never to omit from their day time to recall with thankfulness every good thing that happened in the day.* Gratitude oils the wheel of life. What have I taken for granted this day, for which I now can be grateful?' [Sacred Space Sept 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*

**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.*

**RETIRING COLLECTION after Mass this weekend to cover costs for our celebrations with the Sisters of St Joseph**

**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.**

**WRAP WITH LOVE—Tuesday 11th October at the Batemans Bay Library 10am-noon. Wednesday 26th October in the Church Meeting room, 1-3pm. Enquiries: Jenny on 0414 664 077**

**MISSION SUNDAY**

**22nd & 23rd October 2022.**

**Envelopes will be available next weekend to enable you to support Catholic Mission and its works within the South-East Asia and Pacific Regions. You may return the envelopes to the Parish or send them to Catholic Missions yourself.**

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

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