

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 120. R. v.2*

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth**

### Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy  
*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see

justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

### R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### The Urgent Widow

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is *not* saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus *is* saying we need to pray like that widow. Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me. Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning. We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

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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

Wrap With Love  
Wednesday 26th  
October 1pm

Craft Group - 10am  
Thursdays

"Enjoy the Good  
News" Wednesday  
after 9 am Mass

Adoration Tuesday  
@ 8am

COFFEE CLUB  
Venue: Corrigans  
Cove  
All Welcome  
COFFEE N CHAT

## TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

### MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday 17th-Sunday 23rd  
October

**Monday:** 9am Mass -St Ignatius  
of Antioch

**Tuesday:** 8am Adoration,  
9am Mass –St Luke

**Wednesday:** 9am Mass

**Thursday:** 9am Mass

**Friday:** 9am Mass

**Saturday:** 9.30am Reconciliation  
\*6pm Vigil

\* Please note new time

**Sunday:** 9am Mass

### MESSAGE FROM SR MARIE AS SHE CAN'T BE WITH US FOR THIS WEEKEND'S CELEBRATION OF THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH

My dear friends,  
Sometimes you read a quote or a prayer that says exactly how it is in a moment of time. On 28th September, I was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and read the adjacent quote titled "*Unfinished Symphonies.*" I think it says it all for me at this time and it has helped me as I begin this journey.

**Thank you** all for your messages of love, prayers and support. They have been and will continue to be a great source of comfort and strength for me. I am very happy where I am. I'm in good care, have people around me and just pray that I can continue to take one day at a time.

Enjoy your time together  
with the Sisters.

God bless



Sr Marie

### WELCOME TO THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH

As you gather with us in thanksgiving for the years of discipleship you have given to the community of Batemans Bay and particularly for your ministry of teaching at St Joseph's and St Bernard's Schools.

May the Lord continue to bless and guide you in the years ahead.

Thank you for all your love and caring



Unfinished Symphonies

September 28th

**May God teach us all patience,  
and the prudence we require.**  
MM 1879

Karl Rahner wrote that "here in this life all symphonies must remain unfinished." There is a special blessing in the gracious acceptance of this truth. At some point we are all required to leave things behind. The following extract highlights a particular example:

**To withdraw gracefully from the  
public stage...after a life of action...to place  
a kind of sacred interval between this world  
and the next, is a piece of practical  
wisdom which, I fear, is in few hands.**

Ely Bates - *In Rural Philosophy*

from "A Daily Cuppa with Mary & Julian" by Sue and Leo Kane

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND THE  
WALBUNJA PEOPLE OF THE YUIN NATION. WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR  
ELDERS, PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING





### 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*

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop** will be at the home of Nola & Bernie Beatty on Tuesday Nov 8 @ 10am.

### ROSTERS

**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

**22/23 OCTOBER**

**Church Cleaning**  
Favetta O'Neill  
Nugent (24-28)

**6.00PM MASS**

Welcomer: M Law  
Commentator J O'Sullivan  
Reader J Quigley  
Eucharistic Ministers  
K Lovering, Y Oerder  
Computer Screen  
M O'Neill

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer L Foran  
Commentator N Beatty  
Reader: L Page  
Eucharistic Ministers  
A Skinner L Rodwell  
Computer Screen  
D May

**MORNING TEA:**  
A Brown & J McCarthy

### 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.*

### PASTORAL CARE VISITATION AND HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Thank you to the two people who offered to help. We still need visitation to an elderly lady in Sunshine Bay & The Glen. Phone Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

**BBECET TRIVIA AFTERNOON**  
Saturday 22nd October @ 2pm at the Baptist Church  
All enquiries: Angela 4472 1099

### 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](mailto:workingparty@cg.org.au)).

**Please respond by 28 October 2022.**

### SUNDAY 10 AM MASS THIS WEEKEND

At the end of Mass a plaque will be unveiled in the foyer of the church as a small reminder to us of the great and priceless ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph.

There will also be a small presentation of a history book of their time in Batemans Bay. Brunch will be available after Mass and you are encouraged to linger after Mass as a final farewell to our dear Sisters.

*All are welcome.*

### MISSION SUNDAY 22nd & 23rd October 2022.

Envelopes will be available next week-end 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.

## We Recall 85 Years of Generous Service with Gratitude



Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart

*'Remember we are but travellers here'*

(Mary MacKillop 1867)

These words of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop are so relevant as we gather to celebrate and give thanks for 85 years of the Sisters of St Joseph in our School and Parish. Whilst the Sisters were 'but travellers here' many hearts, souls and lives have been transformed by their loving presence and service.

Through many eras of life since 1937 the Josephites have tended to many and varied needs from the material to the spiritual. They have been advocates for the voiceless both within the community and within the Church. In the words of today's Gospel, over the years the Sisters have been like the widow who 'kept pestering for just rights' for all those families they served. In the words of Mary MacKillop the Sisters 'have found happiness in making others happy.' We are the grateful recipients.

**...'Gratitude is the memory of the heart' ...**

Mary reminded the Sisters and indeed each of us of Gratitude.

Inspired by Frances Maguire rsj (2013) we give thanks for the

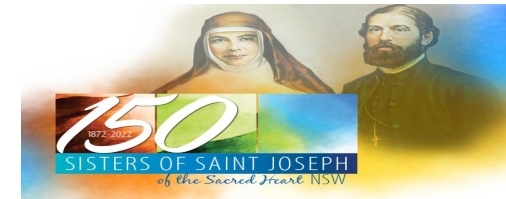
❖ *Memories of many blessings over 85 years*

❖ *Memories of individual Sisters who enabled us by believing in us and loving us*

❖ *Memories being a community with and for the Sisters who gifted us and blessed us with love and life*

❖ *Memories of 'who our teachers were' (Paul to Timothy)*

❖ *Memories of the souls of all the faithful departed Sisters.*



### Remembering the Sick:

Sr Marie McAlister, 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,

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.

**GATHERING- "Dying to know"** what you need to know if someone dies or planning ahead yourself.

**Monday Nov 7th 9.15** registration for 9.30am - 12 noon in Church Meeting Room.

**Cost+FREE BYO Shared morning tea.**

Facilitated by Teresa Hamer, ex funeral director.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY TUESDAY NOV 1 TO**

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