

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year C

First Reading *Sir 35:12-14, 16-18*
 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading *2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness

to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *2 Cor 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia
 !

Gospel *Lk 18:9-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only

one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish. The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life. It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com



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



ST BERNARD'S PARISH
BATEMANS BAY
 2 David Avenue, Batehaven NSW 2536



P.O. Box 3220, Batehaven, 2536.
 Tel: 4472 4153
 E: batemansbay@cg.org.au
 Website: www.cg.org.au/batemansbay
 Office Hours: 10am to 2pm
 Tuesday-Friday

Priest: Rev. Tom Thornton
 0408 623 303
Secretary: Roslyne Trompp
Finance Admin: Anne Jackson
PC Co-ord: Marie Weatherall
Asst. PC Co-ord: Carolyn Evenden

Principal: Mrs. Jo Wain
St. Bernard's Primary School, Batehaven
R.E.C: Sharon Beashel
Principal: Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan
Carroll College, Broulee
R.E.C: Erica Drewsen

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday 24th-Sunday 30th October

Monday: Mass 9am

Tuesday: Adoration 8am, 9am Mass

Wednesday: Mass 9am

Thursday: Mass 9am

Friday: Mass 9am—Sts Simon & Jude

Saturday: Reconciliation 9.30am, Vigil 6pm

Sunday: Mass 9am

ST BERNARD'S PARISH
 has a new Parish Priest who commences here on 10th January, 2023.

He is **Fr Loi Viovicente** who is presently Parish Priest of North Belconnen in Canberra.

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

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of Peace in this Year of Renewal.

I wish to use this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers, personal and collective support during my time in your parish, most especially during this time of ongoing personal and professional development through further studies. Many thanks to Frs. Tom Thornton, Rex Curry, John Walter, and Eden Langlands for their ministry during this time. Also, I acknowledge any unintended difficulties due to my extended Study Leave.

Meanwhile, at the beginning of 2022, we had declared a *Parish Year of Renewal*, in the light of the ongoing Renewal of the Australian Church through the *Plenary Council*. In the spirit of renewal, a new Parish Priest, Fr. Loi Viovicente is being appointed to the Parish, from January 2023, ending my time in your parish.

Together, we have been through the drought, the Black Summer Fires, the Flash Floods, and the ever-changing times of COVID. As I finish my role in your parish, I will take with me the memories of your support, warmth, hospitality, love, care, generosity, kindness, and friendships. For these, I am deeply grateful, thanks to each one of you.

Special thanks to the members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, the Pastoral Care and Liturgy Teams, Parish Staff, the School Community, and those who served in the different ministries, working with me in the spirit of collaboration, co-responsibility, interdependence and synodality to continue the mission of Christ in the parish.

I entrust you all to the motherly intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary during this October Month and always.

Wishing you all every blessing.

Fr. Martins Aloga



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

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

29/30 OCTOBER Church Cleaning

D & L May (31/10-4/11)

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: J Anderson
Commentator D Robinson
Reader S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
M Weatherall. M Bridges
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer C Connell
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: A Brown

Eucharistic Ministers

L & N Page
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel & L Foran

TO ALL WHO HELPED

To celebrate the 85 years of service by the Sisters of St Joseph.



THANK YOU.

It was great and the sisters were very grateful for their care and generous outpouring of your friendship.

Well done to all of you, especially the organising team.

Fr Tom

MISSION SUNDAY 22nd & 23rd October 2022

This weekend there are envelopes at the end of the seats for you to take and consider giving financial support to Catholic Missions in their ministry in South-East Asia and the Pacific regions.

You may return the envelopes either today or next week OR post them off yourself as indicated on the envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 23rd October **MARIAN PROCESSION WILL BE HELD** at **St Christopher's Cathedral**

11-12 Midday: MASS
12-12.30: ROSARY
12.30pm: lunch at Haydon Hall with sausage sizzle and children's activities.

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

Monday Nov 7th 9.15am
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 1st TO

Marie Weatherall
0405 028 057

PASTORAL CARE VISITATION AND HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Thank you to the people who have offered to help. We still need someone to visit The Glen. Phone Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

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.



World Mission Sunday

The theme this year is **"We cannot remain silent about what we have seen and heard"** [Act 4: 20]

Pope Francis states **'It is a message of hope – Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion, and mercy to ourselves.** It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those who are weaker. All too often, the voices that need to be heard are not the loudest. For them, we cannot remain silent.' Pope Francis continues in his message for World Mission Sunday reminding us **'that as Christians we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves'** as 'we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel'.

As we recall the many missionaries who leave behind their families and friends to take the Gospel to so many in other countries we are inspired by their witness and ministry to be courageous ourselves. **Today Jesus 'needs messengers and agents of compassion'** Concluding his message, Pope Francis stresses that, 'always but especially in these times of pandemic, **it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to each other who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our 'circle of interest'**

To be on Mission, Pope Francis adds, 'is to be willing to think as Christ does, believe in Him that those around us are also our brothers and sisters.' [Quotes taken from Pope Francis' World Day Mission Message, October 2022]

Praying with the right attitude

In contrasting the prayer of the proud Pharisee with the prayer of the Tax Collector in today's Gospel [Luke: 18: 9-14] Jesus teaches his disciples to pray humbly. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the Tax Collector as an example of faith rather than the Pharisee. The parable reminds us that when we pray **we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.** *Marie Weatherall*

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, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odum, 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.

BATEMANS BAY & MORUYA DISTRICT FUNERALS
Caring for Eurobodalla shire families for over 50 years
Batemans Bay 44728886
Moruya 4474 3555 Narooma 4476 3888

INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS
1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay
Buy fuel any time
EFFPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD

OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY
Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee
100% BEEF BURGER
248 Beach Road
Batemans Bay NSW 2536
02 4472 1802

MAYDAY Plumbing And Gas
Fully licensed Plumber and Gas Fitter
Gutter Cleaning General Maintenance
RHYS MAY
0427 373 826

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE FOR ADVERTISING PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

excell Ideaspeople PRINTING GROUP
P 4472 1599
E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au
www.excellprint.com.au
Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy
Batemans Bay NSW 2536

Ray and Anne Brown

COASTAL CONCRETE & QUARRY
02 4474 0320

Kate & Tara your vets at Surf Beach
EUROCOAST Veterinary Centre
4471 3400