

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 22 Sep 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth.

2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading *James 3:16 - 4:3*

A reading from the letter of St James
Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want

something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 9:30-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'

He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Marginal people

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre. Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective. This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective. We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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Pilgrimage of the First-Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis -

St Joseph's, O'Connor is honoured to host the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the young "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist." This rare and blessed opportunity offers a unique chance for the faithful to venerate and seek the intercession of a modern-day saint who has inspired millions worldwide. Blessed Carlo Acutis, beatified in 2020, was an Italian teenager who combined his profound faith with a passion for technology. Known for his Eucharistic devotion, Carlo created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles around the world. His life stands as a testament to how modern tools can be used to glorify God.

Date: September 28-29, 2024

St Joseph's Parish Centre

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Twenty-Fifth Week in ORDINARY TIME Year B



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Wrap With Love Wednesday
25th September 1pm CMR

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am Mass

Parish Sacramental Program for First Eucharist Celebration Sunday 22nd September @ 9am

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop
Tuesday 1st October 10-11am
at the home of Bernie & Nola Beatty
Ph: 0410 629 416 for further information

Craft Group 10am Thursdays
Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigan's Cove

" Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me..."

The gospel today has Jesus continuing to explain/educate the disciples in what is going to happen to Him. He is also trying to prepare them for what it means to be a true follower. It is taking time for them to fully understand and they are hesitant in asking questions or expecting Him to offer explanations. Along the way, Jesus hears them engaging in an argument. When asked the reason for the argument they were reluctant to answer or engage in discussion. To encourage them Jesus brings a child to the circle meeting. The second reading from James, together with the gospel set the scene for a profound message for us, one which is relevant in our world today. The two readings provide us with much on which to meditate, " much food for thought".

We know that the disciples were arguing about who was the greatest and who would be leader. James poses the questions " Where do these wars and battles between yourselves start? ...the desires fighting inside your own selves. You have an ambition..." Unfortunately we seem to live in a society which encourages us to compete and strive to be the best above all else. This can begin very early in life. After all who doesn't want to be popular and successful? Sadly, we see it all around us- egos taking over. Often we find other emotions/ aspects manifesting or taking over- anger jealousy, selfish ambition and envy. James suggests that we need to be careful that when we pray it is not for something to indulge " your own desires".

Enter a child into Jesus' explanation! In that time and society, a child had no legal rights, status or power. Jesus is again alluding to the notion of " suffering servant hood" when He explains that these children who have no power and are seemingly without expectations need care and consideration.

Jesus is telling the disciples that true greatness and importance comes from being humble and serving others. In other words we must welcome, accept and care for those who are seen as being of least importance. We need to live out our faith and trust in God.

The readings suggest that we reflect on humility, wisdom and service. Are we afraid to ask/ think what those attributes may imply for our lives? Are we challenged to think about how we live our faith, interact and minister to others in our community? If we explore the messages in the readings we may find we have a deeper understanding of the commitment required of a true follower of Christ.

Prayer from St Vincent de Paul reflection " Lord , may we always know



how close You are to us and guide us in true humility and service. "

AMEN

Ken and Carolyn Evenden



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd—Sun 29th Sep
Monday 23rd: No Mass
Tuesday 24th: Carroll College Graduation Mass 5pm
Wednesday 25th: Mass 9am
Thursday 26th: Mass 9am
Friday 27th: Mass 9am
Saturday 28th: Mass 5pm Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
Sunday 29th: Mass 9am

Fr John Walter will be celebrating Mass with us on Thursday 26th September as Fr Loi will be away from the Parish.
 We would like to thank Fr John for his generosity in being available to us so often

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

21/22 SEPTEMBER Cleaning
 18-22 Favetta/O'Neill/Nugent

5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer B Oerder
 Commentator P O'Kelly
 Reader J Quigley
 Eucharistic Ministers L Rodwell
 Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer J Whiteford
 Commentator Matt Lowe
 Reader: Children
 Eucharistic Ministers J Wain, S Beashel
 Computer Screen T Jackson.

MORNING TEA:
 J Barroman/G Berryman

COUNTERS
 M & C Lowe

28/29 SEPTEMBER Cleaning
 25-29 D & L May

5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer Volunteer Commentator J Quigley
 Reader S Ebejer
 Eucharistic Ministers M Weatherall
 Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer L May
 Commentator A Skinner
 Reader: N Beatty
 Eucharistic Ministers N & L Page
 Computer Screen D May.

MORNING TEA:
 N Beatty/M deSmet

COUNTERS
 G Norris/J O'Sullivan

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER AT 9AM



Please pray for the children to grow in love for God each day of their lives and to help them appreciate the wonderful gifts God has given us all for our salvation. We thank the teachers and parents for their support in the Sacramental preparation journey.

Sunday September 29th celebrates the **110th World Day of Migrants for 2024** with this year's theme—*"God walks with His people"* —Pope Francis.


It also marks **Respect Life Sunday** with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Prowse at the Cathedral at 11am


HELP NEEDED: Fr Loi's Courtyard garden needs some attention and TLC (small garden).

If you can help please call Marie Weatherall on 0405 028 057

Almost Maine by John Cariani will be playing at the Bay Theatre Players Matinee on Saturday 26th October .
 A Fund-raiser for Maranatha Aged Care

For Tickets \$28 Please contact Heather Powell 0421 420 605

 YOU ARE INVITED to the ORDINATION of MARK HA
 To be held at ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL, FORREST ACT @ 5PM ON THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER .
 Followed by refreshments at HAYDON HALL behind the Cathedral. *All are Welcome.*

 The 2024 Archdiocesan Assembly 18-20 October 2024, is a key gathering for the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The Assembly will focus on celebrating the **Year of the Holy Spirit** and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.

In many ways, the Archdiocese is walking on the same path as the first Apostles. It took time for the early Church to discern and declare: **"It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit"** (Acts 15:28)
All are invited to join us on our pilgrim journey of discernment.

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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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. *Amen*

Our Lady, Help of Christians *Pray for us*

St Joseph *Pray for us*

St John Vianney *Pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross *Pray for us*

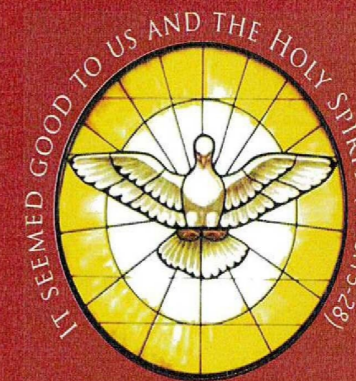
FUNERALS IN THE PARISH: Arthur Hurrell, Friday 27th September 11.00am

Remembering the Sick:

Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, 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: Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
 Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.
 Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions SEPTEMBER

For The Cry Of The Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.


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