

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time Year B**

**First Reading** *Isaiah 53:10-11*  
 A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v. 22*

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 4:14-16*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mark 10:45*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Mark 10:35-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**Three Hummock Island**

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

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**Twenty-Ninth Week in**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year B**

We wish Fr Loi safe travels as he heads home to visit his family and hope he has a wonderful time. We warmly welcome Fr Xavier who will be looking after the parish in his absence.



**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
**1PM Every second and fourth Monday**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
**Fridays after Mass**

**Friday 25th October St Bernard's School**  
**Mission Mass 9.15am**

**Wrap With Love**  
**Wednesday 30th October**  
**1pm CMR**

**Enjoy the Good News**  
**Wednesdays after 9am**  
**Mass**

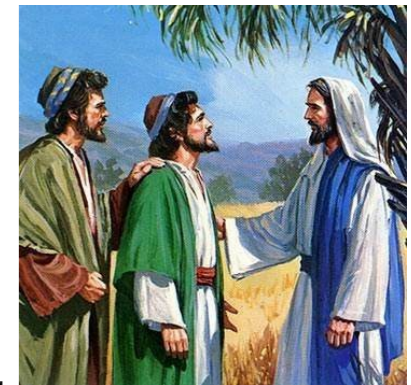
**Craft Group 10am**  
**Thursdays Church**  
**Meeting Room**

**ADORATION TUESDAYS**  
**@ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans Cove**

**" For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve"**

After reading today's Gospel it is evident that the disciples were still not understanding the message Jesus was trying to explain to them: a case of listening but not really hearing what He was saying. Jesus continually explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a true disciple. To be fair, we can also understand that there are times and some circumstances when we feel like Jesus. Are we able to identify times when we are in a group- family get together, friends, work, classroom and become aware that people are listening to what is being said or discussed but are they really HEARING a what is being said?



James and John, once they realised that Jesus was a leader, approached Him, suggesting that they could be of service in leadership roles. They assumed that Jesus, as a ruler would emulate the rulers or those in authority at that time. He then talks to them about how the rulers of the time used their power and authority. James and John were hoping to share in that power and authority.

Jesus' teaching was in effect counter cultural to the rule of the time and a contrast to the dynamics. He was trying to explain, imbed in the community what was required of a true disciple. As we read this, we could reflect on the models of authority in our society and also look at our own version or understanding of authority.

We need to consider the word 'authority' and if we believe that power and honour are part of demonstrating authority. In themselves are power and honour negative attributes? Power meaning having the capacity to make things happen and honour is a human desire- we yearn to be honoured/appreciated. The difference in Jesus' world is that we understand power and honour when they align with His terms, affecting good.

Unfortunately ego sometimes enters the equation giving power and honour a different slant. We can all probably think of people who, through their authority, official recognition or not, have used their power and honour and are examples of the way Jesus turned worldly ideas of power and authority upside down.

True leadership is about humility and service as Jesus keeps telling His disciples and indeed us. It is not about seeking honour and power for ourselves. The 2nd reading today from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus knows what it is like to be 'human' as He 'has been tempted in every way that we are'. He is always ready to help us. We just need to ask. Jesus, help me to follow your example of humble service. Teach me to love others as You love me. Give me the strength to serve selflessly.

**Ken and Carolyn Evenden**





Mass Schedule

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 21st—Sun 27th Oct**  
**Monday 21st:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 22nd:** Adoration 4pm  
Mass 5pm  
**Wednesday 23rd:** Mass 9am  
**Thursday 24th:** Mass 9am  
**Friday 25th:** St Bernard's  
School Mission Mass 9.15 am  
**Saturday 26th:** Mass 5pm  
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30  
**Sunday 27th:** Mass 9am

**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
- **NO MASSES WILL BE HELD WHILE FR LOI IS AWAY**

**ROSTERS**

**19/20 OCTOBER**  
**Cleaning**

21-25 R & K Ison

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator B Maynard  
Reader S Ebejer  
Eucharistic Ministers  
J Wain  
Computer Screen,  
K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer L May  
Commentator J  
Whiteford  
Reader: A Skinner  
Eucharistic Ministers  
K Corbin, L Stevens  
Computer Screen D  
May..

**MORNING TEA:**  
M & C Lowe

**COUNTERS**

T Priest/J Whiteford

**26/27 OCTOBER**  
**Cleaning**

28/10-1/11 Favetta/  
O'Neill/Nugent

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator M  
Weatherall  
Reader J Quigley  
Eucharistic Ministers  
L Rodwell  
Computer Screen  
J O'Sullivan

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer M Britt  
Commentator: L Page  
Reader: B Basevi  
Eucharistic Ministers  
N Page, A Scicluna  
Computer Screen T  
Priest

**MORNING TEA:**  
J Barroman/G Berryman

**COUNTERS**

T & A Jackson

**CATHOLIC MISSION**

Today is Mission Sunday when the Church commemorates the work of missionaries around the world. Catholic Mission is holding its Annual Parish Appeal to help support its work. This year there is a particular focus on the work of the Church in Mongolia in providing health and education services.



Please join the people around Australia who contribute to Catholic Mission. Envelopes are available for cash or credit card donations, or you can donate on-line. If you like you can take an envelope home and bring it back next week.

This week-end we welcome three children into our faith community through the waters of baptism.

Welcome to Grace Norman, Ashton Facchini and Alessa Rootsey. May God's love and blessings be upon each of you, this baptism day and always.



**CLAIM THE DATE**

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop** Tues Nov 12, 10am- 11 am in Church Meeting Room. Shared morning tea. All Welcome

**Parish Memorial Service** at St Bernard's Nov 19, 10am – 11-30am for those who have died this year and any loved one you may wish to remember. Twenty eight families have been invited so we need help with shared morning tea.

*Let us know if you can assist:*

Marie W: 0405 028 057 or Carolyn E: 0400 021 119.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will take place at the weekend of Masses Nov 23/24 and Nov 30/Dec1. \$ donation or take a Gift tag for a child.

**Pastoral Care Team Thank you Liturgy** Tuesday Nov 26 in CMR, 10am – 11-30am. Shared morning Tea. **RSVP** by Nov 19: Marie W: 0405 028 057

**Advent Group Program:** Will take place over 4 weeks on Wednesdays after 9 am Mass on Wed Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18. Why not join us and prepare spiritually for Christmas? Enquiries: Marie W: 0405 028 057

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**A/C Name:** St Bernard's Operating

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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**

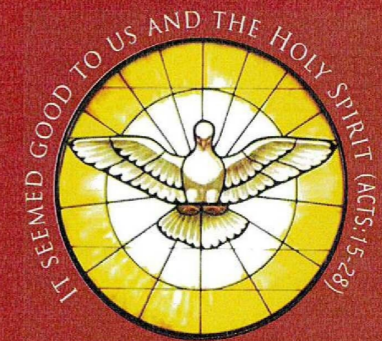
**Marian Procession** Sunday, October 27th Starts at 11am Anglican Cathedral of St Saviours, Goulburn **Reconciliation:** Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral & Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, 12:30 – 1:30 PM **Mass:** 2:00 PM at Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Includes installation of a reliquary with relics of Sts Peter and Paul, St Brigid, St Charbel, and St Therese of Lisieux.

**Remembering the Sick:**

Letitia Baz, Sheree Jackson, 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, 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 Odum, 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:** Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, 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 October**

**For a shared mission**  
We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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