

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 6th—Sunday 12th October

Monday 6th:	NO MASS
Tuesday 7th:	Mass 5pm
Wednesday 8th:	Mass 9am
Thursday 9th:	Mass 9am
Friday 10th:	Mass 9am
Saturday 11th:	Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30	
Sunday 12th:	Mass 9am

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We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Gregy Elchico, Bob Spruce, Bishop Pat Power, Rod Baz, Wido Melis, Suzanne Hughes, Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, 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.

Amen.

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

First Reading
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
The just will live by faithfulness.
How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, ‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8
(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’
(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.
I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake

of the Good News, relying on the power of God.
Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God
Gospel Acclamation
1 Peter 1:25
Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 17:5-10*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
If you had faith!
The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. ‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, “Come and have your meal immediately”? Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.”’
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Breast Feeding into Heaven

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees ‘good works’. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called ‘good works’ are no more than our duty and don’t deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as ‘formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory’ (St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty.

Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life. We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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Burning of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar’s Army

Artist:
Circle of Juan de la Corte,
1580-1663



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Year C

- CHURCH EVENTS**
- Choir Practice
Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm
 - Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass
 - “Good News” Wednesdays after Mass to discuss reading for the following Sunday. CMR
 - RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm Church Meeting Room
 - Cuppa with Mary MacKillop Tuesday 7th October 10-11am CMR
 - Wrap with Love Tuesday 14th October 10-11am BB Library Wednesday 29th 1-3pm CMR
 - Craft Group 10am Thursdays Church Meeting Room
 - ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm
 - COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am Mass Venue: Corrigans Cove

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.

‘Lord Increase our Faith’

The Apostles said “Lord increase our faith” – so many times I too have prayed that prayer – but what am I doing about it?

If you are given a seed to plant you must water it, fertilise it, prune it until it is ready to burst forth into fruit or flower. The giver does not come back each day to supervise your efforts – you have been given that responsibility.

Likewise, God has given us a precious seed of faith, along with the instructions of how to tend it. I cannot command God to come and do the watering and fertilising - He gave me that responsibility. He gives us graces along the way but He does not take over.

He is the Master of the house, we are merely servants. We have intellect, free will and the instruction manual – everything we need to do our chores and wait on Him. We need to do our part. We have the example of so many saints, martyrs, teachers, social workers, those who never gave up in hardship.

There are dangers attached – rejection, humiliation and as we have seen just recently even assassination. Charlie Kirk debated on Uni campuses on behalf of God. He stood firmly against Racism, Terrorism, Abortion, Mutilation of children in the name of Gender Diversity, and against poor political decisions. As a Protestant he challenged his brethren that as a church they had short-changed Mary, the mother of Jesus. He was eloquent and knowledgeable on the existence of God but always generous in listening and respecting those who disagreed. For this, hatred by others dispatched him.

Many of our saints were persecuted but still continued. This year two young men who stood out in their sharing of Gospel truths were recognised as saints. St Teresa of Calcutta, one of my favourite saints, refused to claim any credit for what she did. When awarded a Nobel Peace prize and a car to go with it, she simply gave the car away – she truly lived: *‘I have done no more than my duty’*

We live in a mostly atheistic world that shows no reverence for God or His directions. Do we strive to grow our faith or do we keep quiet so as not to draw negative attention to ourselves?

I realise that asking God to increase my faith is taking the easy way out – faith needs care, nurturing and exercising. We have a challenge – do what is right simply because it is right – our reward is in the next life, not this one. We are merely servants.

Deidre Herring