#### **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

Mass 9am Sunday 12th:

#### **ROSTERS**

# 4/5 OCTOBER

Cleaning 6-10 D & L May

#### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson Commentator: S Ebejer Reader: P O'Kelly **Eucharistic Ministers** J O'Sullivan Computer Screen: M O Neill

#### **9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer T van den Broek Commentator N Beatty Reader: D Herring **Eucharistic Ministers** A Scicluna, A Skinner Computer Screen T Jackson

#### **MORNING TEA:** Filipino community

**COUNTERS** M & C Lowe

#### 11//12 OCTOBER

<u>Cleaning</u> 13-17 M deSmet/J Maher

#### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: R Oerder Commentator: P O'Kelly Reader: P Nolan **Eucharistic Ministers** K Lovering Computer Screen K Conway

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer S Beashel Commentator B Basevi Reader:P Fleming **Eucharistic Ministers** D Herring, K Corbin Computer Screen T Jones.

## MORNING TEA:

M Vidovic/Zdenka

#### COUNTERS

G Norris, J O'Sullivan

#### MASSES in AGED CARE FACILITIES

- THE GLEN
- Second Wednesday of each month
- 10.30AM
- THE MANOR
- Third Wednesday of each month
- 2pm
- **MARANATHA**
- Fourth Wednesday of each month
- 2pm

#### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

Just a reminder that daylight savings begins on Sunday October 5th. Clocks go forward one hour at 2am on Sunday, so that means one hour less of sleep.

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop** will be on Tuesday October 7, in the Church Meeting Room, 10am - 11 am. All Welcome.

Enquiries: Marie W 0405 028 057.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting will be in the Church Meeting Room on Tuesday October 7 at 2pm. New Enquirers are welcome to join us.

#### **WORKING BEE**

A working bee will be held on Friday 10th October at 8am to clean up the Old Catholic Cemetery in Bent Street. We will need whipper snippers and lawn mowers, gloves and rakes. Please come and help.

Bernie is bringing a tractor/slasher. Contact Bernie 0428227 384 or Dave 0408 627 854

#### **BOOKS FOR SALE**

Who Am I In God? Discovering Our Christian Identity

Fr. Michael Lim & Dr. Sunny Hong (Paperback) A Compilation of Catholic Teachings & True-Life Conversion Testimonies. Discovering our Christian Identity?

Provides answers to this defining question by drawing upon the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church.

\$30.00

Books are in church foyer. See Fr Joshy to purchase

#### **FUNERALS IN THE PARISH**

Bob Spruce 23rd September, 2025. Funeral was Tuesday 30th September at St Bernard's Church

#### PARISH FINANCIAL **SUPPORT**

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This month of October, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in our daily lives.

Pope Leo XIV made this exhortation on Wednesday morning while addressing various language groups during his General Audience in the Vatican.

Amid the conflicts and wars worldwide, the Pope urged the faithful to promote peace in their regular lives.

"May you be faithful instruments of reconciliation in your daily lives," he said. With the same sentiment, he reminded the Arabic-speaking pilgrims present, that Christians are called "to witness that love and pardon are greater than every wound and stronger than every injustice."

Meanwhile, the Holy Father asked Portuguese-speaking faithful to become "missionaries of peace and mercy," and French-speaking faithful to become "witnesses of peace and love greater than our failures or divisions."

#### PUBLIC ROSARY FOR PEACE

Join us for a nationwide rosary chain at Quota Park, Riverside Drive Narooma. We will be praying for peace at 11am on Saturday October 11. For further information please contact John Voytas on 0411 325 710. Tea and coffee will be provided.

#### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

### Pope LEO Monthly Prayer **Intentions**

#### October

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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**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: 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.

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### LITURGY 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 Gospel Acclamation 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will 1 Peter 1.25 not save? Why do you set injustice Alleluia, alleluia! before me, why do you look on where The word of the Lord stands for ever; lence, this is all I see, all is contention, News. Alleluia! and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision Gospel Luke 17:5-10 down, inscribe it on tablets to be easi- A reading from the holy Gospel accordly read, since this vision is for its own ing to Luke time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes The apostles said to the Lord, fail. See how he flags, he whose soul 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.

- with songs let us hail the Lord.
- who belong to his pasture, the flock have done no more than our duty." that is led by his hand.
- 3. O that today you would listen to R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ 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 copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton 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 S 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

THE of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teach- Breast Feeding into Heaven ing you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The loving gaze of a mother towards You have been trusted to look after her newborn simply gives rise to the something precious; guard it with the obligation to feed the baby. There is help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us no special reward for doing her moth-The Word of the Lord

#### R. Thanks be to God

there is tyranny? Outrage and vio- it is the word given to you, the Good

If you had faith!

slowly, wait, for come it will, without 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard is not at rights, but the upright man seed you could say to this mulberry duty. tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or you and I are becoming the sort of minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely take a moment to pause to get our perto say, "Get my supper laid; make ception of human beings correct so 1. Come, ring out our joy to the yourself tidy and wait on me while I Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let eat and drink. You can eat and drink us come before him, giving thanks, yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; he was told? So with you: when you let us kneel before the God who made have done all you have been told to us for he is our God and we the people do, say, "We are merely servants: we *The Gospel of the Lord* 

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# **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

erly 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

Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life. We might that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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Burning of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar's Army

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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

Wrap with Love Tuesday 14th October 10-11am **BB** Library Wednesday 29th 1-3pm CMR

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

ADORATION TUESDAYS @

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