

26th October, 2025, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C

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In our Prayers: Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Joan Stevenson, Fum Clark, Deceased Family, Friends,
Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

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Nov 1-2

Ariaah Park 6.00 p.m. *Liturgy Sat*

Mass

Temora 6pm. Saturday 5pm. Sunday

Mass

Ardlethan **8am** Barellan 10am Sunday

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Reflection *The Prayer of the Sinner.*

Last Sunday's gospel told of the determined struggle of a good person, a widow, for justice. Through this story Jesus teaches that God hears the persistent cries of the just. In today's gospel it is a sinner who prays to God for mercy and, wonderfully, God hears the sinner's humble prayer also. The only prayer to which God cannot respond is that of the self-righteous who effectively says to God: 'I do not need you.'

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

Luke 18:9

The readings today remind us that God sees the heart. He listens to those who are humble and cries out for justice. He does not turn away from the poor or the weak. Instead, He cares for those who trust Him. This Sunday shows us the difference between pride and humility. Sirach speaks of God's justice. The psalm praises God for saving the poor. Paul talks about staying faithful even in hard times. Jesus tells a parable about a tax collector who prays with a humble heart.

All Saints and All Souls Day - Of spirits, saints, and souls...

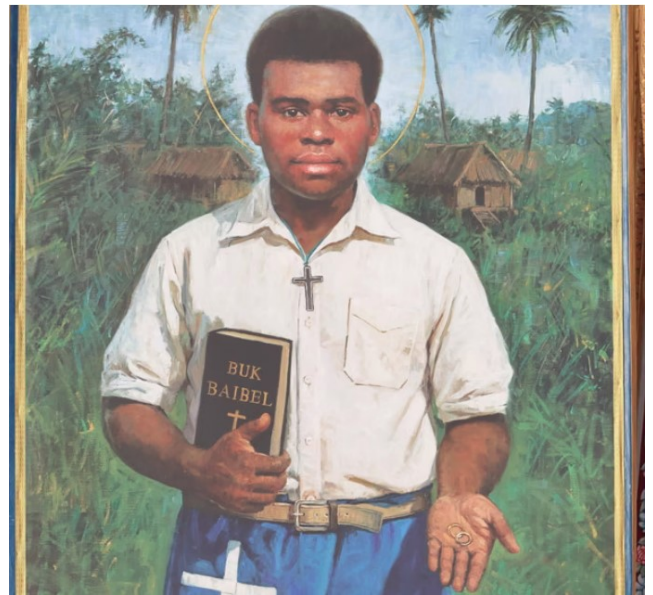
This week we celebrate All Hallows' Eve or Halloween (*October 31*), the evening before **All Saints Day**, when traditionally children (*and sometimes adults*) have an evening of fun with "things that go bump in the night" before the more solemn celebration of all the saints—the good spirits. All Saints Day (*November 1*) was established to honour everyone who now enjoys their "everlasting reward"—those who have been assigned a special day of their own, and also those who have not been officially recognized or canonized, but are saints nonetheless. This is followed by **All Souls Day** (*November 2*), a day of prayer for all of the "faithful departed,".

Joan Chittister, 31 October, 2014

"Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Pope Leo XIV canonises Papua New Guinea's first Catholic saint Peter ToRot

Pope Leo XIV has canonised Peter ToRot, a Papua New Guinea man killed in prison in 1945 for standing up for monogamous marriage at a time when polygamy was practised, which was a common traditional practice in his village prior to colonisation. He is PNG's first ever saint and was selected by Pope Francis, who approved his canonization on March 31, 2025, and he was canonized on 19 October 2025 by Pope Leo XIV and was formally recognized as the first saint from Papua New Guinea, and six other Blesseds from other countries.



Roster Nov 2nd

Leader:

Reader: Ian Lucas

Ex. Minister :

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.