

16 October 2022

**Twenty Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C**



Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading book of Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

Response: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14– 4:2

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

Communion Antiphon
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Week

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Resp Ps: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

Second: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Lk 17:5-10

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

Ministry & Service



Opportunities

PARISH MINISTRY DRIVE

During the past few weeks we have been highlighting the ministries of hospitality and inviting greater participation in these important ministries.

For the next few weeks our focus will move to the liturgical ministries.

This weekend we are focusing on Ministries that are essential to our community celebration of the Mass: of Altar Server, Reader and Eucharistic Minister.

Readers proclaim the readings at mass and lead the prayers of the faithful. They work in pairs and usually prepare for about an hour at home before Mass. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion. Altar servers assist the priest during Mass as commissioned ministers. They set up the altar before Mass and clean the altar and holy vessels after Mass.

At each Mass a speaker will address you about their experience in this Ministry . The main requirement is a love of the Mass as a celebration of thanksgiving and a desire to be of service to your community. If you want to try and see if this ministry is right for you, those already in these ministries will help by sharing their knowledge and skills and you are given training and opportunities to practise the skills required. Talk to someone after Mass or place your name on the lists in the foyer and you will be contacted to discuss the ministry further.

Therese and Teresa

Every year in October, we are blessed to celebrate the memorials of two amazing women named Teresa (Therese). Each one has a fairly popular following in the Church today, it's hard to get them mixed up if you really know them, but if you don't, it can be really confusing. It doesn't help that they were both Discalced Carmelites! (And strangely, quotes are often attributed to Teresa of Ávila and Thérèse of Lisieux, interchangeably – even things they never said.

Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) This Teresa is famous for two things: her reform of the Carmelite order and her mystical spirituality: the Discalced Carmelites. She was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. **Her feast day is October 15.**

We shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavoring to know God; for, beholding His greatness we realize our own littleness; His purity shows us our foulness; and by meditating upon His humility we find how very far we are from being humble.
– St. Teresa of Ávila, *The Interior Castle*

Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) The overwhelming popularity of this saint – you can see her statue (she's the one with the roses) in just about every Catholic Church, it seems, along with St. Anthony of Padua – is one of those mysterious, inexplicable phenomena. When she died, she was 24 and known only to a handful of people: her family and her enclosed community of nuns in northern France. In 1997, she was declared a Doctor of the Church. **Her feast day is October 1.**

I am but a weak and helpless child, yet it is my very weakness which makes me dare to offer myself, O Jesus, as victim to Thy Love. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul*

Contact us	Mass times	
Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD Assistant Priest: Fr "Sam" Ransom Rapiro OCD Parish Associate: Sr "Jill" Girlie Sudario, CM Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-12.30pm	Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
	Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat Mass at 9am
	Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
	Reconciliation: Saturday at 11am	All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

Rosters

23 October	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Suzanne, Russell and Myra	Anita & Jackie	Terry & Maree
Altar Servers	Maria & Cassandra	Orly & Meliame	Robert
Readers	Ryan & Bevina	Allan & Laura	Sheenalyn & Kavya
Refreshments	Riana & Suzanne	Irene, Jessica & Meg	
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Flowers	Patricia & Jessica	Church Vacuuming	Kaur family
Counters	Vilma & Jeanette	Foyer Cleaning	Feiloakitohi family

Prayer intentions



For the sick & homebound: Amanda & John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gibbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Marita Waugh, Danilo Mercado, John McDermott, Benito Cossettini, Sanjaey Pillay.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Anthony Binny, Thomas Dobbie, Joseph Julien, Sam Wilson, Anthony Binny.
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Intercessory Prayer group will have a formation meeting on Saturday 29 October at 10.30am after Adoration in the meeting room. New members are invited to come along.

Adoration with the Rosary is held in the church every Saturday morning at 9.30am for 1 hour. The Intercessory Prayer group will lead the prayers and all are welcome to join.

The Filipino Mass is held at 11.15am on the third Sunday of each month:

The Divine Mercy Devotion is held on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm.

Faith Circles is on every Monday at 2pm and 7pm via zoom

Friendship Group is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 9.30am.

Alliance of the 2 hearts Mass and devotion is held on the first Friday of each month at 7.30pm.

The Samoan Mass is held at 12 midday on the first Sunday of every 2 months; Next December 2022.

Readers Inservice meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

First Reconciliation classes will commence on Saturday 29 October. Registrations are still being accepted at the parish office.

Retreat: 28—30 October 2022: Open Wide; Spirit-Led Discipleship Retreat hosted by the MGL Sisters will be held at Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd. For bookings go to <https://trybooking.com/BWMKC>

Called and Gifted Workshop: As part of our intention to invest in the formation of leaders in our parish, you are all invited to attend this workshop to be held on Friday 4 November from 7pm & Saturday 5 November, 9.45am—4pm in our Parish Hall. More information will be available in the coming weeks. You can register at the parish office.



Bulletin Notices

Catholic Mission Appeal: Bringing hope and builder brighter futures for families in Emdibir: This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Ethiopia as they look to establish a goat rearing centre to provide nutritious milk for families in most need. In addition, the Centre will provide opportunities for agricultural training and employment. Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission. There will be an additional collection next weekend to support the work of Catholic Mission.

Catholic Family Camping Weekend Fri 4 Nov – Sun 6 Nov 2022 Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton) This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the diocese to come together in a relaxed camping environment for connection, formation, walks, fun, meals, prayer, games, music, and Sunday Mass with Bishop Mascord. It will be a self-catered weekend, tents and caravans are permitted and with limited spots for a male and female bunk room. Cost is \$50 per adult or \$100 per family regardless of size to register go to www.dow.org.au/events. For more info or to help with the organisation, please email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin. A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. **GROWING GOOD MEN** is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10). Don't miss this! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon (founder of menALIVE) and his team. Please Register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events. Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Marriage Enrichment Weekend 28 – 30 October 2022 Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville; Join us to learn together to live your best life in love! A stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wvme.org.au.

LIVE Local Macarthur: Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm– 8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

DLC: Expression of Interest: The Diocesan Liturgical Commission (DLC) actively promotes liturgy and advises the Bishop so that, in the Diocese of Wollongong, all liturgies express that in all things we are bearers of Christ's love. The DLC is now accepting expressions of interest. Learn more here: dow.org.au/news

The Journey Weekly Podcast: On The Journey This Week: Fr Ken Café's Gospel reflection on prayer, love, and justice. Mother Hilda tells how to see things the way God sees them. And Robert Falzon in conversation about the Men Alive ministry. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

New CCD Resource Centre Location in Campbelltown The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown will be closed from 26 Sept - 17 October as we relocate from downstairs to upstairs to a larger space. When we reopen, Catechists will again have access to great resources and a much-improved training space, or the ability to come in for a cuppa and a bite to eat as they prepare lessons. The Centre will also give access to all Catholics, to a range of quality faith resources they can borrow. Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au / Ph 4640 8550.

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity & Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, online conference to be held from 20 – 22 October 2022. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at: <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au>.

A vocation view Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18: 1-8) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. Stay informed by subscribing at dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.

CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

CATHFAMILY CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids cathfamily.org/activities/

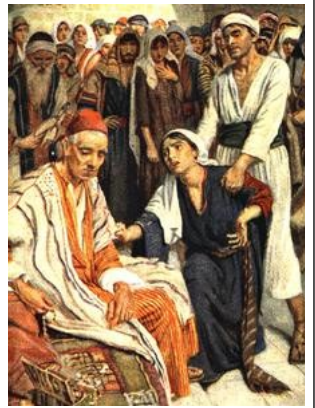
Holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'"

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection by Pope Francis

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable on the need to pray always, never wearying. The main character is a widow whose insistent pleading with a dishonest judge succeeds in obtaining justice from him. Jesus concludes: if the widow succeeded in convincing that judge, do you think that God will not listen to us if we pray to him with insistence? Jesus' words are very strong: "And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night?" "Crying day and night" to God!

This image of prayer is striking, but let us ask ourselves: Why does God want this? Doesn't he already know what we need? What does it mean to "insist" with God? This is a good question that makes us examine an important aspect of the faith: God invites us to pray insistently not because he is unaware of our needs or because he is not listening to us. On the contrary, he is always listening and he knows everything about us lovingly. On our daily journey, especially in times of difficulty, in the battle against the evil that is outside and within us, the Lord is not far away, he is by our side. We battle with him beside us, and our weapon is prayer which makes us feel his presence beside us, his mercy and also his help. But the battle against evil is a long and hard one; it requires patience and endurance, like Moses who had to keep his arms outstretched for the people to prevail (cf Ex 17:8-13). This is how it is: there is a battle to be waged each day, but God is our ally, faith in him is our strength and prayer is the expression of this faith. Therefore Jesus assures us of the victory, but at the end he asks: "when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?". If faith is snuffed out, prayer is snuffed out, and we walk in the dark. We become lost on the path of life.

Therefore, let us learn from the widow of the Gospel to pray always without growing weary. This widow was very good! She knew how to battle for her children! I think of the many women who fight for their families, who pray and never grow weary. Today let us all remember these women who by their attitude provide us with a true witness of faith and courage, and a model of prayer. Our thoughts go out to them!

Pray always, but not in order to convince the Lord by dint of words! He knows our needs better than we do! Indeed persevering prayer is the expression of faith in a God who calls us to fight with him every day and at every moment in order to conquer evil with good.

Special Invitation from The Binny/ Rodrigues families.

Dear Parishioners, we will be interring the ashes of our beloved Dad, Anthony Binny after the 9.03am Mass next Sunday, 23 October. We invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments in the hall. Please include your name/ number of people on the list available in the church foyer or call Gerard Binny on 0423658300 for catering purposes by 17 October.



The annual outdoor All Souls Day Mass will be held in the Columbarium on Wednesday 2 November. All are welcome to attend.