

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.

2 October 2022
Twenty-seventh Sunday
in ordinary time
Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading from the prophet Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Luke 17: 5-10

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Holy Gospel according to Luke 17: 5-10

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.

Next Week

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in
ordinary time Year C**

First: 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Resp Ps: Ps 97:1-4. R.v.2

Second: 2 Tm 2:8-13

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19



The Samoan Mass will be held at Midday today

The funeral for John McDermott will be held on
Thursday at 2.30pm.

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Weekday Mass times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm



PARISH MINISTRY DRIVE

You are invited to reflect upon our Parish prayer:
*'Creator God life is your gift to me.
 Through baptism you invite me to share
 the gift of my life in service to others....'*

Where have you responded to God's call to share your gifts with our faith community?

This weekend we are focusing on the Church vacuuming and Foyer cleaning teams. Members of these teams are invisible in that we never see them publicly performing their service and we take for granted that the church will be clean and inviting each week. The commitment is for about 2 hours when rostered and you will be given on the job training.

Friendship Group is held on the this Tuesday at 9.30am.

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



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 Gribbons, 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: John McDermott, Benito Cossetini, Sanjaey Pillay Remedios Estrada-Ash, ,

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

Bulletin Notices

FAMILY FUN NIGHT on Saturday 15 October at 7pm: Come along and enjoy this social event for fundraising in the Parish hall. Tickets are available for purchase after all Masses and at the parish office.

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

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will commence **Friday October 7 at 10:00am** - 11:30 am in the parish meeting room and continue every Friday for 8 weeks until November 25. There are still spaces available. To register, contact the parish office on 9603 7373 or 0434 705 176.

Property meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 October via zoom. Contact the office for the zoom link. We are considering at the weekend Masses how we can offer assistance in our parish. One area of concern at the moment is maintaining the gardens. If you would be able to offer some assistance on a regular basis or occasionally, please put your hand up. There will be a working bee scheduled in the next month or two for everyone to come along and help.

Altar Server Training formation evening will be held on Wednesday 12 October at 7.30pm in the meeting room. All are welcome to come and listen to Fr Sam discuss the topic of the Liturgy.

Liturgy Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 October at 7.30pm in the meeting room. All persons involved in Liturgical ministries is invited to attend.

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 trybooking.com/BWMKC.

Mount Carmel Catholic College Class of 1992 is having a 30 year Reunion on Saturday 19 November at 6.30pm at the Orient Hotel, The Rocks. For more info go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CCBZH>

How Do We Pray: A short Course led by Fr Gerard Moran, ocd. At Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 263 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives. On 4 Thursdays at 7.30pm commencing 13 October. Register by email: office@corpuschristi.com.au or call 9144 6998.

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 4 Nov from 4pm & 5 November, 10am -4pm in our Parish Hall. More information will be available in the coming weeks. You can register at the parish office.

Bishops Annual Appeal: Thank you for your support of this appeal last weekend. \$1450.85 was raised and has been sent to the Bishops Office in support of this appeal.

Gospel Reflection Greg Sunter

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.