

23 October 2022

**Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C**



Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek
the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his
strength; constantly
seek his face.

First Reading from the
book of Ecclesiasticus
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

Response: The Lord hears
the cry of the poor.

Second Reading from the
second letter of St Paul
to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to
reconcile the world to
himself; and the Good
News of reconciliation he
has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to
Luke 18:9-14

Communion Antiphon
We will ring out our joy at
your saving help and exult
in the name of our God.

Next Week

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First: Wis 11:22 – 12:2

Resp Ps: 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Second: 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

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.

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CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

Thank you for choosing to support Catholic Mission this World Mission Month. Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the International Pontifical Mission Societies, works on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church run mission programs around the world.

This week Catholic Mission will share the continued vision of Fr Habte and how, through the Goat Rearing Centre, in Ethiopia, many families living in poverty are able to access agricultural training and employment that they would otherwise be unable to.

As shared by Fr Habte, when established, the Centre will not only provide nutritious milk but job creation and agricultural training for farmers and community members.

Please give generously this weekend to help continue this program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/families or by scanning the QR code above. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. There will be an additional collection after the Mass this weekend to support the work of Catholic Mission.

Ministry & Service



Opportunities

PARISH MINISTRY DRIVE

This weekend we continue to focus on the liturgical ministries and our particular focus is on the music ministries which comprise the choir and musicians.

The music ministry's goal is to make the Eucharistic celebration more alive with a liturgical quality of music and vocal support for worship.

The group is rostered weekly or monthly. Ongoing training is provided. At each Mass a speaker will address you about their experience in this Ministry. The main requirement is a keen interest in music and some basic ability in singing and or some proficiency in a musical instrument. If you want to see if this ministry is right for you, those already involved in this ministry will help by sharing their knowledge and skills and all choir members 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.

Please remember to return the ministry engagement forms that you may have taken home during the past few weeks. Your commitment and feedback is invaluable for the Parish Leadership Team.

Contact us	Mass times	
Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD Assistant Priest: Fr "Sam" Ransom Rapirop 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

30 October	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Berna & Ronald	Sarah, Violeti & Martin	Beatrix & Stuart
Altar Servers	Cody & Christian	Orly & Luisa	Vu
Readers	Richard & Tracey	Irene & Lee	Evangeline & Rachel
Refreshments	Joanne & Margaret	Tina & Ronda	
CLOTW		Children's Mass	
Flowers	Tracey	Church Vacuuming	Binny family
Counters	Richard & Margaret	Foyer Cleaning	Russell & Suzanne

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,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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. It is important to attend both sessions of the workshop as the information gathered on the Friday evening will impact the sessions on the Saturday. Please contact the parish office for more information and to register your interest..

Intercessory Prayer group is running well with the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament held every Saturday at 9:30-10:30am. Thank you for your support. Everyone is invited to join the prayer. **On 29th October at 10:30-11:30am** there will be a meeting / introductory formation with Fr Sam. You are invited to come and see and be part of the group.

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. On 2 November, we will have the Melbourne Cup Lunch with TV coverage of the event.

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 mass December 2022.

Readers ministry meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm via zoom.



Bulletin Notices

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

Open Wide: Spirit-Led Discipleship Retreat, 28 – 30

October at Carmel House, Varroville: Join the MGL Sisters on retreat as we deepen in God's love, seek restoration, and be empowered to live life open wide to the Holy Spirit! The retreat will include inputs, the sacraments, prayer times and opportunities for spiritual conversation with others. It's for men and women aged 18+ and offers you a great chance to rest and restore before the final two months of the year are upon us! More info and register:

<http://www.trybooking.com/BWMKC>

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.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.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/>

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

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 Brian Lucas' gospel reflection on witness, humility, righteousness, and World Mission Sunday. Mother Hilda on where to look for enlightenment. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.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

Social Justice Statement - Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse focuses in a special way on the problem of spiritual violence and abuse. It discusses how religious teachings – including our own – may be manipulated by perpetrators to excuse violence or to exert control over others. <https://socialjustice.catholic.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/

Beloved Retreat for Women: Catholic Women's Network: Join us for a day retreat and uncover more of your Belovedness. A perfect way to prepare your heart to close out the year and soften into the upcoming season of Advent. Engaging speakers, opportunities for prayer, worship, adoration, confession, Mass, and more. Lunch and refreshments included. Date: Saturday 5 November 8:30am - 5:30pm. Age: 18+. Cost: \$75. Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre: 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale, NSW 2753. The Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, Meg McAlister, is attending the retreat, can answer questions and is eager to connect with attendees from the Diocese of Wollongong, so let her know if you are attending: meg.mcalister@dow.org.au; Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4QYED1v4Z>; Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=950134&>

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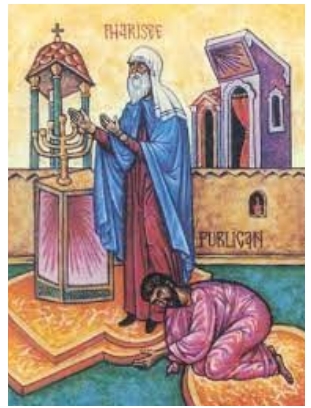
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Holy Gospel according to Luke 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection by Pope Francis

This morning we left the Synod Hall and came to "the temple to pray": in this, we are touched directly by the parable of the pharisee and the publican, told by Jesus and recounted by the Evangelist St Luke (see 18:9- 14). We too may be tempted, like the pharisee, to tell God of our merits, perhaps thinking of our work during these days. However, to rise up to Heaven, prayer must emanate from a poor, humble heart. And therefore we too, at the conclusion of this ecclesial event, wish to first and foremost give thanks to God, not for our merits, but for the gift that He has given us. We recognize ourselves as small and in need of salvation, of mercy; we recognize all that comes from Him and that only with his Grace we may realize what the Holy Spirit told us. Only in this manner may we "return home" truly enriched, made more just and more able to walk in the path of the Lord.

The First Reading and the responsorial Psalm stress the theme of prayer, emphasizing that it is much more powerful to God's heart when those who pray are in a condition of need and are afflicted. "The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds" affirms Ecclesiasticus (35:21); and the Psalmist adds: "Yahweh is near to the broken hearted, he helps those whose spirit is crushed" (34:18). Our thoughts go to our numerous brothers and sisters who live in the region of the Middle East and who find themselves in trying situations, at times very burdensome, both for the material poverty and for the discouragement, the state of tension and at times of fear. Today the Word of God also offers us a light of consoling hope, there where He presents prayer, personified, that "until he has eliminated the hordes of the arrogant and broken the sceptres of the wicked, until he has repaid all people as their deeds deserve and human actions as their intentions merit" (Ecc 35:21-22). This link too, between prayer and justice makes us think of many situations in the world, particularly in the Middle East. The cry of the poor and oppressed finds an immediate echo in God, who desires to intervene to open up a way out, to restore a future of freedom, a horizon of hope.

All Souls Day Mass at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish



*Please join us for a special Mass in honour
of our dearly departed loved ones
and all the holy souls*

**Outdoor Mass on
Wednesday 2 November at 7.30pm
in our Columbarium.
(located behind the Church)**