

30 October 2022

**Thirty First Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C**



Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my
God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to
my help, O Lord, my strong
salvation!

First Reading from the
book of Wisdom
Wis 11:22 – 12:2

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14.
R. see v.1

Response: I will praise your
name for ever, my king and
my God.

Second Reading from the
second letter St Paul to the
Thessalonians

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so
much, he gave us his only
Son, that all who believe in
him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to
Luke 19:1-10

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path
of life, the fullness of joy in
your presence, O Lord.

Next Week

Thirty Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C

First: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14
Resp Ps: Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15.
Second: 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5
Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

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.

Discover God's Call for your Life

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life; a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms [spiritual gifts] and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends his love to reach others. Come, and discover those charisms!

The Called and Gifted Workshop is offered over two days [Friday evening and Saturday], or a series of five two-hour sessions. It includes Church teaching on the laity and apostleship, the nature of charisms, call and vocation, and how to undertake the process of discernment.

The workshop is useful for:

- Cradle Catholics and active parishioners;
- Young adults discerning career/vocational direction;
- Parents assisting children live their faith and recognise their gifts;
- Catholic teachers assisting students recognise their gifts;
- Parish staff and leaders who want to nurture and empower parishioners;
- Catholics discerning a call to religious life;
- New or returning Catholics exploring what it means to live their faith as an adult;
- People in transition: changing jobs, empty nesters, returning to work, and facing retirement.

This workshop will teach you:

- Church teaching on the laity and lay apostleship
- The five steps of discerning the gifts God has given you for your work in the world
- The signs and characteristics of the 24 most common charisms
- How discerning your call can change your life
- How discerning your call can change the world and spread the Gospel
- How discerning & using our gifts together can help transform & renew our parishes

NEXT weekend from Friday 7-9pm and Saturday 9.45am - 4pm, Clara Geoghagen from the Siena Institute in Canberra, will run this workshop in our parish hall. It is an exciting opportunity for us as we conduct our Parish Ministry Drive. More information is available on our Parish website. To register please call the parish office asap.

*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)**

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

Rosters

06 November	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Glen & Arlene	Irene, Gerry & Margaret	Patricia
Altar Servers	Michelle & Abigail	Orly & Carlos	Frank
Readers	Suzanne & Russell	Gabriel & Ofa	Gloria & Timothy
Refreshments	Emmarie & Suzanne	Sarah & Steve	
CLOTW		Rebecca & Asinate	
Flowers	Audrey	Church Vacuuming	Lorraine & Jackie
Counters	Christine & Cira	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 Cossetini, Sanjaey Pillay.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Anthony Binny, Thomas Dobbie, Joseph Julien, Sam Wilson.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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: Next Mass will be on Sunday 20 November.

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.

Covid-19 Restrictions lifted: Commencing this weekend all Covid restrictions have been lifted. Holy Water stoups will be replenished but hand sanitizer will still be available. Holy Communion on the tongue will be offered. Those wishing to receive communion can join the end of the queue and the Presiding Priest at each Mass will administer communion after those receiving in the hand. We will stop spraying the pews with disinfectant after each Mass. The door handles and high touch surfaces, including the toilets will be cleaned after each mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION preparation classes commence this weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers as they meet each week. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was formerly known as the Sacrament of Penance and is also still commonly referred to as a child's First Confession. The emphasis in preparing children for this sacrament is based on asking the children to reflect on times when they did not live as Jesus asked them.



Bulletin Notices

Confessional boxes are no longer used, the child and priest sit to one side of the church. In the sacrament of reconciliation the children receive the grace of forgiveness and repentance. In order to receive their First Communion, children must first receive the grace of forgiveness and repentance and therefore in our parish the children to undertake the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for their First Holy Communion the following year..

PARISH MINISTRY DRIVE: This weekend we continue to focus on the liturgical ministries and our particular focus is on The Music Ministry. We are blessed with a diverse group of choirs and music groups who bring their gifts to our Liturgies each week.

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.

Men's Rosary Group – The Parish of Rosemeadow invites other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing on Tuesday 29 November at 7pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow.

Contact David on 0410 487 630 / djbarrett85@gmail.com.

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

The Journey Weekly Podcast: On The Journey this Week: Fr Mark De Battista's gospel reflection. Mother Hilda on the pilgrimage track of life making amends for one's own sins, and the sins of others. Plus, testimony from participants on the Men Alive Growing Good Men weekend. The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au

A vocation view Jesus approaches us and wants to come stay with us. Be ready to change your ways, like Zacchaeus, to follow Jesus. (Luke 19:1-10) 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>

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&>

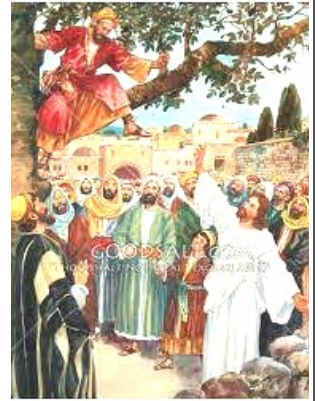
Faith Circles—free small group resource: Faith Circles is a weekly resource to help individuals and small groups to come together in Parishes. In doing so it assists in the development of faith and community. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use with simple questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

menALIVE's—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions—Every Tuesday 7.30pm; reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to: break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise “catch up” with great men from across Australia and New Zealand. gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men & pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

Holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection by Pope Francis



Today's Gospel places us in the footsteps of Jesus Who, on His way to Jerusalem, stopped in Jericho. There was a great crowd to welcome Him, including a man named Zacchaeus, the head of the "publicans", that is, of those Jews who collected taxes on behalf of the Roman Empire. He was rich not from honest earnings, but because he asked for "bribes", and this increased contempt for him. Zacchaeus "was seeking to see who Jesus was"; he didn't want to meet Him, but he was curious: he wanted to see that character about whom he had heard extraordinary things. He was curious. And being short in stature,

"to see him" he climbs up a tree. When Jesus comes close, he looks up and sees Him.

And this is important: the first glance is not from Zacchaeus, but from Jesus, who among the many faces that surrounded Him – the crowd – seeks precisely that one. The merciful gaze of the Lord reaches us before we ourselves realize that we need it in order to be saved. And with this gaze of the divine Master there begins the miracle of the conversion of the sinner. Indeed, Jesus calls to him, and He calls him by his name: "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today" (v. 5). He does not reproach him, He does not deliver a "sermon" to him; He tells him that he must go to Him: "he must", because it is the will of the Father. Despite the murmuring of the people, Jesus chose to stay at the home of that public sinner.

We too would have been scandalized by this behaviour of Jesus. But contempt for and rejection of the sinner only isolate him and cause him to harden in the evil he commits against himself and the community. Instead, God condemns sin, but tries to save the sinner; He goes looking for him to bring him back on the right path. Those who have never felt they are sought by God's mercy find it difficult to grasp the extraordinary greatness of the gestures and words with which Jesus approaches Zacchaeus.

Jesus' acceptance and attention to him lead him to a clear change of mentality: in just a moment he realized how petty life is when it revolves around money, at the cost of stealing from others and receiving their contempt. Having the Lord there, in his house, makes him see everything with different eyes, even with a little of the tenderness with which Jesus looked at him. And his way of seeing and using money also changes: the gesture of grabbing is replaced by that of giving. Indeed, he decides to give half of what he possesses to the poor and to return four times the sum to those from whom he has stolen. Zacchaeus discovers from Jesus that it is possible to love gratuitously: until this moment he was mean, but now he becomes generous; he had a taste for amassing wealth, now he rejoices in distributing. By encountering Love, by discovering that he is loved despite his sins, he becomes capable of loving others, making money a sign of solidarity and communion.

May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the grace always to feel Jesus' merciful gaze upon us, to go with mercy towards those who have erred, so that they too may welcome Jesus, Who "came to seek and to save the lost".