

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.

9 October 2022
Twenty-eighth Sunday
in ordinary time
Year C

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading from the second book of the Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



Next Week

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

First: Ex 17:8-13

Resp Ps: Ps 120. R. v.2

Second: 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

*Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant,
count as nothing—St Therese of Lisieux*

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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

Ministry & Service



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 Flower Arranger and Money Counters teams. Flower arrangers are important for the presentation of the church and money counters ensure the smooth processing of financial contributions. The commitment for flower arranging is about 2 hours when rostered and about 1 hour for money counting. You will be given on the job training.

Friendship Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month 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: Ann Julien, 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.

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.

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.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend 28 – 30 October 2022 Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville Join us to learn together to live your best life in love! Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au

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.

Gospel Reflection Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is one of the stories unique to the gospel of Luke. At the same time, it is a commonly known story that is often cited to demonstrate the value of saying thank you. However, as usual, there's more to this story than initially meets the eye. One of the recurrent themes of the gospel is at play here: the message of salvation that Jesus brings is available to all, not just the Jews.

The first reading is an interesting link with the gospel of Luke. In chapter 4 of the gospel, when Jesus visits Nazareth and preaches in the synagogue, he later tells a story about the prophets Elijah and Elisha responding to the needs of Gentiles rather than Jews. He tells the story to make the point that the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews. The incident involving Elisha that Jesus refers to in chapter 4 is the one we hear in today's first reading.

Whilst both the first reading and the gospel tell stories about the healing of those with skin diseases, the common factor is actually about their expressions of gratitude and conversion of heart. In the gospel, all ten men are healed but it is only the stranger; the foreigner; the Samaritan, who comes back to give thanks and to praise God. The others – Jewish men, presumably – are only concerned about themselves and have no time to acknowledge the graciousness of God that they have experienced. The gospel writer has Jesus emphasise the point that it is the Samaritan – the outsider – who has recognised God's activity in his cure and come back to give praise and thanks. It is only he who has experienced the change of heart; the conversion of faith.

Historical Context – Leprosy

In ancient times, a wide variety of skin diseases were loosely labelled as 'leprosy'. Because of Jewish purity laws, people with skin diseases were automatically regarded as 'unclean' and were forced to live away from others. The assumption was that such disfigurement must be a punishment from God for sinful behaviour. When Jesus encounters the men they are outside the town and keep the required distance from Jesus. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest, whose authority was relied upon to declare a person healed and fit to return to society after extensive ritual purification.

Gospel Focus – Where are they?

'The other nine, where are they?' asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!