

13 October 2024
Twenty Eight Sunday
in ordinary time.

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
Book of Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) Fill us with your love,
O Lord, and we will sing
for joy!

Second Reading from the
letter of St Paul to the
Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is
theirs! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel according to
Mark 10:17-30

Communion Antiphon

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

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.

National Carers Week 2024 13-19 October 2024

**NATIONAL CARERS WEEK RECOGNISES,
CELEBRATES AND RAISES AWARENESS OF
THE 3 MILLION AUSTRALIANS PROVIDING
UNPAID CARE AND SUPPORT TO THEIR
FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS.**

It shines a light on Australian carers' resilience and sacrifice, and the profound impact they have on our communities.

The campaign runs from Sunday 13 to Saturday 19 October 2024.

For National Carers Week 2024, we want every Australian to become involved in some way – by giving them small, but powerful, actions they can take in real life or online, that will make a difference in the lives of carers – to raise awareness, celebrate and recognise them. These all relate to our campaign's call-to-action:



Worship: Mass and Devotions

Sunday Mass	Weekday Mass	Devotions
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed Mass at 9am	Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday 9.30am
Sunday: 9.30 am and 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri and Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass & Devotion: First Friday from 7.30pm
Samoa Mass: First Sunday of May at 12	Healing Mass: first Satur- day of each month at 9am	Reconciliation: Sat 11am

Prayer intentions

For the sick and homebound: Reg Bucknell, Mary Ponnalam, Peter Presdee, Matthew Johnson, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda and John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie and Barry Atkins, Carol and Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart. Catherine, Elizabeth & Monika, Mara Srebrenovic
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain and affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Joe Spinnato, Edmond Stanley Gomez, Corey Bulmer

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them



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Meetings and Gatherings

Filipino Mass will be on Sunday 20 October at 11. 15am

Divine Mercy Devotion will be held on Sunday 20 October at 3pm

Friendship Group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9am.

Readers Ministry Meeting meets on the last Tuesday of every 2 months at 7.30pm via zoom.

Holy Family Fellowship meets on the 4th Saturday at 7pm.

Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am.

Fundraising Team meeting is on Wednesday 23 October at 7.30pm.

Faith Circles meets every Monday via zoom at 2pm & 7.30pm.

Bible Reflection group meets every Monday at 10am.

Childrens Ministry Gathering will meet on the 4th Sunday from 3– 5 pm

Youth Ministry is on fire for faith, friendship and specially for God! All 13-17 years old are invited to join every fortnight on the 2nd & 4th Friday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Parish and Community Notices

Major Cash Raffle: Raffle Draw this weekend after the 9.30am Mass. Thank you everyone for your participation in our Raffle. Good luck everyone!!!

First Reconciliation Preparation classes commence on Saturday 19 October at 4pm. Registration must be completed at the parish office prior to classes commencing.

All Souls Day outdoor Mass will be held in the Columbarium on Friday 1 November at 7.30pm. Please join us for a special mass in honour of our dearly departed loved ones. All are welcome.

Trivia Night on Saturday 9 November after 6pm Mass. Doors open at 6.30 & trivia starts at 7.30pm. Book a ticket or book a table. Tickets are \$25 pp and include entry plus a sausage sizzle and drink. BYO nibbles & drinks.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 25-27 October, 2024 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nsw-bookings@wwme.org.au. If you would like more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please see the WWME website at www.wwme.org.au.

Holy Gospel according to Mark 10: 17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Fiona Dyball

The readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us into deeper understandings of what is possible with God, and the meaning of true wisdom and wealth. God's gift and invitation to transformation of life is not focussed on building up a large property portfolio or bank balance. A relationship of love and companionship with the trinitarian God leads to people growing in ways that can make the impossible possible in their own lives, and in the lives of others. We often recognise this ourselves when we take the time to look back and reflect on our journey of life and faith. Moving beyond the markers of success in the world, the Synod moves us towards a Church that more reflects the home and family envisioned and found in the reign of God. This process can often be painful, but it is also ultimately freeing. Reciprocal listening, dialogue, community discernment and the creation of consensus lead us forward into the newness waiting for us. Knowing and accepting that God's loving gaze rests upon each of us, how might our lives and Church be different? The word of God, as the second reading reminds us, is something alive and active. As we move into this week of our synodal journey, we pray with the psalmist for the wisdom of heart that reflects the compassionate heart of our generous and loving God.