

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
(R.) 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.

Next Week:

Twenty-ninth Sunday in
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First: Exodus 17:8-13
Resp Ps: Ps 120. R. v.2
Second: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



MINISTRY DRIVE

You may wonder how to find your place and make an impact in our community. Serving in the church is a beautiful way to live out our faith, connect with one another, and follow Jesus' example, from volunteering for community outreach to assisting in worship, embracing our service with love and dedication. Let's open our hearts and discover the treasure of serving in our church.

When we think about serving in the church, we recognize that it is not merely a task—it's a calling. Each of us has unique gifts and abilities, and we are invited to use them for something greater than ourselves. God has a purpose for each of us, and He encourages us to step forward boldly. In responding to His call, we can find joy and fulfillment. As we serve, we are not only helping others but also growing closer to our Lord.

As members of the body of Christ, serving in the church invites us into a beautiful experience of unity. It reminds us that we are not alone on this journey; we are part of a greater family—God's family. Each of us has a role to play, no matter how big or small it may seem. Together, as we support one another and contribute our unique gifts, we create harmony and strength in our churches.

Parish Notices

First Reconciliation preparation classes commence on Saturday 25 October at 4pm. Registrations are being accepted at the parish office.

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park, Berrima on Sunday 26 October.

Meeting place in the Church at 9 am for commissioning rite. Children must be accompanied parent/s or guardian. All parishioners are welcome to join; Transportation: drive your car or carpool; If you wish to join and are unable to drive call the parish office for more details or Sr Ines: 0468462814

All Souls Day Mass in the Columbarium. This year All Souls day will be on Sunday 2 November. We will celebrate the outdoor mass at 5pm.

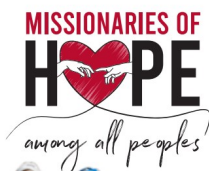
Raffle tickets are still available to take home and sell. Please ask the welcomer for a book of tickets or call in at the parish office to collect. Sold tickets can be returned at any time.

Dinner Dance: Disco theme on 8th Nov 2025 from 7pm onwards in the Parish Hall. Featuring The Chillers & DJ Calvin. Tickets Available: Adult \$50; Child \$20; Family of 2 adults & 3 or more children \$150. Booking is Compulsory. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Marriage Enrichment 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 24-26 October 2025 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 nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Thank you for supporting the Annual Bishops Appeal this year; Our parish raised \$2334.55.

Next Weekend we will be having the Catholic Mission Appeal:



We will share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.



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Formation Opportunities in Liturgy Two Formation Opportunities in Liturgy will take place on Saturday 1 November at Holy Family Parish, Ingleburn. Following Mass for All Saints at 9am, the first session for Lectors will run from 9.45am to 10.30am. After a break for morning tea, the second session will focus on Lay Leadership in the absence of a Priest and the ministries involved, finishing around midday. Please register for the session that applied to you: Lector Formation Day: dow.sh/lectors_nov25; Lay Leadership Formation Day: dow.sh/layleadership_nov25

Prayer intentions For the sick and homebound:

May Whitlock, Pat Cullen, Mary Ponnappalam, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Barry Atkins, Carol and Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart, Allan Marquinez, Richard Scolyer, Angela Pavlovic, *May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain and affliction.*

For our recently departed Maurice Laroche-Coralie, John Rogan. Marie Atkins, Anthony Mascarenhas

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Joe Spinnato, Rozalia Astalosh, Edmund Stanley Gomez, Mara Srebenovich

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

19 October	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Tracey & Richard	Bianca & Antony	Geoff & Margaret
Altar Servers	Berna, Christian, Elijah & Austin	Orly	Michael & Nathan
Readers	Candice & Volunteer	Gabriel & Irene	Gloria & Leah
Altar Linen	Ann Maree		
Counters	Christine & Cira	Church Vacuuming	Feiloakitohi Family



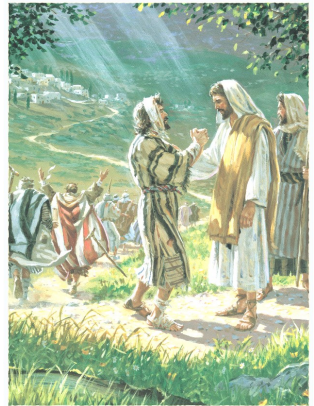
Parish Office: **Tuesday-Friday: 9.30am-12.30pm**
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We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people.
 May we too be good stewards of this land.

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.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Drawing attention to the faithful gratitude of the Samaritan, a 'foreigner', Jesus shows us that faith is not the preserve of any one culture. Similarly, Pope Leo encourages us to welcome those who turn back to Jesus in our own times and places.

Unfortunately, as the Pope points out, such seekers are not always met with 'adequate language and forms in the usual pastoral offerings.' Sometimes, our evangelising programs and attitudes are much better at putting off than attracting!

We know from experience, the Pope says, that 'various people who seem to be distant from the faith often return to knock on the doors of the Church, or open themselves to a new search for spirituality.' Such people should always find a welcoming spirit and openness to the stranger.

Authentic evangelisation always welcomes the seeker. As the Pope says, we are all called to become people 'who know how to share the journey, the questions, the anxieties and the hopes' of those around us. We should learn to walk with those who hope to walk with us.

After all, prejudice does not belong in the toolkit of Christianity.

Like the bishops to whom Pope Leo offered this advice, may we all have the grace 'to walk in humility and prayer' with our fellow companions on the way, whoever they may be, and wherever we may find them.

[Quotes from Address to New Bishops, 11 September 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/september/documents/20250911-vescovi.html>]