

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B**

17 October 2021

To be in service of others

The end of the Church's liturgical year is fast approaching and will culminate in a celebration of Christ as King. Today's readings focus on the meaning of discipleship, on what it means to live true to Jesus our King and his teaching and example.

How slow Jesus' disciples were in coming to understand Jesus' teaching. As well as their slowness in learning, today's gospel demonstrates a glaring insensitivity and shameless self-interest! Jesus, walking ahead of them, leading them on their way to Jerusalem, has just told them, for the third time, of his imminent betrayal, humiliation, suffering and death.

But, instead of expressing consolation or concern for him, they seize the opportunity to secure positions of power and prestige. While he ponders his impending suffering and death; they ponder the possibility of their own advancement! Similarly, when the other disciples heard of James and John's request, they were indignant and angry with them for pushing for prime positions for themselves, for they too would like that advancement.

All this is in stark contrast with Jesus' teaching, a teaching that he had patiently reiterated in various ways. They, his followers, he insisted, are not to be like political rulers who lord it over their subjects. No! He insists "whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all."

Once again, Jesus turns upside down their assumptions (and ours) of the ways things are and should be. We, his followers, are not to model our way of life on the way we see authority, power and leadership exercised by rulers in the world around us. Power, prestige, and authority are not our quest, nor our measure of greatness. We, as his disciples, are to model our way of living and loving (and dying) – individually and as a community - on Jesus who "came not to be served but to serve." Not power and control over others, but service and a willingness to suffer in service of others is our measure.

We Christians, therefore, speak of and seek to emulate his *servant leadership*, also knowing, from his example, that suffering and a dying to oneself – in all sorts of ways – will be part of the way in our service of others.

But as the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, we have in Jesus – our teacher and our King – one who knows well the experience of suffering and weakness: "we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin." He knows! To him we can go with utter confidence to "receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

So, our readings today challenge us to open ourselves to learning to live and love authentically in service of others as Jesus did, bearing the suffering that comes our way in the process, and trusting in his boundless mercy and grace through it all.

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This week in the Parish 10-17 October

Sunday 17 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Friday 22 12 noon - Catholic Women's Group Luncheon
(See note below)

Sunday 24 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Please note: There are No weekday Masses this week,
while Fr Anthony is on holidays.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Mills, Madonna Marshall, Bede Shortis,
David Wilkinson, Philip Blackburn, Julie Keogh,
Peg Hatfield

ANNIVERSARIES:

Salvatore Procopio, Tom Bugden

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Vince Kean, Margaret Chiesa, James Wallace

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

October luncheon

Friday 22 Oct | 12 noon | Murwillumbah Services Club

Enquiries: Helen Larkin 6672 5647

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ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

*Wearing of masks is mandatory
as well as proof of double vaccination*

Readings for today and next Sunday:

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Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

READING ROSTER

30/31 October - 31st Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Mike Brennan

Sunday 8am: Philomena Zambelli

Sunday 10am: Mary-Ann Thackray

The son of Man has come to give his life
as a ransom for many - *Mark 10:45*

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's
readings, are available with the bulletin.

MAKE A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

An ancient practice of the Church for those who cannot
be present at Mass is to make a spiritual communion.
We have a simple prayer you can pray with longing in
your heart to be united to Jesus.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Christmas Carnival Raffle...

**Tickets for the Christmas Carnival Parish Raffle
will be available soon.**

To be drawn on the first weekend in December.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

The Journey So Far



As we conclude the First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the process of discernment continues. From the opening Mass to the closing of the Assembly, our prayer has been *'Come, Holy Spirit.'* The call to hear afresh the Good News of Jesus Christ through a spiritual posture of 'deep listening' has been a central element of the preparation of the Plenary process and a distinctive feature of this week.

Over three hundred participants gathered for six days, meeting virtually across five different time zones, with many more people following the opening session of each day online. The gift of listening to one another has planted promising seeds and raised important questions for us. Many described the small group conversations and reports as the heartbeat of this First Assembly. Our process of discernment requires time and space for mature reflections to emerge, and further spiritual conversations will be necessary in our considerations of what God is asking of us in Australia at this time.

In responding to the Agenda questions, we considered ways of living as Church today. Many affirmed what they value about their Catholic faith: spirituality, community, prayer, liturgy and sacramental life, and service through the vocation of all the baptised. Members spoke of the ministries of pastoral care and education, health and aged care, and the many social services and advocacy the Church provides in the Australian community. These are great gifts to a world that is seeking meaning and more authentic living.

Each of these voices has been a powerful reminder that the Church, as a sign of the kingdom of God, has the vocation of being an image of Christ and an icon of grace to the whole human family.

With the closing of this First Assembly, the Plenary Council process now enters a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development. This will involve continuing reflection by the Members of the Council, and consultation with the wider Church community, as we develop propositions for presentation to the Second Assembly of the Council next July. This will be coordinated with Australian preparations for the 2023 Synod, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.*

In faith, hope and charity, we entrust all these tasks to the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Our prayer remains, as always: *'Come, Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land.'*

9 October 2021

NEXT SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD** ACTS 4:29

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (32)

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

ASPIRE YOUNG ADULT FORMATION with Bishop Greg Homeming

Are you looking for spiritual formation?

Join us online for monthly formation with Bishop Greg. For the past couple of years Bishop Greg has presented a monthly one-hour talk rich with spiritual depth pitched to young adults living in contemporary culture.

Please join us on the 19th October and 22nd November, from 5:30-6:30pm, using this Zoom ID and password, ID: 9348052213, password: 123456.

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

There are several options to tune into Mass at home this weekend:

ONLINE:

- ◆ Bishop Greg Homeming will celebrate Sunday Mass Online at 9:00 am on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#)
- ◆ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

FREEVIEW TV:

- ◆ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00a m for 'Mass for You at Home'.

Read the Mass Readings as a Family

A great resource is available from Diocese of Wollongong - [Daily Mass Readings](#)

Please visit the [Parish website](#) for other links and resources.

For God shows no favouritism (Romans 2:11)

WITH REGARDS TO THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ...

11 October to 25 October ... as the covid-19 pandemic and the so-called "road to recovery" continues to unfold so do the conditions by which we, as a Parish, are able to operate under the NSW Public Health Orders, which includes Places of Worship only being able to open for fully-vaccinated worshippers.

After reflection, a decision has been made by Fr Anthony that, as we cannot welcome everyone during this two-week period, we WILL CLOSE FOR ALL MASSES and activities in the Sacred Heart Church until we can welcome everyone back together as one.

This will be for a short period of two weeks until Monday 25 October when we can open our doors for everyone.

The Sacramental Program for our children due to make their Confirmation in November will continue. A separate email will be sent to all families involved in the program by our Pastoral Associate Barbara Grant later this week.

We will look forward to re-opening for Masses from 25 October, noting that there will still be restrictions in place for checking-in, face masks and social distancing.

As Fr Anthony is on leave during this two-week period we will not be livestreaming Masses from Sacred Heart Church. We recommend Bishop Greg's Sunday Mass on YouTube. Parish Bulletins will be emailed out and some printed copies will be available outside the Parish Office front door from 2 pm on Friday.

If anyone has any queries or concerns about this two-week closure, please contact the Parish Office.

Options for your weekend Mass at Home

Sunday Mass with Bishop Gregory Homeming 9:00 am on Lismore Diocese YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDioceseAU>

Mass for You at Home: <https://massforyou.com.au/>
Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6:00 am

Until we can worship together again, please take care and be kind to everyone.

Fr Anthony and the Parish Team



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