

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| YEAR C | 26 OCTOBER 2025

The good and the bad

As church-people, we may think we know what it means to worship God. After all, we go to church, say some prayers, pay our dues, and try to live a decent life. Indeed, all this is well and good. But God asks something more of us. Do we think the good things we do in life arise from our own virtue? Do we find ourselves somewhat judgmental and intolerant of those who don't quite live up to our standards?

We are confronted with these kinds of questions by Jesus' story of the publican (or tax collector) and the Pharisee. A modern-day version might contrast a good church-going Catholic lawyer with a less than scrupulous property developer. One day the Catholic lawyer decides to make an extra visit to the church to praise and thank God for all the good things he does in life (including the *pro bono* work he does for the church). But his prayer drifts especially when, to his surprise, he sees the low-life property developer standing at the back of the church. He especially thanks God he is not like that!

What we note about our property developer is that he hardly dares enter the church and, when he does, keeps his eyes downcast. Being neither fancy with words nor knowing how to pray, all he is says is (repeatedly): "God forgive me". Jesus praises the property developer while suggesting our lawyer was not really worshipping – or "at rights with" – God.

In the original parable, Jesus finishes with the saying: 'those who exalt themselves will be humbled; but those who humble themselves will be exalted'. Humility in prayer, linked to God's 'option for the poor', is also a central feature in today's other readings: the Lord hears the cry of the poor, is close to the broken-hearted, answers the prayer of orphans, widows and victims of injustice, and rescues those in distress. Indeed, it is 'the humble person's prayer that pierces the clouds'; and 'the humble shall hear and be glad'.

What is interesting in the life of Jesus is that he not only told stories that confronted people's attitudes and beliefs. He acted those stories out by befriending the poor, healing the disabled, 'eating with tax collectors and sinners'. However, unlike our 'self-referential' lawyer friend, Jesus' ministry does not focus on himself, the good he does or the choices he makes, but on the love and mercy of an all-forgiving God. The property developer in our story reaches a similar point in his own life whereby his entire focus becomes God-centred.

Popes Francis and Leo have been saying something similar about the kind of church they understand God is calling us to be, namely, a church of the poor, a church that reaches out to touch all people, especially those on the margins of life, with the message of God's mercy and compassion. For this to occur, the church needs to become less like our lawyer in the story, and more like our property developer.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 26	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass with MSPC Lucan & Assisi
Monday 27	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday 28	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 29	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 30	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 31	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass 6:00 pm - Parish Choir practice
NOVEMBER	
Saturday 1	ALL SAINTS DAY 7:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 2	The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Soul's Day) - YEAR C 7:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Parish cuppa/Morning Tea 12:00 pm - Mass

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

PRIVATE PRAYER
8:30am - 9am after 8am
weekday Masses.
(Subject to change - depending
on activities in the Church)

ROSARY
The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as half an hour before
each weekday & weekend Mass

WEDNESDAY WORD
Copies of Wednesday Word,
are available in the Church.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Friday 31 October
11 am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fay Bryant (mother of Kay Ryder), Bernard Maye ,
Carmen Dawson (sister of Ailsa Delaney), Helen
Bartlesko

ANNIVERSARIES: Barry Grennan, Bernard Simpson

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Anne Daley, Gabrielle Hackenberg, Bill Guinea, Albert
Albertini, Maive Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock,
Patrick Fox, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David
Burke, Paul Calvino, Fr Anthony Lemon

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We 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.*

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you
can't join us:

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass
on the [Diocesan YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am -
[youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

2025 HSC EXAMS

Please remember in your prayers all Year 12
students as they continue their
Higher School Certificate examinations.

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:
30TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Sirach 35:12-14,16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18;
Lk 18:9-14

ALL SOUL'S DAY - Yr C
Is 25:6-9; Ps 26; 2 Rom 5:5-11; Lk 7:11-17

READING ROSTER

1/2 Nov | All Soul's Day | Yr C

6pm - Tim Waugh
9am - Mary-Ann Thackray

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

1 Nov - Leah Gorton & Amelia Bennett
2 Nov - Ted Cornale & Beau Clarkson

ROSARY STATUE

26/10 Evelyn Cook
2/11 Igor Iaszec & Gosia Lachtera

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Murwillumbah

*A Christmas celebration
for the whole family*

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL &
NATIVITY TABLEAU

All are welcome

Saturday 29 November

Carnival fun from 4 pm on
Mt St Patrick School Grounds
with Nativity Tableau
on stage at 7 pm

Mass at 5 pm in Sacred Heart Church

ALL SAINTS DAY – SAT 1 NOVEMBER

7:00 am – 7:50 am | Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 am | Mass of the Solemnity (All Saints)

8:30 am – 10:30 am | Eucharistic Adoration

ALL SOULS DAY – SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

7:30 am – 8:30 am | Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 am – 8:50 am | Reconciliation and Rosary

9:00 am – 10:00 am | Mass (Mass of All Souls)

10:00 am – 11:00 am | Sunday Cuppa

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm | Additional Mass (Mass of All Souls)

Mass of the Angels

10am Saturday 8 November 2025

Sacred Heart Church

A special Mass for families
to remember their children
who have died at, or before birth,
or as young children.



All are invited to
share in this very
special Mass.

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

November is a special time for praying for the dead. During this month people traditionally request "November Masses" for deceased relatives & friends. Envelopes for these Masses are in the Planned Giving pack of envelopes or on the table at the Church.

Please ensure all names are clearly printed.

Prayers during November may also be requested for deceased relatives and friends by writing their names on the yellow cards (at the Church entrance) and placing the card on the Church noticeboard.

OFFER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS & SUPPORT PRIESTS IN NEED

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them.

Because of our close relationship with the Solomon Islands, our November Masses are generally sent to Archbishop Chris Cardone in Honiara, and from there Mass Intentions are distributed to priests in the various parishes who have limited sources of income.

Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (33)

R: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pilgrimage, Holy Door, Reconciliation,
Prayer, Liturgy, Profession of Faith and
Indulgences

JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF EDUCATION

27 October - 1 November

The Jubilee of the World of Education celebrates all forms of education - early learning, school (both primary & secondary), an tertiary education.

Education offers hope and opportunity. Those who serve in this vocation shape minds and hearts, strengthen character, and empower children and young people to realise their full potential. Today, we give thanks for the role they play in our communities, and we lift up our prayers for their continued wisdom, patience, and fortitude.

We pray for all our education communities - may their work always be guided by compassion, humility, and a deep desire to inspire every student entrusted to their care. Amen.

MSPC 2026 STUDENT LEADERS

COLLEGE CAPTAINS:

Peppa Alcorn-Savins & Clancy Greenbury

ASSISI HOUSE

Hannah Windhorst, Jack Thornton, Hannah Dykes

LUCAN HOUSE

Echo Rawson Cranney, Tiarna Hall-Tosh, Darcy Irby

ROMERO HOUSE

Tobias Neilson, Charlize Harper-Green, Ayla East

DOYLE HOUSE

Ivy Campbell, Tyler Follett, Kate Pryke

NAGLE HOUSE

Minnow Glynn, Georgia Biskup, Xavier Elliot

LORETO HOUSE

Luke leach, Jarrah Kaminski, Eshaan Sharma

IGNATIUS HOUSE

Amelia Andrews, Ewan Gale, Jack O'Shea

LISIEUX HOUSE

Ryder Akehurst, Elliza Campbell, Riley Monaghan

MSPC LUCAN & ASSISI COLOUR HOUSES

9 AM MASS & SHARED MORNING TEA

WELCOME...

Mt St Patrick College students and teachers from **Lucan** and **Assisi** Houses will join us to celebrate 9 am Mass this Sunday 26 October.

Parishioners and students from **Lucan** and **Assisi** are then invited to share morning tea after Mass.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(NICENE CREED)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.



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