

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

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according
 to Luke.

*The publican returned to his home justified; the
 Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people
 who prided themselves on being virtuous and
 despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to
 the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other
 a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and
 said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God,
 that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like
 the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am
 not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a
 week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector
 stood some distance away, not daring even to
 raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast
 and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."
 This man, I tell you, went home again at rights
 with God; the other did not. For everyone who
 exalts himself will be humbled, but the man
 who humbles himself will be exalted.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND HUMBLE

An ever-present danger for the sincerely
 devoted and religious person is that of falling
 into the trap of self-righteousness. The
 danger that lurks is that of seeing others as
 less committed and worthwhile in God's
 eyes than oneself. Both the first reading from
 Ecclesiasticus and Jesus' parable about the
 Pharisee and the tax collector provide us with
 timely and penetrating reminders that it is the
 prayer of the person who knows their need
 of the Lord that pierces the clouds of heaven.
 Humble and grateful acceptance of the Lord's
 mercy and love is our most appropriate
 response.

As the second letter to Timothy concludes,
 Paul's ministry is evaluated. Rather than
 think that Paul is blowing his own trumpet,
 it is worth remembering that this letter was
 probably written by one of Paul's disciples. In
 their judgement, Paul had indeed run the best
 of all races, and he was more than worthy to
 receive the crown of righteousness after his
 ministry as a fearless and tireless proclaimer
 of the Good News. In that ministry, he had
 often met with opposition, misunderstanding
 and sometimes even betrayal (2 Corinthians
 11:21-30). Through all this, he was supported
 by the knowledge that the Lord was standing
 by his side as the source of his power. He
 had no illusions that he was anything but an
 earthen vessel that carried a priceless treasure,
 and that the power belonged to the Lord
 (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 OCTOBER 2022

FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Sirach

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
 who is no respecter of personages.
 He shows no respect of personages to the
 detriment of a poor man,
 he listens to the plea of the injured party.
 He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
 nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
 The man who with his whole heart serves God

will be accepted,
 his petitions will carry to the clouds.
 The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
 until it arrives he is inconsolable,
 nor will he desist until the Most High takes
 notice of him,
 acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
 And the Lord will not be slow,
 nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise
 always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall
 make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be
 glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked /
 to destroy their remembrance from the earth. /
 The just call and the Lord hears / and rescues
 them in all their distress. **R.**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; /
 those whose spirit is crushed he will save. /
 The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. /
 Those who hide in him shall not be
 condemned. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
 to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness
 reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a
 libation, and the time has come for me to be
 gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I
 have run the race to the finish; I have kept the
 faith; all there is to come now is the crown of
 righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord,
 the righteous judge, will give to me on that
 Day; and not only to me but to all those who
 have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
 there was not a single witness to support me.
 Every one of them deserted me – may they not
 be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood
 by me and gave me power, so that through me
 the whole message might be proclaimed for all
 the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from
 the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from
 all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to
 his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever
 and ever. Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

23 Oct 22
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WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass
Wed: *NO MASS Thurs: 9am
Fri: 9am Sts Simon and Jude Sat: No Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; Constantly seek His face.

COMMUNION We will ring out our joy at your saving help, and exult the name of our God.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jill Moroney, Peter Yandall, Gwen Gerathy, Les Wallworth (Sydney), Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth.

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Doherty (6/10), Ned Clarke (12/10), Michael Brady (13/10), Bill Teo (29/10).

DECEASED: Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp, Lois O'Brien, Bill McCulloch.

SICK: Gail Styman, Suzanne Roberts, Shane Davidson, Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Lisa Foster, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Barbara Brennan, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, William Bonner, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

VEENA'S VERSIONS: *Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new Colonel was sitting at his desk when an enlisted man knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the Colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the man to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir." Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?" "Nothing important, sir," man replied, "I'm just here to hook-up your telephone."*



Humility

is not thinking less of yourself
but thinking of yourself less
- CS Lewis

COMING EVENTS:

Oct 23 Mission Sunday
Oct 26 ****No 12 Noon Mass***
Nov 1 Feast of the Holy Saints 12 noon mass
Nov 2 Feast of the Holy Souls (Commemoration of all the faithful departed) 12 noon mass

PARISH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Ch. (St Pats) Acc 001041198

'Be generous yourself, and try to make others so towards our generous God.'

NSW STATE COVID GUIDE: * FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
* ANTISEPTIC WIPES ARE AVAILABLE TO WIPE OVER SEATS
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED



MASS CHANGES THIS WEEK AND NEXT: Please note the changes to mass times this week and next. *NO WEDNESDAY 12 NOON MASS THIS WEEK.

*Special mass 12 NOON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER for all Saints Day.

THANK YOU to Fr John McHugh for providing for our pastoral care this week. May God bless you.

MISSION SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 22: This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be

part of a life changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones. The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong. Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving

program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. Envelopes are on the seats.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS: If you would like to order one of these calendars, please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Orders to be in by end October. \$10 Cheryl 0402124333.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Special services will be held for **All Souls** and **All Saints** Feast Days 1st-2nd Nov. See details in coming events. Please use envelopes to make requests for November Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their **names written very clearly** so they may be printed and displayed. Thank you.

HOPE KITCHEN: Heart of Peace (HOPE) is a social justice ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale. Provides a free and healthy meal for everyone in need. Each Wednesday 12.30pm to 2.30pm Scout Hall, Hillvue Road, South Tamworth. Buses serving area: 433, 435, 437;

New volunteers are welcome. To volunteer please email: hopekitchen2340@gmail.com or see <https://www.facebook.com/hopekitchen>. Number of meals served (from 28/09): 169

ARMIDALE DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY IN LISBON 2023: 22 day pilgrimage: "Journeying to Jesus with Mary" Led by Bishop Michael Kennedy, Rome (2 nights) • Assisi (4 nights); • Fatima (2 nights) • Lisbon (7 nights) • Lourdes (3 nights) • Paris (1 night) Inclusions: Return Flights, all internal transport, accommodation & meals Cost: \$5990 per person Places are limited; register your expression of interest now! armidale.catholic.org.au/world-youth-day-2023 This will be a life-changing opportunity to join millions of young people as we gather with Pope Francis for a celebration of our Catholic faith!

WEEK 6 ROSTER: 23/10/22

Vigil: R D Gowing, Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R Volunteer M Murray
Counting Team G & M Thrift, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 29/10 M Vella R Pace
Altar Linen: E Smyth

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 30/10/22

Vigil: R C Ledwos P Bamford
9am Sun: R S Nichols G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell M Murray
Counting Team P Sheils; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 5/11 S Brown V Griffiths
Altar Linen: H Reid

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

