



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th October / 20th October 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm
 SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:
 Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion—
 Wednesday only 9.30am
 Our next Sacrament of Anointing within celebration of Eucharist Monday 28 October at Mercy Place 11.00am.

RECONCILIATION
 SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM
BAPTISMS—By appointment.
 Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

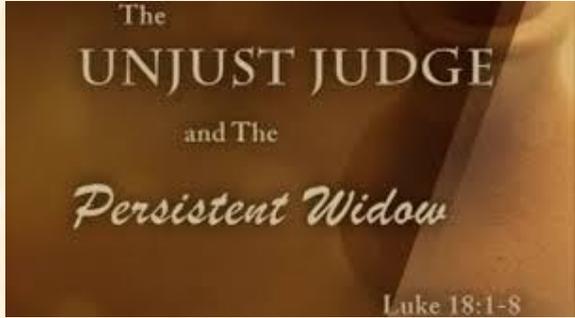


The Extraordinary Missionary Month

In 2019, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019.

2019 Church Appeal - Ghana

This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the life-saving work supported by Catholic Mission in Ghana, through programs designed to rescue babies and children who are vulnerable and foster their personal development for a brighter future. Please give generously over this weekend.



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Annabel McInnes, Colin Timmins, Veronica McDougall, Marina Hewins-Jones, Sally Ingram, Cody Antone, Ronald Bruton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mac Terlikowski, Rosa Vuga, John Howard, Pasquale Carnovale, Lauren Flegeltaub, Sr Gabriel Sheahan, Mary Parkinson, James Murphy, June Harrison, George McIntosh, Irene Norman, Stella Boyd, Peter Crisp, Nella O'Brien, Kate Hallam, Margaret Baker, Ted Green, Margaret Morrow, Mary-Ann Packer, Donald Sullivan, Arthur Deanshaw, Charles Walton, Arthur Williams, Jack Clegg, Craig Jackson, Bill Murphy, John Carroll, Rosalie Kopacz, Bernard Miley, Frank Corrigan.
Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 19th / 20th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Anthony Foley Karen Purtle Ed Brown	Leanne Michael Michael Stephenson MACE Sisters
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Michael Regan Lyn Hamilton	Trish Parkinson Ann Marie Whiting Sue Betts Ann McIntyre Marissa Hart Fran Kernaghan Noelene Cruise
Cantor Musicians	Margaret & Ed Brown Val Hayes	Simon Goss Judy Foley
Counters: Michael Byrnes		

Sat /Sun: 26th / 27th October

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Ed Brown Paula Waters Brian Waters	Gavin Dykes Bede Hart Lorraine Willis
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Pat Hopkins Jeneice Harding	Frank Glennon Carmel Butts Cathy Nyhan MACE Sisters Gemma Whitehead Dianne & Peter Treacy
Cantor Musicians	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Ann & Lachlan McIntyre Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell & Liz Simon		

Pope Francis' Prayer for October 2019

Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

" Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. "

Parish News

Wagga Wagga Diocese Priests Retreat

Fr Martin will be attending the Diocesan Retreat at Galong from Monday 21 October—Friday 25 October. Sr Carina will lead a Eucharistic Service on Wednesday 23 October at 9.30am. No other weekday masses / services scheduled.

If you need the urgent ministry of a priest during this time please contact St Patrick's Presbytery 6041 2588.

Fr Martin—Annual Leave Arrangements

Fr Martin will be on annual leave from Friday 1 November until Friday 29 November. If you require the urgent pastoral ministry of a priest you will need to contact Fr Joel Wallace, Fr Christian Obiekwe, Fr Marco Killingsworth at St Patrick's Presbytery 6041 2588 or Fr John Fowles at Thurgoona on 6043 2222.

Parish office hours will remain as usual. Fr Bernie Thomas will celebrate weekend masses with our parish community during this time.

Sr Carina Morton will lead a Eucharistic service each Wednesday at 9.30am. If anyone wishes to lead a service on each Friday please contact the parish office a.s.a.p.

Please note that the sacrament of Reconciliation will not be held on Saturday afternoons during Fr Martin's absence.

Children's Liturgy

Thanks to all involved in preparing our children's liturgy. Primary and pre-school age children are invited to participate in our liturgy during the 9.30am celebration of Eucharist.

Children leave the church with our adult leaders for activities in the hall during the introductory rites and return around offertory time.

Annual All Saints / All Souls Commemoration

Eucharist will be celebrated at the usual time and place Friday 1 November in the church at 9.30am. A blessing of plaques in the memorial garden will conclude the liturgy. Morning tea to follow in parish hall. This will be catered for - you only need to bring yourself.

Concerned Catholics Wagga Wagga Diocese

A public forum on the topic 'Accountable, Inclusive & Transparent' A Gospel—Centred Church for Australia! Will be held on Thursday 24 October in the RJ Hall Room, Commercial Club, Wagga Wagga at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Contact: John Goonan on 0428 970 445 or Kerry Carmichael on 0411 222 205. Email: concernedcatholics.wwd@gmail.com. Guest presenters: Professor John Warhurst and Marilyn Hatton.

Catholic Mission Church Appeal

Do Not Fear for I am with you

This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. You will learn more about Sister Stan and the Nazareth Home for God's Children, which is leading these efforts in the diocese of Yendi.

In June our parish community hosted the visitation of Bishop Alfred Agyenta and Dr Joseph Ayembilla who shared their insights on the response of the local church to areas of urgent need.

Please consider supporting their work through contributing to the leaving collection or using one of the other envelope or electronic means of processing your generous donation.

Thanks to Mr Ed Brown for organising and presenting the prepared material during our celebration of Eucharist.

Heartbeat

It is intended to put together an issue of this parish journal in time for our celebration of Christmas. The format is yet to be decided. It may be as simple as a broadsheet If you have concrete and practical suggestions, or are willing to help with the compilation of the newsletter please contact Karen Purtle on: bevispurtle@internode.on.net or the parish office.

6th Annual Alb/Wod Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday October 23 at The Waratah Room Albury Commercial Club 7.00am-8.30am. Guest speaker: Karl Faase author of 'Jesus the Game Changer' \$25 per person. Book online www.awpb.com.au Bookings close 22nd October.

Memorial Plaques

Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is usually around \$250. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office and you will be provided with a sample order form.

Together Our diocesan newspaper for October has arrived. Please take a copy from church entrances.

Liturgy of the Word

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Readings: Ex 17: 8-13; 2 Tim 3: 14—4:2; Luke 18: 1-8

Responsorial Psalm:



Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge. Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down – like the judge – but rather to demonstrate the genuine need.

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God. (Greg Sunter)

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