



*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*2nd November / 3rd November 2019*

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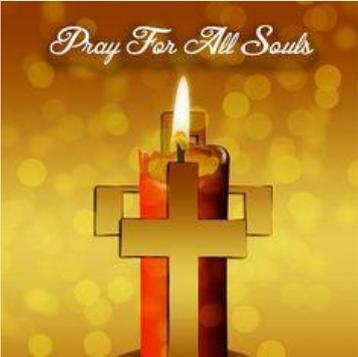
**Mass Times**

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm  
 SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: **NO** weekday masses scheduled during Fr Martin's absence.  
 Sr Carina will lead a liturgy of the word with holy communion each Wednesday at 9.30am during the month of November.  
 The next sacrament of Anointing Tuesday 3rd December at Mercy Place at 11.00am

**RECONCILIATION**  
 SATURDAY: No Reconciliation while Fr Martin is away

**BAPTISMS**—By appointment.



*Pray For All Souls*

## November Month of Remembrance

In this month of November we remember those who have left a great impression on our lives. These are saints, friends, relatives and strangers alike. Fellow travellers, we are all human beings on the pilgrim way to eternity.

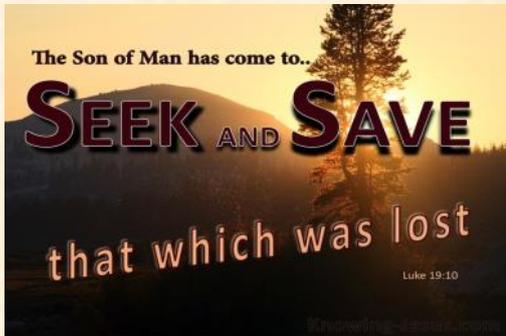
We give thanks for their presence and example, their mistakes and achievements and their generosity. For in all things they have taught us about life and life to the full. By their actions worth imitating or learning from, their lives have been in the service of humanity, in the sight of God they are each 'precious, honoured and loved.' (Isaiah 43:4)

This month of remembrance also includes our memories of war, when untold soldiers made an ultimate sacrifice. Through their sufferings and death, they paved the way for future generations to live in freedom and peace.

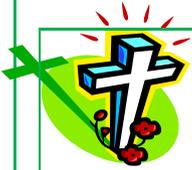
*God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,  
 Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we  
 return to dust.*

*Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives  
 change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family,  
 relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You  
 alone.*

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light  
 shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*  
**Amen**



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frank Bowyer, Sue Churcher, Kevin

Esler, Peter Freeman, Bernadette Hodda, Annabel McInnes, Colin Timmins, Veronica McDougall, Marina Hewins-Jones, Sally Ingram.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lloyd Kennedy, Laurie Dykes, Jim Rosewarne, Margaret Corby, Agnes Black, Jim Thompson, Elsa Morton, Ceily Kirley, Tony Kirley, Patricia White, John Murray, John Cullen, John Cummins, Jan Ryc, Mavis Waser, Baron Lethbridge, Valerie Scales, Lil McAuliffe, Norma Duffy, Bob Norman, Alan Buckhorn, Margaret Steele, Geraldine Steele, Msgr Pat Ford, Gary Fearne, Irene Berg, Frank Gain, Keith Barnett, Kathleen O'Rourke, Kathleen Grove, James Franklin, Ellen Niven, Fr Les Ring, Mary Drum, James Thompson.

*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: 2nd / 3rd November**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Jane Murtagh
<b>Lector 1</b>	Michael Byrnes	Sr Carina Morton
<b>Lector 2</b>	Jasmine Gordes	Ray Murtagh
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Jim & Kaye Deanshaw	Pauline Willis Sue Hayhoe Sue McLaurin Fran Kernaghan Mary Lefevre Marjorie Serbinek 1 Volunteer
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	John van Lint Judy Foley	Catherine & Judy Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Desmond Lum &amp; Jane Togher</b>		

**Sat / Sun: 9th / 10th November**

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Kellie Gordes	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 1</b>	Brian Waters	Cathy Nyhan
<b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters	Rom Hayes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Judy Lindsay Catherine Cutler Kaye Deanshaw	Peter & Dianne Treacy Fran Kernaghan Trish Parkinson Marjorie Serbinek Marisa Hart Ann Marie Whiting
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Margaret & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Counters: Gordon Bryant</b>		

## National Drought Prayer Campaign

*Eternal God,*

*In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.*

*In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.*

*Father of all compassion hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son in whom the promise of new life has dawned and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life; Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.*

*Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary Help of Christians—pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—pray for us*

## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

“ Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones. “

# Parish News

## Church Announces National Drought Prayer Campaign

Parishes, schools, families across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought during the month November. Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, Wilcannia Forbes Bishop, is encouraging all to participate in this month of prayer. Each weekend we will pray this prayer during this month. The prayer is on our Mass sheet. Further prayer resources can be accessed at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

## 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. Sr Carina Morton will lead a Eucharistic service each Wednesday at 9.30am. Please note that the sacrament of Reconciliation will not be held on Saturday afternoons during Fr Martin's absence.

## Heartbeat

It is intended to put together an issue of this parish journal in time for our celebration of Christmas. If you have concrete and practical suggestions or are willing to help with the compilation of the completed work please contact Karen Purtle on: [bevispurtle@internode.on.net](mailto:bevispurtle@internode.on.net) or the parish office. Contributions do not necessarily have to be articles. You may have a poem, some artwork or some other way of creatively expressing your ideas. The proposed copy deadline for receiving contributions is Friday 22 November.

## 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.

## Men's Breakfast—Saturday 9th November

Speaker: Ed Brown

Subject: Testimony

Venue: St James Hall, cnr. Schneider & Heriot Streets Lavington

Time: open from approx. 7.30am & concludes 9.30am

Cost: Donation (\$5 recommended)

All men welcome. Bring a friend.

## Welcome Back, Fr Bernie!

We welcome back to our parish community Fr Bernie Thomas. We thank Fr Bernie for his willingness to celebrate weekend Eucharist with us during the month of November.

## November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the Church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of Book.

**November Mass Envelopes** are available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

A special reflection on November as a month of remembrance appears on the front page of this week's newsletter.

## Catholic Mission Church Appeal

*'Do Not Fear For I Am With You'*

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world.

Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations.

So far your generous contributions have amounted to \$3,035.00.

If you didn't have the opportunity to contribute to the appeal please place your donation in one of the mission appeal envelopes and place them on one of the collections.

All donations need to be received at the conclusion of next weekend's masses so that our parish contribution can be forwarded to the Catholic Mission Office.

## Morning Tea

Morning tea will be shared today after our celebration of Eucharist. Everyone most welcome.

## Palms Australia—A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! **There are five places left** on Palms Australia's January 4th—12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning anytime in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

# Liturgy of the Word

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C*

*Readings: Wis 11: 22—12: 2; 2 Thess 1: 11-2:2; Luke 19: 1-10*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God**

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!



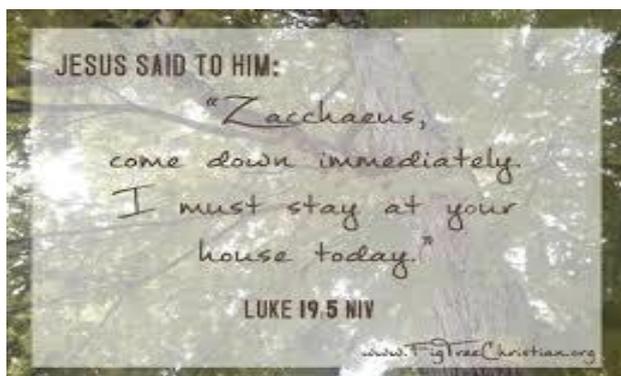
## Reflection on the Readings

The Gospel we have just heard is often called, ‘the little man’s revenge’. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well. All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a ‘walkabout’ in the village.

Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho’s chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God’s Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages. Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of Zacchaeus’ home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God’s door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation.

It’s the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there’s a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships.

No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God’s gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand. (Fr Richard Leonard SJ)



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