

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 9th October 2022 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

RECENT DEATHS:

Kerry Mullane.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Leahy, Annette Hare, Dawn Thompson, Wilma Byrne, Lin Bruty, Shiella O'Brien, Gabrielle Maune, John & Eileen Flannagen, Rosalie Gilbert, Terance McManus, Jim Briody, Rosina Sullivan, Kevin O'Loughlan, William(Bill) Fay, David Clarke, Wendy Perkins, Carmel Mkitchell & Stephen Torney.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Bernie Duffy and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: John Jess.

16th Oct: Jim Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Charlie Franc

16thOct: Carita Clancy

Assembly Leader

16thOct: Sue Mahony & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

16th Oct: Gail Hall.

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen Flowers

Oct 2nd & 9th: Judy Franc & Carmel Milenkovic

Church Grounds

Oct 2nd& 9th: Charlie Franc & Peter Milenkovic

Newsletter

October – Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

October 16th

LLA 10.00 am

The readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C are about persistence in prayer. In the first reading Moses becomes tired in prayer and Aaron and Hur support him. The psalm declares "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth". In the second reading Paul tells us to be persistent in proclaiming the Word of God. In the gospel Jesus tells the parable of

the Persistent Widow, who kept bothering the judge until he heard her.

Paris Council Meeting: Thursday Oct 13th 6.00pm

Mental Health Week: October 8 – 15, 2022

The theme for Mental Health Week this year is, "Where we live. How we live. What we've lived." Understanding how the body, mind and environment intersect is essential to overall wellbeing. Physical health – both inside of us and in the world around us – has a major impact on mental health. The nutrition we consume, movement of our bodies, the health of the planet and quality of our housing and neighbourhoods all play a part in building health communities and individuals
<https://mentalhealthweek.org.au/>

Prayer for Mental Health Week: Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- In the biblical material, the term *leper* probably referred to people who were suffering from a variety of skin disorders.
- Under Jewish Law, lepers were ostracised and forced to live outside the city limits. It was thought that they would contaminate others in both a physical and religious sense.
- Leprosy was seen as a punishment for sin, so lepers were moral outcasts as well as physical outcasts.
- When a leper was 'cured', certain purification rites were performed by the priests (Leviticus 14). It was only after purification that lepers could again come into contact with friends and relations and once again take part in the religious life of Israel.
- There was an ancient animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans dating back to the period after the reign of King Solomon, when his death resulted in civil war and the splintering of the kingdom into two. The break-away northern kingdom of Samaria built a new temple on Mount Gerizim, rejecting the temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans were considered apostates by those

of the southern kingdom of Judah

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to
God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

9 OCTOBER 2022

WORD OF GOD CANNOT BE CHAINED

While the people of Israel rejoiced in the unique call they had received, their experience of the world taught them that people of goodwill and faith could be found in other places and cultures. Called to be a light to the nations they knew that sometimes it was others who were light to them. Naaman the Syrian general was prepared to risk trusting the word of his wife's Israelite servant in order to be healed of leprosy. He had come to Elisha with gifts to ensure he would be healed but he leaves not only healed but richer in faith.

In a similar vein, it is a heretical Jew, a Samaritan, who has the eyes to see what the living God is offering in Jesus. He alone has the openness of heart to give thanks for the precious gift he has received through regaining his health. All the lepers were healed but only one has been saved. The outsider is the one who has been saved by means of his faith.

The letter to Timothy reflects on the fact that the Good News cannot be chained or confined. Even though Paul and other early Christian missionaries experienced opposition, hardship and imprisonment for the sake of the Gospel, they knew that their efforts were not in vain. The message of Jesus was not to be confined to Israel and Timothy is encouraged not to lose heart because being immersed in the death of Jesus and in his sufferings means sharing in his resurrected life as well.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live
with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with
him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always
faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

■ The word of the Lord.

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