

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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## SUNDAY – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### RECENT DEATHS:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bernie Collins, Lorn Jackman, John Doyle, Norma Hobson, Mac Bradley, Pat & Margaret Ryan, Alex Henderson, Maurice Fay, Monsignor Henry Nolan, Dennis Dennehy, Tony Liston, Charles Martin Cushing, Mary Bridget Cushing, Mary Jaensch, Sr Rita Hayes, Kitty Grose, Joy Martin, Nora Simpson, William Lindsay, June Crosby, Mary Cullinan & Kevin o'Brien.

#### 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: Gerrard Family

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Jim Mahony

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Today: Charlie Franc

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Bernadette Franc

#### **Assembly Leader**

Today: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy.

Nov 6h: Sue & Jim Mahony.

#### **Special Minister**

Today: Genevieve Johnston.

Nov 6th :Clarrie Johnston

#### **Music**

Today: Sue Mahony

#### **Church Cleaning, Linen Flowers**

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Bernadette Franc & Therese Franc

#### **Church Grounds**

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Bill Franc & John Jess.

#### **Newsletter**

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### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

November 6<sup>th</sup>

LLA 10.00 am

**November** is the month of remembrance for those that have passed away. We begin the month with All Saints Day November 1<sup>st</sup> and All Souls Day November 2<sup>nd</sup> to remember our loved ones and all who have gone before us and recall the part they played in our lives. It is a time to remember them and pray for them as we hope they do for us.

### For all who have died, we pray :

Merciful Father, we have seen glimmers of your glory and know that you love us and desire for us to be united with you. We pray for the loved ones who have died. May they come into the fullness of your grace. Let your light shine upon them. May you grant them eternal rest. Amen.

**National Children's Week: October 22-30, 2022**

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia held around the fourth Wednesday in October. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. The Children's Week National Theme for 2022 is based on UNCRC Article 27: All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development. The Children's Week Council of Australia have developed a range of activities and tip sheets to celebrate the week and promote children's rights awareness <https://childrens-week.org.au/>

The readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C focus on conversion and repentance. In the first reading tells us that God wants us to repent. In the second reading Paul speaks of the day of the Lord. In the gospel, Zacchaeus dines with Jesus and repents.

- Repentance
- Salvation
- Seeking those on the margins
- Encountering Jesus

### Opportunities for personal prayer

- Are you anxious to discover Jesus?
- To what lengths would you go?
- How do you welcome Jesus joyfully?
- Recall an experience of being overlooked or feeling left out. Alternatively, share an experience of being singled out or chosen for something very special.
- Identify someone with whom you are acquainted but whom you don't really know well. Try to move beyond superficial appearances and find out what sort of person they really are. Change your relationship with them.
- At each Eucharist we pray:  
"Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,

*but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed. Pray this often this  
week." **Pray this often this week.***

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 OCTOBER 2022

## SALVATION HAS COME

'Could God really love me?' All too often Christians labour under the burden and misapprehension that God's love and forgiveness must be earned or merited. Aware of their frailty and need for God's mercy there is the fear that God could not love them given the mistakes they've made. Sometimes there is a sense that while God might be gracious and forgiving for others, this would be too much to hope for themselves. The book of Wisdom reminds us that while God patiently longs for our repentance we are always loved because our very existence is proof of God's love for us.

As Paul writes to the Thessalonians, he sets out to calm their fears about the return of the Lord at the end of time. He encourages them with the knowledge that he always prays that they will become worthy of the call that they have received as Christians. Paul knew that none of us can ever earn our salvation, it is always God's free and loving gift. His concern was more that we would learn to respond generously and appropriately to the marvellous gift we have received.

Zacchaeus is a fine example of a generous response to the Lord's loving initiative. Experiencing Jesus' openness and love leads him to offer to give half his considerable wealth to the poor. This meeting with a known sinner provides Jesus with the opportunity to state the purpose of his life and mission - to seek out and save what was lost.

## FIRST READING

Wis 11:22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things

and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,

how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,

you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1

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

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**



3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Thess 1:11-2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

■ The word of the Lord.