

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – October 1st, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECENT DEATHS: Bernie Duffy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tess Pope, Albert Pope, Fred Finch, Julie & Thomas Egan, John Franc, Patrick Berrigan, Fr John Keane, Ron Broadbent, Laurie Hanneberry, Noel Gustus, Joyce Baker, Hazel Hayes, Eddie O'Brien, John Jess, Bill McPherson & Mervyn Roxburgh.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McNerney, Graeme Trethowan, Tony Collins, Frank Meehan, Wilma Tiley and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Bernadette Franc

Oct 8th: Bernadette Franc

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Angela Gerrard

Oct 8th: Charlie Franc

Assembly Leaders

Today: Sue Mahony & Carita Clancy

Special Minister

Today: Therese Jess

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

Oct 1st & 8th: Colleen Briody

Church Grounds:

Oct 1st & 8th: Gerard Briody

Newsletter:

October: Angela Gerrard 0439 565 468

MASS TIMES

Oct 8th: **MASS 8.30 a m** Baptism

PILGRIMAGE:

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. Register at <https://www.marymackillop-place.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD IN BAPTISM:

Last Sunday we welcomed Rylee and Matilda, daughters of Donna and Dan Ormsby into our Catholic Faith Community.

May they continue to grow in faith with loving support from their Families, Godparents and our Parish Community.

Eileen McManus RIP

The link below will still give you access to Eileen's Funeral Service. **Fr John McKinnon**, formerly of Beaufort was the main celebrant along with Mons. Glynn Murphy. Fr John spoke fondly of his time in Beaufort and later in his work with Eileen whilst she was in residence at the House of Prayer.

youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/stream

A reminder that **Mass in Memory of Eileen** will be celebrated in Nazareth House Main Chapel at 10.00 a.m. tomorrow. All welcome.

Brigid's College Horsham Reunion

St Brigid's College Horsham invite past pupils of the classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013 for a reunion. The reunion will be held at St Brigid's College on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 2.00pm.

90th BIRTHDAY – Fr John McKinnon

You are invited to the Birthday Party of Fr John McKinnon, on November 27th at 12.00 pm at the Mackillop Hall of St Mary's Parish, Hamilton.

In July 1971, Beaufort and Buangor, left the Ararat Parish, and became the newly created Parish of Beaufort. Fr John McKinnon, previously assistant priest at Ararat, became Parish Priest. A residence was built on the western side of the Church to serve as a Parish Centre as well as a residence for the priest.

RSVP to the St Mary's Parish office 03 5571 1161

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Baptism for Tiley & Kirkpatrick families Oct 8th.

Wedding of Jacqui Hestor & Simon Gabb Oct 21st.

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my
voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and
they follow me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 21:28-32
A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and
prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had
two sons. He went and said to the first, “My
boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.”
He answered, “I will not go”, but afterwards
thought better of it and went. The man then
went and said the same thing to the second
who answered, “Certainly, sir”, but did not go.
Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The
first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you
solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are
making their way into the kingdom of God
before you. For John came to you, a pattern
of true righteousness, but you did not believe
him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes
did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think
better of it and believe in him.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

While we are familiar with the notion of
personal responsibility, it may come as a
surprise to learn that it took some time to
fully develop in the Old Testament. While
the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel were not
the first to invent the concept, they are major
contributors to its development. In Ezekiel 18,
the prophet is trying to convince the people of
Israel that while it might seem harsh that each
person is held responsible for their sins, there
is also the possibility to change one’s life. God
will respect this change of heart and reward it.

As Jesus teaches in the Temple, he challenges
the Jewish authorities to understand that
what Ezekiel had spoken of continued to be
true. Tax collectors and prostitutes took the
opportunity that John the Baptist’s preaching
provided – to take responsibility for their lives
and change. The parable of the two sons is a
pointed commentary not only on the openness
of sinners to John the Baptist but also on
the opposition of the Jewish authorities. In
the next few weeks, the lines of demarcation
between Jesus and the authorities will continue
to intensify.

The Christians of Philippi are encouraged by
Paul to take responsibility for the building up
of their community, a community which is to
be marked by unity, and a profound valuing
of the other person. He reminds them of a
hymn they know well, a breathtaking hymn
that talks of the sublime example of Jesus’
humility and love which is the model for all
Christian life.

FIRST READING

Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness
deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as
follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is
unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I
do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?
When the upright man renounces his integrity
to commit sin and dies because of this, he
dies because of the evil that he himself has
committed. When the sinner renounces sin to
become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to
live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous
sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord,
teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your
truth, and teach me: / for you are God my
saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the
love you have shown from of old. / Do not
remember the sins of my youth. / In your love
remember me, / because of your goodness, O
Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright / He shows
the path to those who stray, / he guides the
humble in the right path / he teaches his way
to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

*In your minds you must be the same as
Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you,
if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that
we have in common, or any tenderness and
sympathy, then be united in your convictions
and united in your love, with a common
purpose and a common mind. That is the one



thing which would make me completely happy.
There must be no competition among you, no
conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing.
Always consider the other person to be better
than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own
interests first but everybody thinks of other
people’s interests instead. In your minds you
must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings

Christopher Monaghan CP