

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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22nd SEPTEMBER 2024 - 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marg Dickman, Elizabeth O'Connor, Mary Watkins, Steve Molloy, Lance Sherrard, Debbie Hayes, Sue Briody, Jack Fitzpatrick, John Wall, John Hardiman, Tess Pope, Albert Pope, Fred Finch, Julie & Thomas Egan, John Franc, Patrick Berrigan & Fr John Keane.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains, and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Bernadette Franc

29th September: John Jess

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Sue Mahony

29th September: Therese Jess

Assembly Leaders

29th September: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy

Special Minister

29th September: Gail Hall

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

September 29th – October 6th Carmel Milenkovic & Judy Franc

Church Grounds

September 29th – October 6th Peter Milenkovic

Newsletter

September: Bernadette Franc 0427678830

MASS TIMES

September 29th **LLA 10.00am**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Migrant & Refugee Sunday

Diocesan e-News see the below link:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news>

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WINTER APPEAL

The theme of the appeal 2024 is "Working Homeless"

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or call 131812.

Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To Hope and Act with Creation".

2024 Season of Creation Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection. We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us. May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom. Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image. In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reflecting on today's Gospel.

Today's Gospel challenges us to put others first by serving and loving others selflessly. In doing this we follow Christ's example and live out our faith.

A Prayer for this Week:-

The Lord upholds my Life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of
humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make
themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee; and
he did not want anyone to know, because he
was instructing his disciples; he was telling
them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into
the hands of men; they will put him to death;
and three days after he has been put to death
he will rise again.’ But they did not understand
what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was
in the house he asked them, ‘What were you
arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing
because they had been arguing which of them
was the greatest. So he sat down, called the
Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to
be first, he must make himself last of all and
servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set
him in front of them, put his arms round him,
and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one
of these little children in my name, welcomes
me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

‘...LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL’

Our first reading from Wisdom alerts us to
‘the righteous man’ who is God’s child. The
words here will echo in the Gospel with the
second of the predictions of Jesus’ death. The
passage from James also has synergy with the
ambitions of the followers of Jesus addressed
in the Gospel.

Beginning with the second prediction of Jesus’
death – ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed
into human hands, and they will kill him,
and three days after being killed he will rise
again’ – we find Jesus teaching his disciples
as he moves through Galilee. We hear that
they did not understand but were afraid to
ask. Arriving in Capernaum, inside the house,
we see Jesus ask them what they were arguing
about. The silence was of embarrassment
because their discussion was of who was the
greatest. The focus is now even smaller as
Jesus now sits down with the Twelve, his
closest companions, in the house. It is to these
that he says, ‘Whoever wants to be first must
be last of all and servant of all.’ Servant is here
diakonos, servant or deacon. His message to his
leadership team is clear as to how they need
to model and live their responsibility and
call. His further exemplar of placing a child
among them, broadens their understanding
of welcoming Jesus among them, challenging
their orientation to Jesus and to God, ‘the one
who sent me.’ Let us pause to reflect on our
orientation to Jesus and to God. Where do we
stand?

FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since

he annoys us

and opposes our way of life,

reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to our

upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,

let us observe what kind of end he himself will
have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take
his part

and rescue him from the clutches of his
enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his
word for it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your
power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my
prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

2. For proud men have risen against me, /
ruthless men seek my life. / They have no
regard for God. **R.**

3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord
upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with
willing heart / and praise your name for it is
good. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 3:16–4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown
in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you
find disharmony, and wicked things of every
kind being done; whereas the wisdom that
comes down from above is essentially something
pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and
considerate; it is full of compassion and shows
itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of
partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when
they work for peace, sow the seeds which will
bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the
desires fighting inside your own selves? You
want something and you haven’t got it; so you
are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that
you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way
by force. Why you don’t have what you want
is because you don’t pray for it; when you do
pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not
prayed properly, you have prayed for something
to indulge your own desires.

■ The word of the Lord.