

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Twenty-ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see  
his heirs, and have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his  
servant with suffering. If he offers his  
life in atonement, he shall see his  
heirs, he shall have a long life and  
through him what the Lord wishes will  
be done. His soul's anguish over he  
shall see the light and be content. By  
his sufferings shall my servant justify  
many, taking their faults on himself.  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted. The  
Lord loves justice and right and fills  
the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who  
revere him, on those who hope in his  
love. to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as  
we place all our hope in you.  
**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the  
Hebrews

*Let us be confident in approaching the throne  
of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we  
have the supreme high priest who has  
gone through to the highest heaven,  
we must never let go of the faith that  
we have professed. For it is not as if  
we had a high priest who was  
incapable of feeling our weaknesses  
with us; but we have one who has  
been tempted in every way that we  
are, though he is without sin. Let us be  
confident, then, in approaching the  
throne of grace, that we shall have  
mercy from him and find grace when  
we are in need of help.  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a  
ransom for all.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee,  
approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said  
to him, 'we want you to do us a  
favour.' He said to them, 'What is it  
you want me to do for you?' They said  
to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your  
right hand and the other at your left in  
your glory.' 'You do not know what  
you are asking' Jesus said to them.  
'Can you drink the cup that I must  
drink, or be baptised with the baptism  
with which I must be baptised?' They  
replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them,  
'The cup that I must drink you shall  
drink, and with the baptism with  
which I must be baptised you shall be  
baptised, but as for seats at my right  
hand or my left, these are not mine to  
grant; they belong to those to whom  
they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they  
began to feel indignant with James  
and John, so Jesus called them to him  
and said to them: 'You know that  
among the pagans their so-called  
rulers lord it over them, and their great  
men make their authority felt. This is  
not to happen among you. No; anyone  
who wants to become great among  
you must be your servant, and anyone  
who wants to be first among you must  
be slave to all. For the Son of Man  
himself did not come to be served but  
to serve, and to give his life as a  
ransom for many.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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When we set out to follow Jesus,  
faithful to the promises that we made  
at baptism to renounce sin and live  
lives directed by the Spirit, we  
normally do so with generosity of  
heart. However, after we have borne  
the burdens of this decision and realise  
some of the implications of our  
commitment, we begin to wonder if it  
was worth it. We believe that God will  
generously bless us. Still, would it be  
so wrong to hope for a little more,  
especially if we have made significant  
sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been  
given, much will be required in return.  
The closer we are to Jesus, the more  
we will be expected to mirror him.  
The great ones in the reign of God, the

ones who exercise authority over  
others, must be the servants of the rest.  
Parents, teachers, civil authorities,  
managers of every kind, pastoral  
leaders must all be servants, as Jesus  
was a servant. We will also have to  
drink from his cup of suffering and be  
baptised into his death. As we draw  
close to the one who gave his life as  
an offering for sin, we will find that  
the same self-sacrifice is being asked  
of us. When we struggle with the  
misfortunes that we face because of  
our commitment to Jesus, we will  
have him as an inspiration and a  
model to follow. He can sympathise  
with our weaknesses, identify with our  
suffering. We can draw strength from  
his example and hope from his  
kindness.

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RESUMING IN  
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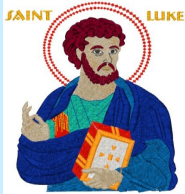
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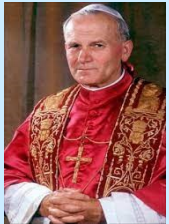
SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Sunday 17th - St Ignatius of  
Antioch**

**Monday 18th - St  
Luke, Evangelist**



**Tuesday 19th - St  
John Brebeuf, Isaac  
Joques, priests, their  
companions and martyrs, St Paul of  
the Cross, priest**



**Friday 22nd- St John  
Paul II, Pope**

**Saturday 23rd - St  
John of Capistrano,  
Priest**



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**Upcoming  
Events:**

**Online:**  
**Cenacle Prayer**  
**Tues at 4.45pm**

*The Marian  
Movement*  
  
*of Priests*

**Adoration: Friday at  
5:30pm**



**Bench Ministry:**  
**Tuesday to Sunday**  
**9:30-10:30am. Front of  
the Church**  
**All are welcome.**



**Wrap With Love- Wed  
27th @ 11 am**

**Craft Group every  
Thursday @ 10 am**

**PPC Meeting  
Thursday 21st @ 5pm**

TWENTY NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

**Climbing up or down  
the ladder?**

Reflecting on today's Gospel [Mark:10:35-45] I am reminded how 'climbing the ladder of success' is often rife with competition, arrogance, self serving egos; where pushing aside or walking over others on the way to the top is observed in various settings. Yet as human beings 'we exist', as Hugh MacKay states, 'in a shimmering, vibrating web of interconnectedness. Knowing that, what would you expect to be the defining characteristic of such a species? **Co-operation** of course!' [including but not limited to]... '**collaboration, consultation & compromise.**' [The Kindness Revolution, p.44]. What a different career and/or life path these defining qualities would create. Such qualities would hopefully lead to more kindness, altruism, neighbourliness, mutual respect and tolerance.

In the Gospel Jesus challenges the disciples, and each one of us, to '**climb down the ladder to greatness**'; to **act and see differently**. Despite Jesus revealing for the third time to his disciples his forth coming trial, death and resurrection, the disciples James and John seem to only hear that 'glorification awaits Jesus' [Matthew Skinner] surely not suffering and death! In their mind something big is about to happen and in their self serving ambition they want to capitalise on this. Both wanting to secure for themselves - at the expense of the other disciples - highly favoured places 'sitting on his right and left, in his glory' [Mark 10: 37] - places of power and authority. **Jesus graciously points out their ambition needs to be transformed into a humble ministry of service of others rather than a proud serving of self...they need to climb down the ladder to greatness.** Jesus' acceptance of and facing the reality of trial and death does not come without a cost. Jesus teaches them about the kingdom of God, it rules and how it works: "Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all" [Mark 43-44] **Like the disciples we too are called to serve all; to be 'Christlike' in our behaviour, attitudes and actions. Honour 'service' rather than power!**

**Oscar Romero**, during his ministry of serving the poor and oppressed in San Salvador adds this piece of wisdom: 'If we are worth anything, it is not because we have more money or more talent or more human qualities. Insofar as we are worth anything, it is because we are grafted onto Christ's life, to his cross and resurrection. This is a person's measure. [Oscar Romero March 4, 1979].  
**Marie Weatherall**

**The Son of Man himself  
did not come to be  
served but to serve**

Mark :10-45



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions OCTOBER

### Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel. . .

### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Tues 19Th:** 5.30pm Mass  
**Wed 20th:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 21st:** 9.00 am Mass  
**Fri 22nd:** 9.15 am Mass  
**Sat 23rd:** 9am Mass/  
Rosary 9.30am  
Reconciliation 6pm Mass  
**Sunday 24th:** 9am Mass  
5pm Family & Youth Mass

### ROSTERS

#### 16/17 October Commentator

6pm P O'Kelly  
9am C Lowe  
5pm M O'Neill

#### Readers:

6pm J Mackay  
9am A Jackson  
5pm S Ebejer

#### Eucharistic Ministers

6pm P Billington  
9am A Scicluna  
5pm B Maynard  
Computer Screen

6pm T Jackson  
9am T Jackson

5pm J O'Sullivan

#### REGISTRARS

6pm M Weatherall  
9am B Basevi/M Lowe  
5pm M Devine

#### 23/24 October

#### Church Cleaning

M deSmet, J Maher & N Spaven (25-29)

#### Commentator

6pm P O'Kelly  
9am A Jackson  
5pm S Ebejer

#### Readers:

6pm P Nolan  
9am M Lowe  
5pm B Maynard

#### Eucharistic Ministers

6pm Sr Marie  
9am L Stevens

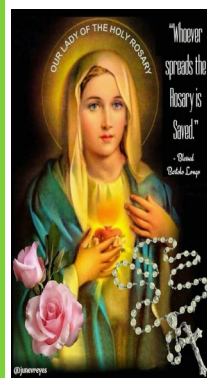
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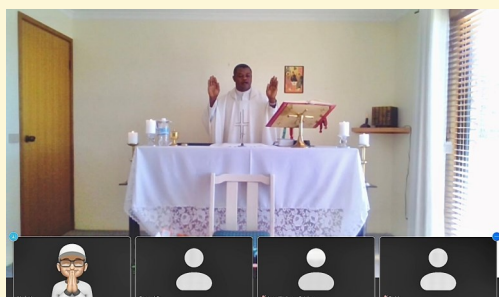


HAVE YOU PRAYED  
YOUR  
ROSARY TODAY?

The Rosary will be  
prayed daily before  
Mass.

All are welcome to join

### PARISH DAILY LIVESTREAM MASS



#### Sunday 9am Mass:

[https://www.facebook.com/  
events/3053340118243161/](https://www.facebook.com/events/3053340118243161/)

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### 2021 World Mission Sunday October 24th

**Theme: Today. Tomorrow. Together**  
**Envelopes will be available in the church foyer**  
**during the week-end of 23rd/ 24th October.**  
**Please give generously!!**



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### SYNOD 2021-2023 FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

On Oct. 10, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called "a synod on synodality," officially known as "Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church."

In brief, the process involves an expansion of an established institution, called the "Synod of Bishops." This means that bishops around the world will consult with everyone from parishioners to monks, nuns and Catholic universities before coming together for a discussion in 2023.

**The topic?** How the church can learn to rely more fully on this kind of consultation-and-discussion process – how it can become more "**synodal**" in its governance.

**"A Church That Listens"**  
**Pope Francis has shown special interest in the Synod of Bishops, saying "A Synodal Church is a Church that Listens", pointing out that mutual listening has been the goal of much of the church's renewal since Vatican II.**

### Preparing for 2023

The current "Synod on Synodality" is the culmination of all this effort to bring a greater degree of openness, collaboration and mutual listening to the church. Unlike previous synods, this one officially begins in dioceses all over the world, with opportunities for mutual consultation at every level and among many different church organisations.

When the General Assembly meets in 2023, its task will be to prayerfully consider how to move forward as "a more synodal Church in the long-term" – a church that "journeys together."

#### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

For 2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.



### LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY CALLED TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED

The Gospel of Mark this weekend speaks of leadership and authority – we are all called to leadership in some way – in our homes, in our workplaces, in our community, in our Church. Jesus reminds us that leadership is a call to service – to servant leadership. His words are the inspiration needed so much today:  
**'I came not to be served but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for all'.**

This theme of leadership for Mission was a prevailing theme as I listened to the public sessions of the recent **Plenary Council of the Australian Church** – a powerful quote was **'transformation for Mission comes when we lift the veil of our hearts'.**

**Transforming everything for Mission** was the overarching lens through which the key points (a synopsis) under each of the 6 Key Themes emerged from the discussion groups:

#### Conversion:

*Healing abuse ~ reaching out to those on the peripheries/the voiceless/the excluded ~ overt & formal support for the Uluru Statement ~ the renewal of interfaith and ecumenical dialogue ~ the primacy and urgency of ecological conversion.*

#### Prayer:

Call to embrace all forms of prayer ~ prayer as a way of life ~ contemplative, diverse traditions ~ embrace the cultural gifts of all communities – call to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Australian Church, especially with First Nations spirituality ~ use inclusive language.

#### Formation:

*Importance of forming leaders for Mission at all ages & stages of life ~ better equip the ordained as 'enablers' of missionary disciples ~ ongoing formation for priests: pre and post ordination and for bishops.*

#### Structures:

Parishes as local centres for formation ~ all structures working together parishes, dioceses, church agencies, emerging new communities ~ relationships have to be at the heart and structures to be 'fit for purpose'.

#### Governance:

*The root of governance is service ~ honour & engage the gifts of all the People of God ~ growing in synodality and co-responsibility ~ be more focused on Mission ~ continuous review ~ professional supervision ~ avoid power imbalances ~ engage women in key leadership roles.*

#### Institutions:

*Catholic education focused on Mission – Witness – Encounter – Rich Formation of all ~ value the place of families ~ curriculum as 'womb to tomb' ~ Catholic Agencies to engage in greater dialogue with parishes & Dioceses ~ ensure Catholic Social Teaching underpins all practice.*

**The Plenary Council will reconvene in Sydney on 4–9 July 2022. In the interim 9 months, dioceses are expected to engage their communities in a spirit of Synodality – listening, praying and conversation. This responds to the call of Pope Francis for every diocese across the world to engage in conversations in preparation for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in**

**Death Anniversaries:** Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Norma Phillips, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker, Maureen Kinross, Kenneth Bow.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Muller, Eva Maria Easton, Allan Mitchell, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Gloria Gamble, Jeanette Urbanik, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Shirley Barber, Patricia Sweeney, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Gwen Lavin, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young, Isobel Evans, Michaeline Hatton.

#### Remembering the Sick:

Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Catherine Mylott, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital



#### Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose Between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country.

Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

Amen.

#### Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church

#### MEN ALIVE

Australian Catholics Bishops Conference, in association with menALIVE are really pleased to announce **Kickstart**, which will be facilitated by menALIVE for the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn. **Kickstart** will be hosted online by Peter Gabauer and Colin Bennett and the menALIVE leaders from the Archdiocese.

**Kickstart** will run on **Monday evenings 25th October and 1st, 8th, 15th November**

**from 7:30 - 8:30pm.** Join Zoom Meeting

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