## MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 1st—Sunday 7th September

Monday 1st: NO MASS Tuesday 2nd: Mass 5pm Wednesday 3rd: Mass 9am **Thursday 4th:** Mass 9am Friday 5th: Mass 9am

**Saturday 6th:** Mass with Anointing of the Sick 9am, Croatian Mass 11am, Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30 **Sunday 7th:** Mass 9am

## **ROSTERS**

**30/31 AUGUST** Church Cleaning 1-5 Sept D & L May

## 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: C Brownlie Commentator J O'Sullivan Reader P O'Kelly **Eucharistic Ministers** N Buick Computer Screen

#### **9.00 AM MASS:**

K Conway

Welcomer L Page Commentator A Skinner. Reader: D Herring **Eucharistic Ministers** J Whiteford, A Scicluna Computer Screen T Jones

## **MORNING TEA**

N Beatty & M deSmet

#### COUNTERS

G Norris/J O'Sullivan

## 6/7 SEPTEMBER Cleaning

8-12 M deSmet/J Maher

#### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson Commentator:: S Ebejer Reader: P Nolan **Eucharistic Ministers** C Brownlie Computer Screen: J O'Ŝullivan

## **9.00 AM MASS**:

Welcomer T van den Commentator C Lowe Reader: M Lowe **Eucharistic Ministers** D Herring L Stevens, Computer Screen T

## **MORNING TEA:**

Filipino community

## **COUNTERS** Basevi/Meade

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## MASSES in AGED CARE FACILITIES

- THE GLEN
- Second Wednesday of each month
- 10.30AM
- THE MANOR
- Third Wednesday of each month
- 2pm
- **MARANATHA**
- Fourth Wednesday of each month
- 2pm

## **Cuppa with Mary MacKillop**

Will be on Tuesday September 2nd in the Church Meeting Room. 10am-11am **Enquiries:** Anne Scicluna 0402 465 603

## BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

9.30am in the Parish Office After Mass on Saturday September 6th Enquiries: Marie 0405 028 057

## **BBECET Prayer Meeting**

Will be held on Monday 1st September @ 5pm Anglican Church Hall Everyone is welcome to come along and pray for our high school students

## FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2025

Thank you for your generous donations for the Father's Day Appeal which help us continue to care for our retired priests, who have served us over the years. Please keep our retired priests in your prayers, and also pray for new vocations to the priesthood.

## A special retiring collection will be held on September 13/14.

## OR code.

## PARISH FINANCIAL **SUPPORT**

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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate **Heaven Embossed Invitations**

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and

social stability. The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord:

'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

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can be added to it if dates are provided.

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread

> Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

the joy and peace of our

Amen.

Remembering the Sick:

Nan Reidy, John Hyland, Ken Evenden, Sr Maria Goretti, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya

Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria

de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine

Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter,

Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather,

Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward,

Andrew Morton, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Suzanne Hughes, Ena

Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret

Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod

Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel,

Pope LEO Monthly Prayer Intentions

**SEPTEMBER** 

## For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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## LITURGY OF THE WORD **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

First Reading Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 siasticus

vour with the Lord.

evil growth has taken root in him. brings a new covenant. The heart of a sensible man will The Word of the Lord reflect on parables, an attentive ear R. Thanks be to God is the sage's dream.

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

#### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

## (R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

- 1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.
- of the widow, such is God in his ed. holy place. God gives the lonely a On a sabbath day Jesus had gone home to live in; he leads the pris- for a meal to the house of one of oners forth into freedom.
- 3. You poured down, O God, a watched him closely. He then told generous rain: when your people the guests a parable, because he were starved you gave them new had noticed how they picked the life. It was there that your people places of honour. He said this, found a home, prepared in your 'When someone invites you to a goodness, O God, for the poor.

(R.) God, in your goodness, you seat in the place of honour. A more have made a home for the poor.

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the He-

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

the humble. There is no cure for saints who have been made perfect; because repayment will be made to the proud man's malady, since an and to Jesus, the mediator who you when the virtuous rise again.'

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 11:29 Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, from me, for I am gentle and lowly and conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International in heart. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Luke 14:1. 7-14 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalt-

the leading Pharisees; and they wedding feast, do not take your distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit



CHRIST TEACHES HUMILITY Artist: Robert Scott Lauder (1803-1869)

What you have come to is nothing there, so that, when your host known to the senses: not a blazing comes, he may say, "My friend, fire, or a gloom turning to total move up higher." In that way, evedarkness, or a storm; or trumpeting ryone with you at the table will see thunder or the great voice speaking you honoured. For everyone who A reading from the book of Eccle- which made everyone that heard it exalts himself will be humbled, and beg that no more should be said to the man who humbles himself will Humble yourself and you will find fa- them. But what you have come to be exalted.' Then he said to his is Mount Zion and the city of the host, 'When you give a lunch or a My son, be gentle in carrying out living God, the heavenly Jerusalem dinner, do not ask your friends, your business, and you will be bet- where the millions of angels have brothers, relations or rich neighter loved than a lavish giver. The gathered for the festival, with the bours, for fear they repay your greater you are, the more you whole Church in which everyone is courtesy by inviting you in return. should behave humbly, and then a 'first-born son' and a citizen of No; when you have a party, invite you will find favour with the Lord; heaven. You have come to God the poor, the crippled, the lame, the for great though the power of the himself, the supreme Judge, and blind; that they cannot pay you Lord is, he accepts the homage of been placed with spirits of the back means that you are fortunate,

*The Gospel of the Lord* 

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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**ORDINARY TIME** 

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# TWENTY SECOND

Behave humbly, and you will find favour with the Lord

#### **CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice** Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays afte

Good News" Wednesdays after Mass to discuss reading for the following Sunday. CMR

Mass with Anointing of the Sick Saturday 6th September 9am 6th 11am

Parish Sacramental Program 2025 First Eucharist Family Catch-Up Evening Celebration Mass Sunday 14th September 9am

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop** uesday September 2nd 10am-11am CMR

Wrap with Love Tuesday 9th September 10-11am BB Library Wednesday 24th September 1-3pn CMR

Craft Group 10am Thursdays Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am

Venue: Corrigans Cove

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

## 'What's in it for me?'

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn

There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice.

by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world.

National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little - except God's justice.'

A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame.

We know this it is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see. Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are.

May this Eucharist – this taste of heaven's justice – give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.'

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