

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 17th October, 2021 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan

RECENT DEATHS:

We pray for all the recently deceased, especially Dawn Thompson and Joan Cook.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Dridan, Andrew Ahterhuis. Shane Ferrari, Gerard Collins, John Gustus, Sr Rosa Gustas, Lawrence McNamara, Ethel Glenister, Harold Beer Bob Pym, Narissa Berrigan & Rita Campbell.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan & and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Readings

Today: John Jess.

Oct 24th: Bernadette Franc.

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Sue Mahony.

Oct 24th: John Jess.

Assembly Leader

Oct 31st: Sue Mahony & Jim Mahony.

Special Minister

Oct 31st: Anne Beer.

Music

Oct 24th: Sue Mahony.

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Oct 10th – 17th: Sue Mahony & Angela Gerrard

Oct 24th – 31st: Chandler Family

Church Grounds

Oct 24th - 31st: Chandler Family.

Newsletter

October: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES – for next week

October 24th Mass 8.30 am

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The “cup” and the “baptism” that Jesus refers are his suffering and death on the cross. These images evoke for us the sacraments of baptism and Eucharist, by which the death and resurrection of Jesus are kept at *the heart of our faith and our worship. 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.*

Following consultations in recent times, I am pleased to announce two parish appointments that will take effect on January 10, 2022. to announce two parish appointments that will take effect on January 10, 2022.

Fr Justin Driscoll will become Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon Parishes. Fr Justin has served as Administrator of the Cathedral Parish for the past 14 years. I offer my thanks for his outstanding ministry in this role. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves into the new role of care for the people of Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon.

Fr Ed Moloney will become Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish. Fr Ed has served on the staff of Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne for the past 6 years. I thank Fr Ed for his dedication throughout this time in guiding seminarians on their journey towards priestly ministry. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves back to our Diocese to care for the people of the Cathedral Parish. God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Plenary Council – it's a wrap!

The first Assembly of the Plenary Council was held last week and concluded on Sunday. Daily diocesan updates from the Plenary Council and reflections from diocesan members are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. To watch recordings of sessions and Masses from the Council go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>. We will keep you updated on the progress of the Plenary Council towards Assembly Two in July 2022.

Feast of Saint Gerard October 16th.

Saint Gerard Majella is the patron for expectant mothers, safe childbirth and motherhood.

Ask St Gerard to join you in praying to God for a grace or a gift you need. Nothing is too big or too small to ask from God. People pray for God's blessing on a difficult pregnancy, guidance for a troubled teenager, for healing when a family member, or a friend of the family, is sick.

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.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

17 OCTOBER 2021

GREATNESS THROUGH SERVICE

James and John were two especially privileged disciples. Called on the first day of Jesus' ministry with Peter and Andrew, they were special witnesses to the raising of Jairus' daughter and to the Transfiguration. While the other disciples knew this, they were not prepared for their audacious and ambitious request to share in Jesus' reign. Jesus had no sooner predicted, for the second time, the fate that awaited him in Jerusalem than they revealed their complete failure to comprehend Jesus' message. Their request unmasked their ambition and desire for power. Service and giving oneself for others are to be the hallmark of the Christian community, and the manner in which greatness is to be expressed. Like the suffering servant of Isaiah who takes on the punishment which is due to others Jesus will give his life so that others might live. This is what is required of those who would be leaders in the Christian community.

In speaking of Jesus as the great and eternal high priest there was the danger that early Christians would then feel in some way distant from the one who had saved them. The letter to the Hebrews makes the point that even though Jesus' death and resurrection have brought him into the highest heaven he has not lost sight of the people. That Jesus was without sin does not mean that he does not understand our human situation. He has shared our human experience and is therefore able to mediate on our behalf with mercy and grace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 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.**

RESP 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. R.
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. R.
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.

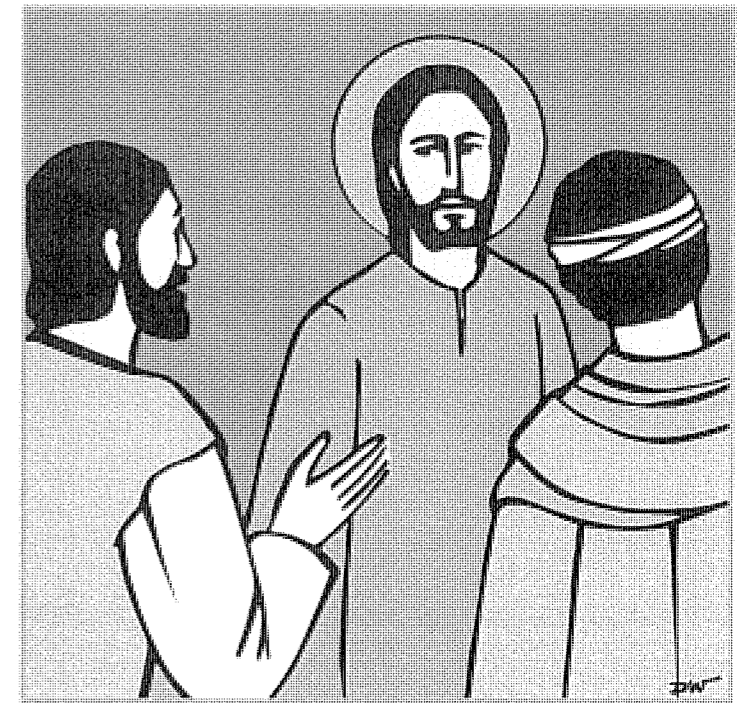
SECOND READING

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.

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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



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October 15, 2021

Hello Everyone

As I mentioned in my message of September 22, the Victorian government is proposing to introduce different provisions in various fields for people who are vaccinated against Covid-19 and those who are not. These variations will apply to places of worship as well as to other venues. I have been considering how we might arrange for everyone to have access to Mass, including those who, for various reasons, will not be vaccinated.

For most of our diocese at present, apart from areas in lockdown, we are able to have 20 people gather for Mass, with no question about vaccination. So as to keep the changes to a minimum, I suggest that we continue with the present limit of 20 people at Mass, with no question about vaccination, until November 5.

The government has indicated that from November 5 those who are fully vaccinated will be able to gather in greater numbers, with 1 person per 4 square metres, with a cap of 150 people. So, parishes will be able to have some Masses with these greater numbers. However, I ask that each parish continue to have at least one Mass each week as at present, with a limit of 20 people and so with no need to provide evidence of vaccination. In this way, there will be some opportunities for people to attend Mass without needing to refer to vaccination.

I recognise that this is far from ideal. I believe it would be much more appropriate to have access to common worship for everyone without distinctions. However, I propose the above arrangements as a way to provide some opportunities for common worship for everyone within the constraints of the government regulations.

Christ promised to be with us when even two or three gather in his name. May he guide us all as we come together to pray, whether in groups large or small.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul