

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 16th October 2022 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Harney, Fr Dennis Dennehy John Dridan, Andrew Ahterhuis, Shane Ferrari, Nancy Morcombe, Gerrard Collins, John Gustus, Sr Rosa Gustus, Lawrance Mc- Namara, Ethel Glenister & Harold Beer.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Jim Mahony

23rd Oct.: Sue Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Carita Clancy

23rd Oct.: Bernadette Franc

Assembly Leader

16th Oct: Sue Mahony & Jim Mahony

Special Minister

16th Oct: Gail Hall.

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen Flowers

Oct 16th- 23rd; Sue Mahony & Angela Gerrard.

Church Grounds

Oct 16th- 23rd; Jim Mahony & Tom Franc

Newsletter

October – Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

October 23rd

Mass 8.30 am



October 16th Feast Day of St Gerard

Last week we heard about the tragic loss of 24 young children and 13 adults in Thailand in a mass killing at a preschool. How distressing for the families of these children. We can only imagine the horror, pain and loss parents, sisters and brothers will be feeling at this time. The Redemptorists talk about our “wounded world” and when we add the tragedy of war, poverty and pandemic, the world is indeed wounded. As Christians we live with hope and prayer is an important part of our lives.

Families are experiencing more grief and hardship today than most will have experienced in a lifetime. These events make our annual St Gerard’s Feast Day Blessing more significant.

We pray for families who are suffering, bless families and pray for the wellbeing of all families around the world.

*“Dear Father, your spirit carries the softness of eternity, You are the fragrance of comfort, you are the enfolding lullaby,
Please encircle the parents of the children drastically lost in Thailand in their grief,
Cacoonj them within your arms of love, whisper heavenly truth into their souls, and keep each fragment of their broken hearts safe,
When we are in pieces your presence will keep us,
So we lay them in your strong arms Jesus. Carry them, watch steadily over them day and night,
May they come to know that their beloved children are safe with you, not lost but found, known and cherished. Amen”*

Exploring the Word

It is unusual for an evangelist to be so explicit about the meaning of a parable, but here Luke tells us that this parable is ‘about the need to pray continually and never lose heart’. It is quite likely that those who listened to Jesus tell this story were very familiar with judges who were a law unto themselves and who did not dispense justice according to the demands of God and of Jewish Law. Yet even these will be persuaded to act in the face of persistence. As ever with Luke, it is not the rich and powerful who prevail but the poor or the weak—in this case a widow. How much more, then, will God act? He is not like the wicked judge. He will hear the persistent cry, especially of the poor, and will not delay in answering. The real test of our faith in all this is to accept that God may answer our prayers in ways we do not expect or even desire. Prayer does not equate with making demands of God. Instead it is openness to the presence of God in our lives and a willingness to accept his demands of us, whatever they may be.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our
heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. ‘There was a judge in a certain town’ he said ‘who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, “I want justice from you against my enemy!” For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, “Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.”’

And the Lord said, ‘You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 OCTOBER 2022

PRAYER AND THE SCRIPTURES

Many people find the scriptures both fascinating and confusing. Written for different times and cultures between 2000-3000 years ago, it should come as no surprise that there are occasions when their meaning is not immediately clear, and their application to our lives uncertain. Today’s readings from the second letter to Timothy reveal that it was not all that different for Christians late in the first century. Paul’s letters were just beginning to be gathered and the gospels were just beginning to be preserved in written form. How should a community of faith make use of the Old Testament and these new Christian writings?

Timothy is challenged on a number of levels to use the scriptures as a resource for his ministry, providing sound teaching and guidance. One of the deepest challenges in the reading is that of proclaiming the message whether it is welcomed or not. It is a call to have the courage of one’s convictions and persistent and enduring faith.

Jesus’ parable about the widow and the unjust judge, as well as Moses’ victory over the Amalekites, focus on how persistent and hope-filled prayer is essential for the life of faith. In an age when communication is almost instantaneous, it can come as a shock to learn that it is by patiently waiting and listening that we will best hear God’s voice. While it may seem that God is slow to answer, sometimes it’s our hearts that are slow to grow, change, and be attuned to God’s plans!

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.’ Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses’ arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

**R. Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**

2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel’s guard. **R.**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14–4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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