

First Reading

Jer 31:7-9

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

Second reading

Heb 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar,

was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Reflection: Pray for All Souls

This coming Friday we will celebrate All Souls Day. This is an important day in our Church when we express a number of things:

- Our love and gratitude for those who have gone before us; for the great gift that they were to our life.
- To pray for their eternal happiness with God.

Perhaps one of the most misunderstood teachings of the Church is that relating to Purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that: "All who die in God's grace, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (1030)."

In other words, God is so good and pure that most of us will need a bit of cleaning up in order to be able to enter fully into God's presence. And scripture has subtle but clear references to this reality. For example, in 2nd Maccabees (12:46) we read: "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." If everyone who dies goes immediately to Heaven or to Hell, then this verse would be nonsense. Those who are in Heaven have no need of prayer, or being "loosed from sins"; those who are in Hell are unable to benefit from such prayers, because there is no escape from that place.



Therefore, there must be a third place or state, in which some of the dead are currently in the process of being "loosed from sins." All of this explains why, from the earliest days of Christianity, the Church has offered liturgies and prayers for the dead. The souls in purgatory are saved and are going to move into the fullness of heaven. This month we have a chance to pray continually for them. Please take time to write the names of your loved ones in our 'Book of Remembrance' so we can pray for them at every Mass during November.

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

4th November – 31st Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteers needed

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Tissa Thomas, Jessica Thompson

Readers: Volunteers needed

Eucharistic Min: Volunteer needed

Hospitality: Volunteers needed

Children's Liturgy: Sinta Velasco,
Annette Hoban

If you are not able to fulfil your ministry role, or if you would like to volunteer for a vacant role, please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

**We welcome this week as our
Celebrant: Fr Meng**

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God

You show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church. Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST –
PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS**

National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

The Prime Minister of Australia and the Leader of the Opposition delivered the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse on Monday 22 October at Parliament House, Canberra. A response from the Diocese of Parramatta can be found here:

<https://parracatholic.org/national-apology/>

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 1 November

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 1 November at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on vocationscsf@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

All Souls' Day Mass: 2 November

All Souls' Day Mass will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 2 November at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent and with the Cathedral Choir the Mass will include hymns, motets and chants in honour of all the deceased. A

special tribute to all those who have been buried from the Cathedral in 2018 will also be included. Mass times for 2 Nov: 6.30am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm. Mass will also be held at St Patrick's Cemetery at 6.00pm. For enquiries call 8839 8400 or email secretary@stpatrcathedral.com.au

The Permanent Diaconate: 4 November

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. 3pm-6pm. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, or Deacon George – 0408 440 769

Palms Australia – Information night 5 November

Vulnerable communities overseas are seeking qualified and/or experienced professionals, trades and business people willing to volunteer as mentors to local personnel. Assignments are available in Asia, Africa, or the Pacific. Information evening to be held on 5th November at the Aquinas Academy, Level 5, 141 Harrington St, Sydney 5.30pm-7pm. For more information phone 9560 5333.

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Sacred Heart Westmead Shopping Trip: 11 November

Come shopping with us on a Full Day, Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sunday 11 November 2018. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults \$62, Seniors/Students \$52, Children (5 – 17 years) \$22. Tour departs: 7.00am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018.

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Lawson: 11 November

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv will preside at our 90th Anniversary Mass at 8.30am on Sunday, 11 November followed by Morning Tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

Presbyteral Ordinations: 30 November 7:30pm

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv will be ordaining Deacons Galbert Albino, Jessie Balorio, Chris del Rosario and Jack Green to the priesthood on Friday evening, 30th November at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass: 7 December

Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter Confeggi as he moves into retirement, Fr Luis Herrera as he returns to Columbia and for the service of all those in ministry at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Fellowship after Mass. 7.30pm St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. For catering purposes, RSVP to 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Can you support St Luke's to grow?

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community is Australia's newest Catholic worshipping community. Please consider helping us with your time and talents by volunteering for one of our many ministries. And please support us by sharing some of your treasure through our giving program to help facilitate our weekly worship and form part of the foundation of a future church building. You can find donation envelopes on the Welcome Table in the foyer Sunday. please pass these to Dcn Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.



Sunday, October 28, 2018

30th Sunday in Ordinary
time

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via
Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

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