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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 23rd October 2022



PRAYER: BEING ABLE TO LIVE WITH GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel today gives us two examples of prayer. Jesus' parable should send a signal to people like us who come to church Sunday after Sunday (or even daily), put generous amounts in the collection basket, pledge funds for church building campaigns and diocesan programs and volunteer around the parish and in the community. All this is fine, even exemplary. Yet Jesus' parable is still meant for us. We need to check our motives and our attitudes towards self and others because there is a bit of the Pharisee in all of us.

There is a tragic flaw in the Pharisee's prayer. His prayer is about himself and his achievements. The Pharisee seems to love the sound of his own voice praying. He has a rather comfortable life of piety, but his vision doesn't go beyond himself. Indeed, he is looking in the wrong direction. He should be focusing on God. One of the reasons we pray is to be open to God's voice and stirrings in our heart. Jesus shows where God's heart lies. It is with the repentant tax collector. His focus is on God and not himself, believing God is merciful.

After all of our talk about the experience of prayer, what is really important is that prayer is not something that we do only for ourselves. We do it also for God, not because He needs our attention, but because He wants it. Attention is the key word here. Prayer is paying attention to the presence of God. It is intending God's presence. It is being tender with God's presence and being able to live with God's presence.

The Christian understanding of prayer is one where, even though it involves our active participation, it is an event where God has the primary role. He is the Initiator of our prayer, and prayer is always a response to His invitation. In order to respond we first must listen and be attentive to tune in to the power of the Spirit within us already.

Prayer, in this sense, is not so much something we do, but rather a way of seeing and hearing what in fact is already being done.

Fr Baby

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Baby Sunday: 7:30am Fr Baby

9:00am Fr Baby 6:00pm Fr Tomy

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Tomy Sunday: 8:00am Fr Tomy

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 am

Thursday 9:00 am (Ordinariate of Our Lady of

the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am (Mass devoted to Mother Mary)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am (1st Wed of the month

Anointing of Sick)

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9:30am—10:00am (except 15th Oct) (by appointment at other times)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:20 am Monday to Saturday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

Children's Liturgy

St Mary's: 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am (excluding School Holidays)

St Brendan's: Saturdays 5pm (most weeks)



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.** Thank you for being here.

Catholic Mission Appeal - this weekend

World Mission Sunday is this Sunday 23rd October and we are holding our Catholic Mission Ap-



peal this weekend. Envelopes are available at the church doors and on seats. This year, we are invited to support a range of mission development programs in Ethiopia addressing malnutrition, the lack of access to education for young children, and the vulnerable position of women in society. Please return envelopes by 29/30 October. Thank you.

Confirmation

Confirmations once again to our 72 Confirmation candidates! A huge thank you to our class leaders, school staff, altar servers and everyone who contributed to the celebration. We also

thank Bishop Anthony for being here to celebrate the Sacrament. We have included some photos from both churches.





Reminder: Parish Morning Tea - Sun 6th Nov

We will again hold morning tea at both churches on Sunday 6th November after 8am Mass at St Brendan's and after 9am Mass at St Mary's. All welcome. St Mary's morning tea will be hosted by the Catechists. Thank you in advance for your help and contribution.

Best wishes to HSC Students

We pray for all HSC students, especially those in our community. Be proud of all your achievements and know we are behind you!

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance Celebrations

All are invited to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of The Entrance parish and the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the parish church on <u>Sun 20 Nov 9.30am Mass</u>. Bishop Anthony will be there for the feast of Christ the King, followed by a morning tea.

Social Justice Message

<u>Did you find the Answers?</u> St Giovanni Battista Scalabrini founded a society to care for migrants. The Pope urged the faithful to consider the treatment of migrants, asking: "Do we welcome them as brothers, or do we exploit them? No, we exclude them, we send them away to lager, where they are exploited and sold as slaves." (from Margaret Hagan)

Parish Pilgrimage

Thank you to those who came along on the pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa on Thursday. A very spiritual and enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you to Christine M for your planning.

Catechist Corner

We'd love to hear from you if you've ever thought about becoming a Catechist! Come along to our morning tea at St Mary's Sun 6th Nov after 9am Mass to chat with our Catechists and learn more about this ministry. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.





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1st and 2nd Collections

If you are able to assist with taking up the collection, please see one of the Wardens or priest before Mass begins. The 'Tap N Go' machine is near the church doors for credit card donations. The 1st collection supports all priests and clergy in our Diocese; the 2nd collection supports the maintenance of our own Parish. Thank you.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear friends, Reciting the Holy Rosary is one of the strong traditions of the Catholic Church. The month of October is dedicated to the devotion of the Holy Rosary. As we begin this month, let us be united in praying the Rosary. I would encour-



age all families to pray the Rosary together. Any family that prays together, stays together. As a parish community, we will pray the Rosary together at both churches for ten days from Sat 22nd October—Mon 31st October. St Mary's grotto at 5pm, and St Brendan's Saturday 22nd & 29th 4.30pm, other days 5pm.

Children's Worksheets

Worksheets and pencils are available at the church doors. Please note, no Children's Liturgy in the school holidays.



Rosters for St Brendan's OCT/NOV – JANUARY 2023

If you wish to be included in the Liturgy rosters Oct-Jan please add your details to the sheets at the rear of the Church. Volunteers for all positions on the roster are welcome, training will be provided.

All Souls Day - Wednesday 2nd November

We will have Mass for All Souls Day at 9am and 6pm in both churches. After 9 am Mass at St Mary's, please join us for two decades of the Rosary then a further decade in the car park of Noraville Cemetery. Fr. Baby will then Bless the graves.

November: Time To Remember The Dear Ones.

We remember our departed brothers & sisters during the month of November. All of us have someone to remember and pray for. Death is the door that opens the way to paradise. The best gift we can offer for their souls is to pray & offer masses for them. I encourage families & friends to offer masses during this special month of remembrance. The Parish Office is happy to organise something special for this year. We shall have a special All Souls Day Mass on 2nd Nov at 9am and 6pm in both churches. We will have a special decorated table of remembrance with photo or picture of the deceased. Those who would like to do so, please bring a photo by the end of this month. We conclude this event on the 30th November with 6pm Mass in both Churches. All the mass intention envelopes will be placed on the altar during Masses. Any families who would like to have special prayers said at the graveside, please ring the office to make a date & time.

New classes for Seniors, held at The Entrance Parish

<u>Brain Games</u> and <u>Let's Get Moving</u>. Every Monday from 10 Oct - 19 Dec. See our noticeboard or table flyers for more information.

Upcoming events - Save the Dates:

Lectio Divina - ON HOLD, will resume 3rd Nov

<u>Sat 22nd - 31st Oct</u> - Parish Rosary at both churches <u>Sat 29th Oct</u> - St Brendan's Family Mass 5pm

Sun 30th Oct - St Mary's Yr 3 lead Sunday 9am Mass

Wed 2nd Nov - All Souls Day, Mass 9am both churches, 6pm St Mary's

Sun 6th Nov - Parish Morning teas, Youth Mass St Mary's 6pm

Sun 20th Nov - St Mary's Yr 5 and Kinder 2023 lead Sunday 9am Mass

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.

Recently Deceased

Joan Watts, Gerald Wildman, Donald Reid, Trevor Correy

Anniversaries

Tony Hodges, Khoo Swee Gim, Brian Casey, Chris Cleary, Don Metcalfe, Savior Debono, Rennie Debono, Fred & Ann Stephens, John Glennen, Sallie Mulvany

Remembrances

Norah McCool, John Ledger, Ellen Goonan, Pauline Hicks, Stephen Cappa, Christine Burns, Vidal Gregorio, Clara Hudson, Vincenza Debono, Mario Azzopardi, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowering, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Kay Correy, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin & Helen Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy (Fr Baby's sister), Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondda Rey, Nestor Regalo, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool

October Birthdays

Liz Cooper (4th Oct)
Dawn Thompson (5th Oct)
Pacita Wilesmith (5th Oct)
Joe Bridgett (5th Oct)
Fiona Green (7th Oct)
Ivan Intia (16th Oct)
Val Unterrheiner (21st Oct)
Yvonne Weller (22nd Oct)
Deacon Paul Simmons (25th Oct)
Nenita Turner (29th Oct)
Ryan Fiddick (29th Oct)
Fr Vincent Trung Nguyen (30th Oct)



Call the office to have your birthday or anniversary included!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October



For A Church open to everyone
We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and
courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the
Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium A.B.N. 79 085 423 589

Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258 PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258. Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



Volunteer Angels

Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility Please call Anne-Marie 4396 1555 The Community Visitors' Scheme

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge

who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,

he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted.

his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable.

nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of

acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. R.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C First Reading - Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2 Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2 Gospel - Luke 19:1-10

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