

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.

Shorter form: 10:42-45

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Breaking Open the Word

BEING SERVANT AND SLAVE

Our first reading is from the fourth 'servant song' or poem of Isaiah. The imagery of the suffering servant is juxtaposed with 'the Son of Man [who] came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for many.' Just prior to today's Gospel reading, there was the third passion prediction. Jesus and the disciples are on the way to Jerusalem toward his passion and death. James and John, sons of Zebedee, open the scene. They were among the first called by Jesus and they are among the closest of his companions. What might we think would be on their minds? How taken aback will we be when they come to Jesus and say: 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.' They are looking for their reward in places of esteem and honour. The brothers failure to understand angers the other ten.

Jesus makes clear that their orientation and that of anyone who wishes to be great is to be servant. This is their lesson and ours. Still today this is countercultural. In our Church we are invited to walk the way in synodality: praying together, listening deeply to one another, listening to the Spirit, walking together in the Spirit, asking what we are called to do, not only what Jesus will do for us. How will we be servant to one another, walking together in humility, this week?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

20 OCTOBER 2024

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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 want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it

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* Before every Mass
* By appointment

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joy O'Shea, Deacon Peter Harrison, Sheila Tilse, Susan Tan Dy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Doherty (6/10), Ned Clarke (12/10), Daphne Davis (12/10), Jack Smyth (16/10), Bill Teo (29/10), Mary McInnes (6/11).

DECEASED: We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, George Hurn, Eva, Joe and Bill McLean, Mel and Harry Hutchens, William Grima, Mary Camden, Tommy Hudson.

SICK: Cheryl Moloney, Daphne Sweeney (Sr Kathryn's mum), Col Hassett, Judy Murphy, Elaine Murray, Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.

O Father, give us the humility which realises its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognises its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke.

*Help us always to praise rather than to criticise,
To sympathise rather than to discourage, To build rather than to destroy,
and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. Amen*



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COMING EVENTS:

Oct 20 Mission Sunday - envelopes will be available in the church.
1 Nov All Saints Day Mass at 12 pm
2 Nov All Souls Day Mass at 10 am
12 Dec 'Soft Opening' of the new Cathedral, Armidale - 105th anniversary of dedication
15 Dec Reopening of the Cathedral Mass and Celebratory Carnival, Armidale
29 Dec Opening Mass for Jubilee Year 2025

Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Year B WELCOME TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.



"Let self be forgotten and let God's glory, His will and the general good absorb our thoughts, deliberations and actions." (1898)

MASSIVE GARAGE SALE: A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped make our garage sale such a success along with the wonderful shoppers who were so generous.

OCTOBER IS OUR LADY'S MONTH: During October, and throughout the year, the Rosary is said by parishioners before every mass. Everyone is very welcome to join in and perhaps a special effort can be made during this special month of October.

SYDNEY TO HOST INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028: The Vatican has announced that Sydney will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028. Held every four years, the International Eucharistic Congress is expected to draw tens of thousands of faithful Catholics from across the globe to Sydney. Catholic Archbishop of Sydney Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP said that this will be the largest gathering held on Australian shores since World Youth Day 2008. "It is my hope that in hosting the International Eucharistic Congress we might renew the sense of solemnity, mystery, welcome and joy in the liturgical life of our city, revitalise our Christian lives, and increase our outreach to those most in need," Archbishop Fisher said. Keep this wonderful event in your prayers for 2028.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men are invited to join other catholic men for breakfast next Saturday, 26th October at 7am in the covered area behind St Nicholas Church. To book in or for more information, phone Bruce Stewart 0419 011 096.

MISSION SUNDAY: This weekend we observe Mission Sunday. The below is this week's information and we again ask if possible you support the essential works to those less fortunate by donating using envelopes on the church seats or by visiting the website below.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Free call: 1800 257 296
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WEEK 2 ROSTER: 20/10/24

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown J Woodbridge
5.00pm Sun: R A O'Halloran T Mitchell
Counting Team R Paull A Bowden
Fri Cleaning M Brown K O'Brien
Altar Linen: J Hutt

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 27/10/24

Vigil: R C Ledwos Di Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley, R Paull
5.00pm Sun: R J Parrenas J Parrenas
Counting Team P Shiels A Bowden
Fri Cleaning J Hutt J Moran
Altar Linen: M Vella

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

