



Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 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 Lk 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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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The Living Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

23 October 2022

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. 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.)*
2. 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.)*

3. 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 Tm 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.



Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven Georges Hall

Parish Priest: Fr. Lawrence Cauchi



Receiving Holy Communion
When receiving Holy Communion please look at the host and reply with an audible 'Amen'
Please place the host in your mouth before you walk away.

COVID-19 is still around - Please use sanitiser when you enter our church.

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Feast of Saints Simon and Jude - 28 October
Simon "the less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude "son of James" was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude but may also be the one called "Thaddeus".
A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia.
Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

Giving Envelopes
If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Unborn Children
Unlike many in our modern society, we believe that abortion kills unborn children.
Are we doing enough to protect these vulnerable children?

Safeguarding our Children
Please let us all be always aware of the safety of our children.
If you notice something that may be harmful, please report it immediately.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 October 2022



October - the month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is a particular month in our Catholic church when we honour and pray to Mary.
Let us pray the Rosary often during October.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated during Term 4 for children in Year 3 (or older) who have completed **proper preparation which includes attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis and attending at least 4 lessons.**
Parents, if you missed the Information Night, please speak to Father Laurie or email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)
Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services operate an OSHC facility to provide before, afterschool and vacation care for our primary school children.
Interested? please contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628 or Email: scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Primary School - 9727 0000 Principal: Monica Palmer
Playgroup - Thursday during school term in the hall, meet at 8.45am out the front of the church near Our Lady's statue. Enquiries: natalie.goetz@svd.catholic.edu.au

+Please Remember in your prayers:
Sick: Paul Ahad, Patrick Carroll, Kate Cheney, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Barbara Kains, Rosemary Levack, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, Jenny Tankard, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward, Ross Williamson
Recently Deceased: Concetta Denaro, Ron Roberts, Margaret Holmes, Jozef Lukasiewicz, Joana Mira, Jack Bush
Anniversaries: Anna & Antonio Sergi, Pietro Genovina Fattore, Nazira Safi, Bronislawa Bellach, Ivy Dadich, Georgette Thomas, Br Cletus Howley

Safeguarding our Parish - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.
Our parish has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church - parishioners are welcome to view.
Enquiries: Veronica via parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



Priests' Retirement Fund Appeal

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