

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

28 AUGUST 2022

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the

food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WONDER FOR GIFTS RECEIVED

It has been said that the problem with humility is that it's the only virtue you can't boast about! For some it is a sign of maturity, for others, it shows a lack of belief in oneself, or it can be a means of subtly advancing your own cause in a way that is socially acceptable, but self-serving.

As Jesus addresses the question of humility, he wisely takes it in stages. Firstly, using the example of the wedding feast, he leads the Pharisees to admit that a self-serving humility can result in a person being exalted. Having gained their attention, Jesus moves on to deal with the nature of authentic humility which expresses itself in care for those who are less fortunate.

Over the last few weeks, the passages taken from the letter to the Hebrews have been reflecting on various aspects of the life of faith. These passages have been both encouraging and challenging. As the reflection concludes there is a call to awe, gratitude and humility for the marvellous gifts every Christian has received. In the ancient world the firstborn son would enjoy the lion's share of the inheritance, and many Christians, as slaves, did not enjoy the status of citizenship. This meant that they had, at best, limited rights. As Christians, however, their status has been radically changed. The covenant in Jesus' blood makes us all 'firstborn sons', sharing the same dignity and status as citizens in the heavenly Jerusalem.

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TAKING THE LOWER PLACE. In today's Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if all members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord's Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put on the collection plate.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. R.

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. R.

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. R.



SECOND READING Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

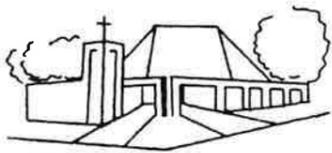
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 14:1, 7-14

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.



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28 August 2022

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANOINTING OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1 st Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDECTION	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Janine Jozwiak - Fr Benjamin Bezzina, Helen Montgomery, Geraldine Suter, Fr Theo Arrivoli, Frances Sultana, Virginia Ang, Fred O'Sullivan, Catherine Cheney, Sr Veronica Taylor SM, Robin Mackenzie-Hunter, Patricia Ellis, Joan Whaley, William Hole, Annis Zouki, Norma Sciara, Maria Dorizas, John Hogan.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Leo Keegan, Fr Kevin Hay, Khne Abremeya, Allan Kemsley - Francis Wettasinha, Saed Ayoub, John Herlihy, Ann Zammit, Adele Azzopardi, Frank Azzopardi, Bill Ryan, Enid Mary Vanderputt, Harris Abood.

Rosters - 3/4 September

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm Susan Boulous & family
Sun. 7.30am Sophie Russo
Sun. 9.30am Anne Marie Lyons
Glenys Oxlee

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm Joe Zammit, David Boulous
Sun. 7.30am Anne Betteridge, Maddison Boulous
Sun. 9.30am Ron Della Vedova, Jodie Macgregor
Samuel Yu, Linda Tsang

*"He who
humbles himself
will be exalted."*

- LUKE 14:11 -

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator. When: **Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2, 2022.** Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale. Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50. For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The group meet after 9.15am Mass and reflect on Sunday's Liturgy of the Word. All welcome. Contact Irene 0418 403 358 if you need transport.

AVAILABLE FOR RENT - OFFICE SPACE/RETREAT VENUE

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown currently has a venue that may be used for office space or a retreat venue for a small parish or religious group. To inquire please contact Sarah or Ged at the Parish Office on (02) 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - 3-4 SEPTEMBER

Our priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community. This Father's Day, will you care for them in their retirement, as they have cared for us? Your kind-hearted donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation's health and wellbeing team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical and emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal would raise around \$200,000. Last year's Parish Appeal was cancelled due to lockdowns. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or Appeal Envelopes available at the back of the church. All donations are 100% Tax Deductible.

MOUNT DRU ITT SOUTH PARISH FETE

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held on Sunday **11 September** at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt Druitt, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Activities include a While Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9832 3896.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW WAY TO MANAGE YOUR FERTILITY?

Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods, also known as Fertility Awareness Methods (FAMs) are natural, effective, healthy and modern approaches to managing fertility. No drugs, devices, or side effects! NFP is especially helpful for couples having difficulties achieving pregnancy as well as those that feel their family is complete. For more information about your options please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605 or visit <https://parralmf.org.au/fertility/>

VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTS OFFICER/BOOKKEEPER

Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. Ph 0412 550 902 OR E-mail kevin@palms.org.au



SAVE THE DATE

St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas is celebrating 150 years of Marist education with an Anniversary Gala Dinner on Friday **4th of November, 2022** at Comm Bank Stadium Parramatta. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful milestone with as many past and present families, friends and colleagues. More information will be revealed over the coming months.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PERSONAL ASSISTANT - SISTERS OF MERCY PARRAMATTA

Full-time, 12-month position and based at Parramatta. Please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources for further information on 0402 210 055.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We pray for Andrew Rooney who was ordained to the Priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta last Friday evening. We give thanks to God for another young priest for our Diocese; and for the three transitional deacons awaiting priestly ordination within the next 12 months. *Fr Peter*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday **30th August** at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him. This FREE Daily Devotional series Knowing Jesus, is presented by Bruce Downes who is also known as The Catholic Guy. People have registered to receive our prayerful, inspirational resources in every state of the USA and in over 180 countries around the world by both Church attenders and those who are searching. Sign up today: BruceDownes.org/KnowingJesus/ or go to our website BruceDownes.org

menALIVE

Weekend will be held on the **24th & 25th of September** at the Catholic Parish of St Kevin, Haseler Centre, 36 Hillview Rd Eastwood. Men 18yo and up are invited to this life changing experience! Expect to be inspired, encouraged, and revitalized in your faith! Experienced leaders from the menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. See poster or collect a flyer for more information. Scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/344064023757> to register.



ZUMBA

Please join our Zumba class at St. Mary's Hall (opposite the church). The session is every Thursday. Registration from 6.45pm, for 7pm sharp start. Cost: \$10 per class. Contact Ruth 0412 341 112 for information.

ST MARY'S MOTHERS GROUP & PLAYGROUP

Calling all mums of children 0-5 years old! Come and join us for our playgroup session on **Tuesdays**, from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall (access from Myrtle Street). Playgroup will run weekly during the school term. Pop in for a chat, a coffee and make new friends. We hope to see you there! For further information contact Natalie on 0418 600 358.



FEAST OF THE WEEK

Thursday, 1 September - St Fiacre of Breuil

St. Fiacre was born in Ireland in the 7th century and was raised in a monastery and became a skilful user of healing herbs. Seeking greater solitude, he left Ireland and sought refuge in France, at Meaux. He established a hermitage and built an oratory in honour of the Virgin Mary and a hospice. His charity moved him to attend cheerfully those that came to consult him, and sometimes miraculously restored to health those that were sick. Fiacre is depicted in art and statuary as an elderly man carrying a spade. His fictional counterpart is Brother Cadfael, the mystery-solving monk of the Ellis Peters novels.

