



Sacred
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Parish Priest: Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 26 October 2025



Readings for
this week:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



Readings for
next Sunday

Wisdom 11:23-12:1
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10



Liturgical Jottings

Masses for The Church

Last two weeks we looked at the Masses for various needs and occasions in the Missal. "These provide Mass formularies that may be used in the various times of Christian life." GIRM 368.

Today we look at Section One: Masses for the Holy Church. They include Masses for the Church, the Pope, the Bishop, the Election of a Pope or a Bishop, a Council or a Synod, Priests, the Priest Himself, Anniversary of His Ordination, Ministers of the Church, Vocations to Holy Orders, the Laity, Anniversaries of Marriage, the Family, Religious, Anniversary of Religious Profession, Vocations to Religious Life, Promoting Harmony, Reconciliation, Unity of Christians, Evangelization of Peoples, Persecuted Christians, Spiritual or Pastoral Gatherings. They may be celebrated on any feria day.

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Looking at the Readings

The opening line of a very common prayer begins: "O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart ..." and gives us an insight into the meaning and direction of the readings in the Mass today. Ecclesiasticus speaks of the Lord who is a judge yet hears the cry of the poor, the orphan, the widow, the humble and the virtuous. God understands the heart of the one who prays. The Responsorial Psalm is a prayer of thanks and praise to the God who hears our cries.

Today's Gospel, once seen as problematic, now must be seen in the light of God's promise to his people and the mercy that he bestows on the sinner. Tax collectors may have many actions which to be repentant; they were despised by their own people for being traitors and swindlers. Yet in the parable this man comes in humility and repentance. God alone can probe his heart and can hear the cry of the poor. Interestingly, the parable does not tell of the sins or virtues of the tax collector or the sins of the pharisee. Jesus does not highlight their actions but examines their hearts. Again, it is our relationships, our right relationships that are important in life and faith.

Prayer for the Day

[Almighty God, we pray that] to us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy apostles and martyrs and all your saints. Admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (from *Eucharistic Prayer 1*)

All Saints and All Souls

On Saturday we celebrate the feast day of all the unsung saints in heaven and on Sunday we commemorate and pray for all the faithful departed who await entry into heaven.

Quote of the Week

I had many friends to help me to fall; but as to rising again, I was so much left to myself, that I wonder now I was not always on the ground. I praise God for His mercy; for it was he only who stretched out his hand to me. May he be blessed for ever Amen!

St Teresa of Avila

On the Lighter Side

The only difference between a taxidermist and a tax man is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. - Mark Twain

Q: Why don't tax collectors play hide and seek?

A: Well! We wish you good luck in hiding from them!"



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Guilia Tassone
	Our sick and their carers	Harney McKinnon, Mary Luscombe

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 1st November 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
Reader: Sheila Gregg
Gospel Procession: Joyce Caiafa
Gifts: D Hamilton & M Vraca
Eucharistic Minister: Not required
Screen Operator: Debbie Turvey
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 2nd November 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale
Reader: Debbie Worm
Gospel Procession: Domelina Phelan
Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
Eucharistic Minister: Ross Kelly
Screen Operator: Lou Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: E Worm & L Worm

Sunday 9th November 10:30am

Commentator: Theresa Cook
Reader: Rob Miller
Gospel Procession: Rita Fairchild
Gifts: A Basile & L Mercuri
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Turvey
Screen Operator: Steve De Lai
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: S & S De Lai

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass.

Plate Collection and Envelope



Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$687.40

Collections for Missions: \$450.00

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 29th October

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 29th October 9:15am
Friday 31st October 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 1st November 6:00pm
Sunday 2nd November 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 5th November 9:15am
Friday 7th November 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 9th November 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)

Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
4th Sunday of the month: Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall
Cemetery Mass 8th November 9:15am

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month
2pm in St
Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be Wednesday 5th November

Shared lunch

There will be a shared lunch today after Mass in St Mary's Hall, all welcome.

Cemetery Mass

The Annual Mass will be on 8th November at 9:15am. Please bring your own chair and bring hat if it is hot.

Italian Cemetery Rosary

A Rosary in Italian will be said at the cemetery on **Monday, 3rd November at 11:00 AM.**

All are welcome to attend and pray.



Happy belated birthday wishes to Maria Borrelli who celebrated her 90th birthday a couple of weeks ago.

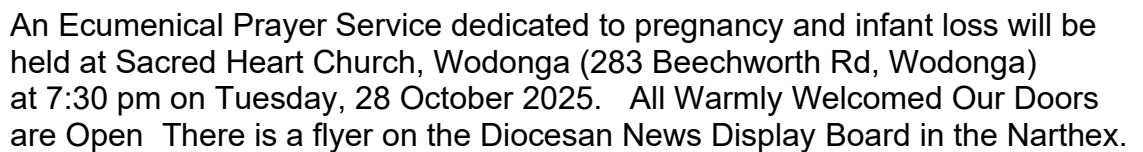
Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

Luke 18:9

November is the month of the Holy Souls. This year All Souls Day falls on Sunday 2nd November. Mass offering envelopes for our deceased are available in the narthex.

Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them. God can foresee and apply the merits of our prayers, penances and works of charity, done even years after their death, for our departed dear ones, in favour of our deceased dear ones, at the moment of their deaths.

The next PPC meeting will be combined with Kyabram PPC in St Mary's Hall on Wednesday 5th November at 6pm. Please bring a plate to share for dinner. We will be discussing the recent Diocesan Formation Gathering held in Shepparton on



The themes for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C bring important lessons for our lives. They help us understand how to approach God and live faithfully.

- Do I ever compare myself to others in prayer, like the Pharisee in the Gospel?
- How do I show humility before God?
- In what ways do I rely on my own efforts instead of trusting in God?
- How can I better listen to those who feel unheard or oppressed?
- When have I felt abandoned, and how did I see God working in that time?
- Do I judge others based on outward appearances or status?
- How can I grow in recognizing my need for God's mercy?
- What actions can I take to help those who are struggling?
- How does Paul's example of faithfulness encourage me in my own difficulties?
- What steps can I take to strengthen my trust in God's justice and care?

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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DIOCESE NEWS – 26/10/25



Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia – retreats, pilgrimages, workshops and more.

Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community. Event organisers can also list their events for free, helping more people connect and participate.

Job vacancy – St Kilian's Parish

St Kilian's Parish is looking for an office administrator to join our staff.

You will need to be friendly, have excellent time management and able to multitask in our busy office.

Knowledge of Microsoft Word and technology/social media an advantage but not essential.

15hrs per week- Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am—2pm .

If interested, or you have any questions, please contact the office on 54416244 or email your resume to stkilians@sandhurst.catholic.org.au by November 7th

SANDHURST THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the last three years the Sandhurst Theology Scholarships have offered financial support for parishioners seeking to study theology at Catholic Theological College (Melbourne) as well as other approved courses in leadership and pastoral ministry. Several parishioners and those engaged in ministry have received funding to support their studies.

The Mission and Pastoral Life Team is reviewing and evaluating the Scholarship offerings in the light of the Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals and the Diocesan Formation Support Plan. The review and recommendations arising from it will be presented to the Diocesan Administrator, Fr Brian Boyle. The awarding of theology scholarships will be paused during the review with the intention of commencing a new round in time for Semester 2 2026.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Leslie Cooper via email at leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

40th Anniversary of the New Church & 114th year of St Joseph's Parish, Cobram

You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of St Joseph's Catholic Church & the 114th year of St Joseph's Parish, William Street, Cobram on Sunday 9th November.

Thanksgiving Mass at 11:00am presided by Bishop Les Tomlinson, followed by a shared lunch in the adjacent school grounds.

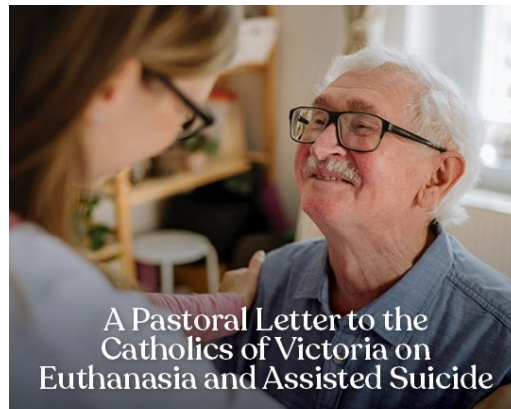
Pig on spit & BBQ provided. BYO drinks: NO ALCOHOL.

Enquiries phone Kristel 0418306537

Dutch parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate 70 years since their arrival in the Diocese with a luncheon at the National Hotel, Bendigo at 12:30 pm on 5 November. All welcome. Please contact Liesbeth on 0407535842 or at liesbethhc@gmail.com.

The Victorian Bishops have written a pastoral letter about the proposed changes to the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. The Bishops of Victoria ask that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter and find out more at www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



Wodonga Catholic Parish

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Memorial Prayer Service . Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month

Join us for an Ecumenical Prayer Service dedicated to pregnancy and infant loss

Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga, 283 Beechworth Rd Wodonga
7:00 PM-Tuesday October 28th

All Warmly Welcomed Our Doors are Open



It's ok not to be ok.

No one should have to walk the journey of miscarriage and pregnancy loss alone.

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SATURDAY: 9AM -- 4PM AEST/AEDT

HelpLine Tel: [1300726306](tel:1300726306)



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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

PONDERING OUR ATTITUDES

Today's Gospel presents us with a mirror to help us reflect on the way we regard others. It is especially pertinent when we feel assured that our religious attitude and approach to our Faith and God is correct. It is even possible that out of this attitude we can regard others, especially those from other faith traditions, as uninformed or perhaps targets of divine condemnation.

Jesus offers Luke's audience an opportunity to reflect on similar attitudes. It takes the form of a parable focused on two people: a person of religious scrupulosity and a public sinner. The first is called a 'Pharisee', an identification that requires nuanced historical understanding. For Luke writing in the mid-80s of the first century in the period after the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, Pharisees enabled Judaism to survive and grow. They represented its leadership. To followers of Jesus at that same period they represented those who were critical of the Jesus-movement and didn't join in. In the time of Jesus, in the 30s, the situation was very different. They were very attuned to Jesus' mission and, like him, concerned about authentic Jewish faith and Torah practice.

In the story in Luke's Gospel, Jesus compares a 'Pharisee' (in this later historical understanding) to a tax-collector judged a sinner, collaborating in Rome's oppressive taxation system. This 'sinner' recognises his need for God's mercy; the Lukan Pharisee, self-assured about his religious credentials, arrogant and without any need for God, is self-focused. These parable characters invite us to ponder our attitude to God and others.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Sirach

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,

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.

RESP PSALM

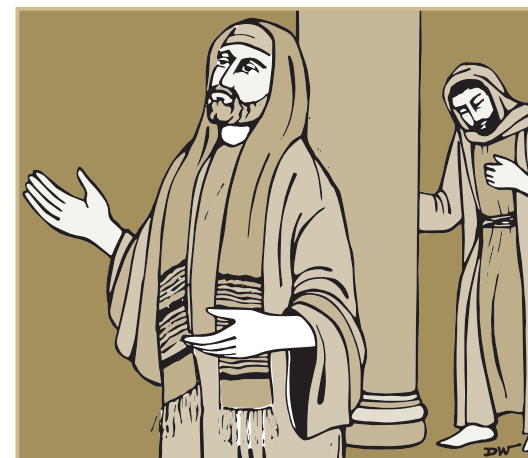
Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

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 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

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.