

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

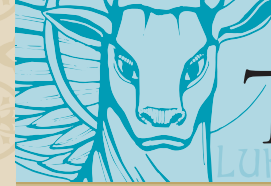
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 OCTOBER 2022

PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND HUMBLE

An ever-present danger for the sincerely devoted and religious person is that of falling into the trap of self-righteousness. The danger that lurks is that of seeing others as less committed and worthwhile in God's eyes than oneself. Both the first reading from Ecclesiasticus and Jesus' parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector provide us with timely and penetrating reminders that it is the prayer of the person who knows their need of the Lord that pierces the clouds of heaven. Humble and grateful acceptance of the Lord's mercy and love is our most appropriate response.

As the second letter to Timothy concludes, Paul's ministry is evaluated. Rather than think that Paul is blowing his own trumpet, it is worth remembering that this letter was probably written by one of Paul's disciples. In their judgement, Paul had indeed run the best of all races, and he was more than worthy to receive the crown of righteousness after his ministry as a fearless and tireless proclaimer of the Good News. In that ministry, he had often met with opposition, misunderstanding and sometimes even betrayal (2 Corinthians 11:21-30). Through all this, he was supported by the knowledge that the Lord was standing by his side as the source of his power. He had no illusions that he was anything but an earthen vessel that carried a priceless treasure, and that the power belonged to the Lord (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

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PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES : Ernest Smith, Fred Bonadea, Elsie Knight (27/10), Jacobi Dall'Aqua, Alma Trindall (28/10)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St Andrew's Wee Waa

Sunday 10.00 am

Wednesday 8.30 am

(Anointing Mass – 1st week of month)

Weeronga Service 4th Tuesday of the Month at 10.30am

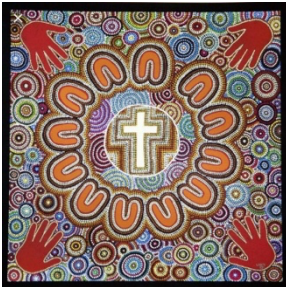
St. Joseph's Burren Junction

3rd Sunday – Mass 8:00am

St. Brigid's Pilliga

2nd Sunday – Communion Service 9.00 am

4th Sunday - Mass 8:00am



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MINISTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEK

30th Oct, 22 31st SUN ORD TIME YEAR C

Readers: Tamara Woodrow Lindsey Radford

Prayer of Faithful: Dora Oudenryn

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Washing of Linen: Val

Liturgy Team Member: Sr Geraldine

Volunteers need for Morning Tea Nov 6

6th November, 32nd SUN ORD TIME Year C

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Prayer of Faithful: Alice Woodhill

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Armidale Diocese Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon 2023!

22 day pilgrimage:

"Journeying to Jesus with Mary"
Led by Bishop Michael Kennedy

- Rome (2 nights) • Assisi (4 nights)
- Fatima (2 nights) • Lisbon (7 nights)
- Lourdes (3 nights) • Paris (1 night)

Inclusions: Return Flights, all internal transport,
accommodation & meals

Cost: \$5990 per person

Places are limited; register your expression of interest now!

[armidale.catholic.org.au/
world-youth-day-2023](http://armidale.catholic.org.au/world-youth-day-2023)

*This will be a life-changing opportunity to join millions of
young people as we gather with Pope Francis for a
celebration of our Catholic faith!*

Reflection

Focusing the Gospel

To the point: The Pharisee is faithful to pious practices, but he misses the heart of prayer: inward turning to God that carries us outward to right relationship with others. We cannot honestly pray to God if we judge harshly and set ourselves apart from those we meet every day. The tax collector is justified because he admits that he has not been in right relationships (“me a sinner”). True humility is honesty about who we are before both God and others. True prayer leads to God exalting us (“went home justified”) because we have humbled ourselves before the Most High and have exalted others through our just actions toward them.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Sirach states in a poetic way what Jesus in the gospel parable teaches: our just God extends justice to those who petition God, serve God, and live rightly.

... to experience: The Pharisee uses his pious practices to separate himself from “the rest of humanity.” Authentic religious practices—for the Pharisee and for us today—ultimately lead us to communion with God and one another

The month of the HOLY ROSARY....this is a time to renew our devotion to the Rosary. Rosary beads are available in the foyer. This is a good Month to decide to pray the Rosary for the many intentions which abound these days and Light a candle at Our Lady’s Shrine and in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and pray for family, friends, neighbours, our Church of the Diocese of Armidale, for peace in the world for the coming of our country to God and the Gospel, for the coming of the justice of the Kingdom in our world etc etc... or just pray out of love for God and Neighbour in the quietness of our House of Prayer and Worship.



MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited before each Sunday

Mass beginning 9.30am Sunday. Please come early and pray for Peace in our World and for our Diocese of Armidale.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY O blessed rosary of Mary, sweet chain which unites us to God, bond of love which unites us to the angels, tower of salvation against the assaults of hell, safe port in our universal shipwreck, we will never abandon you. You will be our comfort in the hour of death; yours our final kiss as life ebbs away. And the last word from our lips will be your sweet name, O Queen of the Rosary of Pompeii, O dearest Mother, O Refuge of Sinners, O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted. May you be everywhere blessed, today and always, on earth and in heaven



Three weeks prior to appeal: In three weeks’ time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emdibir. This work simply will not be possible without your support—we hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.