

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

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## 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

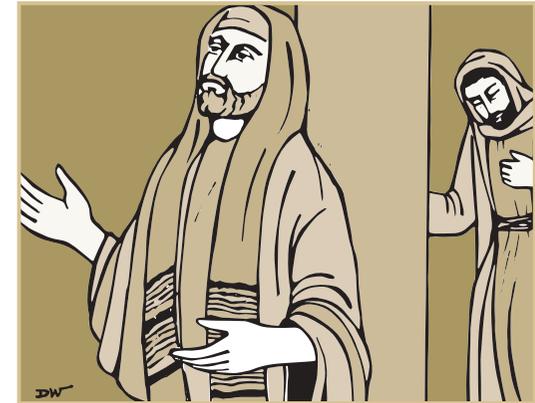
Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

**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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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
October The Month of The Rosary



Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

**Please pray for the Faithful Departed:**

**Recently Deceased:** Selena Blakeney, Ron Virago, Josh Peel-Yates, Kayleen Brindley, Nick Bacon, Carolyn Eames, Geoff Reid and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.



**Deceased:** Agnes Brisbane and Tomo & Pavrica Hasanovic

**Anniversary:** Aldo Viselli, Winnie & Peter Blyth, Inez D'Souza, Lydia & Joe Bujeya, Dr Ralph Baccash, Louise & Xavier Micallef and on the 20th Anniversary of the Bali Bombings, Gayle Airlie, Cathy Seelin, Geradine & Steve Buchan, Tom Singer and all those who died in Bali.

**The Sick:** Billy Stitt, Roy Burton, Milton Scott, Maria Reilly, Lachlan Strawbridge, Tina Maria, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, all the souls in Purgatory, and those suffering from Covid.

Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend at St Andrew's. Please give generously.  
Thank you to those who gave from St Agnes'.



**Where will Fr. John be celebrating Masses next weekend?**  
Saturday - 29 October 5.00pm at St Andrew's (Livestreamed)  
Sunday - 30 October 10.00am at St Agnes'

Prayer Service for the Late Josh Peel-Yates—St Andrew's, Friday 28th October, 11.30am.

**Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar — Matraville.**

On Tuesday 11 October 2022 was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council in 1962 by Pope St John XXIII. This Council was a watershed into the world of our time. Pope John was given heavenly wisdom as he ushered in an *aggiornamento*, bringing up to date the Church. Also, it is described as opening the windows of the church and allowing fresh air in. We live in the post Second Vatican Council period and still are leaning from the Council Fathers and its documents that were written and making us people of Communion, Participation and Mission. Pope Francis has called a Synod in Rome next October and asks the question how can we be a Synodal Church? How can we be a consultative Church? Let us hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will divinely direct our Church more fully into the Third Millennium.

This Sunday is designated as Mission Sunday; You Will Be My Witnesses. This is the theme of this 2022 Mission Sunday. It is a simple theme, and maybe it is the simple things that are harder to put into action. We should reflect on our lives. How do they reflect Christian values? It is our actions and our speech that would reflect such an answer. Only you and I can answer this question. Pope Francis in his appeal to pilgrims on their pilgrimage on World Youth Days, asked that all of us are missionary and responsible in leading our lives of love and service in the person of Jesus.

One of my hats that I have in the Archdiocese is Chaplain to the Sydney Catholic Mission. Last week I celebrated all Masses at St Agnes' Matraville and preached the annual Catholic Mission Appeal. This Sunday I will be celebrating all Masses at St Andrew's Malabar and preach the annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Your generosity is appreciated especially by those in the developing world.

**God bless and keep you all in his love**

**Fr John**



We welcome **Ada Myrtle & Baxter Samson Leonard Burprich Brooks** and **Sidney Max Jones and Isaac Luke & Ivie Rose Jones, Beau Cove Muscat** and **Arthur Sydney & Montgomery Alfred Cooper Chen** into our Parish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St. Andrew's.



**dementia australia**

**WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT FOR DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA**

On 12 November 2022, parishioner Jaxon Italiano (Suzy Pompor's son and Viki & Joe Pompor's grandson) will be attempting to break the World Record for the most pull-ups in 24 hours, the record at the moment is 7,716. If you would like to make a donation to support Jaxon and Dementia Australia please scan the QR code. Good Luck Jaxon.



**FAREWELLING ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The amalgamation of St Agnes' Matraville and OLA Pagewood has been fast-tracked, with the new Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Matraville to open in January 2023. As such, a variety of celebrations are currently being organised to farewell St Agnes' school including a Mass of Thanksgiving and Morning Tea on 18 November.

If you have any photos, memorabilia or contact information for people who have contributed to the rich history of St Agnes', we invite you to contact the Organising Committee at [stagnesfarewell@gmail.com](mailto:stagnesfarewell@gmail.com).

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** 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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.