

Ephpheta Sunday - 7 August 2022

How wonderful it was to celebrate Ephpheta Sunday together again! After a break since our last big 40 year celebration in 2019, we could finally come together to celebrate as a community.

The day started with a beautiful Mass led by Fr Michael at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church at Homebush. We then went to the Wentworth Hotel and enjoyed a delicious lunch together.



We had some fun games and speeches. Congratulations to Margaret Johnston for receiving the Ephpheta Appreciation as thanks for her many years of volunteering and supporting the Ephpheta Centre and the deaf community, especially for her work supporting deaf-blind people.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on the day - the Ephpheta team had a great day and we know that you did too.

Please see inside the newsletter for more photos of this special day!



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A message from Liz & Dave!

Liz's report

Hello everyone – hope you are going well.

I arrived home from work early last night and took the dog for a walk before dinner. It was a lovely warm evening and the beginning of spring. The gardens I walked past had flowers which were just starting to bloom. And some gardens had jasmine growing on the front fence with its beautiful sweet smell. After a cold, wet winter in Sydney, it was so nice to feel the warm air and smell the spring flowers!



As Christians, we believe all good things come from God.

It is important that we thank God “always and everywhere” for the good things He has given to us. Maybe you are thankful for friends, family, the deaf community, work, food, shelter.

Even in hard times, it is important for us to try to see the positive and give thanks to God for the good things. And if we can't – if our hearts are truly breaking – we pray to God and ask Him to give us strength and comfort through the hard times.

God is always with us and will always love us.

Enjoy the warm weather – remember to stop and smell the flowers.

Until next time,
Liz



Dave's report



Spring is fast approaching. Many of us have been working on our gardens and cleaning up our backyards and our plants to get ready for the spring time. Again, it is going to be a wet season! Rain and more rain!

We have so many events coming up after a great Ephpheta Sunday day on 7th of August. We had a lovely day filled with community spirit and delicious food. The cake was made by the wonderful Mary Profilio and it was yummy! I must thank the wonderful Ephpheta team for making this special day a wonderful day for everyone who came.

Ephpheta Sunday has always been the “big day” in the Ephpheta Centre’s calendar since the Ephpheta Centre first opened its doors in Paddington in 1979. Every year in August, the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates Ephpheta Sunday. This is based on the Bible reading when Jesus meets the deaf man (in the Gospel of Mark) and He says to the deaf man “Ephpheta” (which means to “be open”). On Ephpheta Sunday, the Church celebrates the gifts which deaf people bring to the church.

Another special day is this September 23, a special day for the international deaf community. This day is to celebrate the sign languages used by people in the world. The World Federation of the Deaf states there are more than 70 million deaf people and more than 300 different sign languages.

Stay safe everyone! Over and out.
David.



Fr Michael's Reflection...

Love and Humility

I came across a beautiful parchment while I was preparing a lesson to teach children about virtues. Virtues are **good habits**, which is another way of saying being constant in love in various ways. For example, patience is a virtue. This very old parchment showed the virtues, as if growing from a tree. It seems that these images must have been a popular teaching tool, especially in monasteries and convents, because I've seen many similar images with the virtues like leaves or fruit of the tree or vine. In the beautiful example that I found, the tree trunk is drawn in gold, and the leaves and various human figures are drawn in several colours.



It is very beautifully done and meaningful, but the part that I most want to tell you about is from where the tree grows. Like all such images that I have seen, the virtues grow from humility (being **humble**). In this, my favourite image, there is also a drawing of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of God's Son.

Every virtue is from love, but why is humility always the beginning of that love? And what has it to do with the Annunciation?

The Annunciation is connected with humility in at least two ways:

1. The Annunciation announced the Incarnation, that God was to enter into His creation for love of us.
2. Mary received the angel's greeting humbly.

God was humble in creating us so that we could share in His love, and even more humble in becoming man, like us, and even dying on the Cross to bring us back to love and life with God.

Mary was humble in responding to God's love, being most careful to look to God. Mary thought carefully about the meaning of the angel's greeting. Pride could not make her lose sight of God, or herself, so Mary grew in understanding and love in that moment.

God created everything in love, and brings us sinners, whom He created "very good", to perfect love and life with Him by revealing Himself to us. Humility grounds us, like a plant in soil, in the Truth and Love of God. That is why the virtue of humility is the beginning of every virtue, even prudence and justice, faith and hope.



God bless,
Father Michael.

Deaf Men's Day Out - 13th October

Join us for a fun men's day out!

We will sail upriver from Brooklyn aboard the Hawkesbury Mail Boat, the renowned Riverboat Postman, and take in the breathtaking landscape of the lower Hawkesbury River while we carry the mail and other necessities.



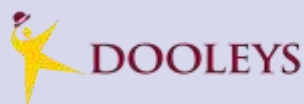
We will enjoy the stories of the river while travelling with Hawkesbury Cruises, which has carried on the tradition established by the first Riverboat Postman in 1910. Afterwards we will enjoy freshly baked ANZAC biscuits and lunch together.

When and Where: Thursday 13 October. We will meet at Central train station.

We will give a detailed travel plan and more information when you RSVP.

Cost: Free.

RSVP: There are **limited numbers** available for this event. You **must** RSVP to Chrisso to secure your place - 0405 749 488 (SMS) or email christiane@ephpheta.org.au **before** Friday 7 October.



Ephpheta is grateful for the support of DOOLEYS who are sponsoring this event for our deaf community.

Eileen O'Connor Pilgrimage - 15th November

Join us for a pilgrimage of the Eileen O'Connor house in Coogee.

Eileen O'Connor was a remarkable Australian woman. She lived a life of constant pain but great cheerfulness. She learned the hopelessness that poor people faced with illnesses. Her work is a big part of the social history in Australia. Living a life close to Christ and Mary resulted in a spirituality so strong and radiant.

Join us for a tour to learn more about Eileen, followed by Mass with Fr. Michael.

After the tour and Mass we will have lunch at a nearby café together at your own cost.



When and Where: Tuesday 15 November - meet at 9.30am for a 10am start

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor - 35 Dudley Street, Coogee 2034.

Cost: Free. Bring money to buy coffee/lunch.

RSVP: RSVP to Chrisso 0405 749 488 (SMS) or email christiane@ephpheta.org.au before Friday 11 November.



Ephpheta Community Christmas Mass and Lunch

4th December

St Bernadette's Catholic Church
Lalor Park



Join us for our Community Christmas Mass and Lunch in December.

We are so excited to be able to celebrate Christmas together again.

All are welcome to join us for Mass and/or lunch.

Lunch will be provided for \$15 per person.

Tickets will also be on sale for a Christmas raffle.



When: Sunday 4 December

Mass: 10am at **Lalor Park (NOT HOMEBUSH)**

Where: St. Bernadette's Catholic Church - 10 Gardenia Grove, Lalor Park.

Lunch: In the hall next to the Church after Mass

Mass starts at 10am.

We will then go to lunch in the school hall after Mass.

After Mass: Lunch - \$15 each. Children under 12 years old \$5 each

Please also bring money for our Christmas raffle.

RSVP: Chrisso 0405 749 488 (SMS) or email christiane@ephpheta.org.au

before Wednesday 27th November so we know how many for lunch and any dietary requirements.

Mini “Deaf Cafes”

Here is the list of our next round of mini Deaf Café’s at different locations throughout Sydney - so we can all get together and meet in a safe way. Please bring money to buy your own food and drinks from the club.

Tuesday 4 October Time 10am	Central Coast Leagues Club 1 Dane Drive, Gosford (NOT THE RSL)
Thursday 3 November Time 10am	City - Club York 95 - 99 York Street, Sydney
Thursday 24 November Time 10am	Western Suburbs Leagues Club 10 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah (NOT Wenty Leagues Club at Wentworthville)
Thursday 8 December Time 10am	Canterbury Leagues Club 26 Bridge Road, Belmore

Numbers are limited. Please **RSVP** to Donovan (SMS 0408 697 773 or email donovan@ephpheta.org.au) or any Ephpheta staff to let us know **WHICH** mini café you are coming to. **Please do not come if you are sick.**

We look forward to seeing you!



Auslan Prayer Group via Zoom – Fridays at 2pm

The Auslan Prayer Group is a special place where each person is welcomed and valued.

This group is about sharing our faith and our love for God and each other. We come together in friendship with open hearts and open minds.

The Auslan Prayer Group is open to all deaf people.



The Rosary in Auslan via Zoom – Thursdays at 2pm

The Rosary is a very old series of prayers. We pray and reflect on the birth of Jesus, his life, his crucifixion and his resurrection.

In these prayers we ask for the help of our Mother Mary in heaven and we ask God to help us live our faith.

Everyone is welcome to join.



You don't need to bring anything with you or know anything before – just bring an open and loving heart and a will to know more about God and Mary our Mother in Heaven.

If you would like to join please contact

Brett Beath 0407 064 872 or email brettb@ephpheta.org.au



Auslan Play Group (0-5 years)

Our new Auslan Play Group - a social group for mums, dads, carers and their children aged 0-5 is going very well.

Lots of interesting chats about baby's developing, starting to crawl and walk. Supporting new parents and each other as their children grow.

When:

Saturday 8 October	10am - 1pm
Tuesday 1 November	10am - 12pm
Saturday 10 December	10am - 1pm



Where: Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Underwood Rd, Homebush (the parish hall is behind the Church)

What? A morning tea for mums, dads, carers and their children aged 0-5 years.

Ephpheta will supply morning tea for the mums and dads but PLEASE bring food and drink for your children.

Parents are responsible for their children throughout this event and children CANNOT be left.

If you or your child are sick, please stay home.

Want more information? Please contact Pat at Ephpheta on 0414 412 852 (SMS)



Ephpheta Centre Mother Mary Memorial Wall



In 2018 Ephpheta launched our Mother Mary Memorial Wall. It is a lovely memorial wall with a statue of Mary - the same as Mary our mother in heaven who watches over all of us. It is a place in the Ephpheta Centre garden where we can respectfully and beautifully remember the people who we love who are no longer here with us. We know COVID has been long and hard for our deaf community. Many who have lost those who are dear to them. Now that people can visit the Ephpheta Centre again, you are welcome to come sit and reflect in our garden.



If you would like to order and pay for a memorial plaque of someone who you love to be placed on the wall, please contact Chrisso 0405 749 488 (SMS).

Cost is \$30 which is the cost for the plaque to be made.



Did you know... facts about St Gabriel's!

- ⊖ **1920** - The Christian Brothers found a suitable property in Sydney on which to establish the school at Castle Hill.
- ⊖ **1922** - Two Irish Christian Brothers, Brother Joseph O'Farrell and Brother Damien Allen from the Cabra School in Ireland arrived in Sydney with plans for the new building. They had much experience teaching and caring for deaf people.
The first student Patrick Kenna took up residence.
- ⊖ **1937** - A fire destroyed the original Southleigh homestead which was the Brothers' residence. The building was over 80 years old. A new residence was constructed.
- ⊖ **1948** - Helen Keller visits St Gabriel's School.
- ⊖ **1960** - Additional building works were completed and by 1961 there were 75 boys.
- ⊖ **1973** - The School changed from a residential day school for deaf boys to a co-educational day school. The first female students were admitted in 1973.
- ⊖ **1994** - Elizabeth Kerr became the first layperson and first woman Principal.
- ⊖ **2022** - St Gabriel's celebrates 100 years!!



Patrick Kenna with Br Hayes



*First St Gabriel's pupils transferred to
St Gabriel's from Waratah School*



Lives of the Saints – St Teresa of Avila

Feast Day : 15th October

Birth: 28 March 1515

Death: 4 October 1582

Became a saint in 1622

Patron of: People with headaches & migraines, people who are criticised for their religious faith



St Teresa of Avila was born in Avila, Spain. She had a brother named Rodrigo. They both loved reading the Bible and the lives of the Saints. They loved the saints and the martyrs and wanted to be like them.

Her mother loved to read women's fashion and beauty books. Teresa saw them and wanted to be like the women in the books. She no longer wanted God but loved to look at herself in the mirror. She also loved to read romantic novels.

When she was 12 her mother died and she asked Mary to be her mother.

Her cousin came to visit Teresa and she loved to gossip. Teresa copied her and gossiped through the town. This worried her father so he sent her to a school for girls so that she would stay holy. She started to turn back to God and decided that she wanted to be a nun.

Teresa became sick. She suffered physical pain. Most people thought that she would die. Her prayer life grew stronger and by praying to St Joseph she was healed from her sickness.



She was given the gift of seeing heavenly things. One vision she saw was an angel with a golden spear. The angel was smiling and gentle with Teresa. The angel put the spear into Teresa's heart.

Teresa felt no pain, she felt safe and at peace. She felt very close to God.

As a nun Teresa was distracted with worldly thoughts and many people visiting her. These things kept her away from prayer and from God.

So she decided to live a simple and prayerful life.

She and her friend St John of the Cross set up a new religious group known as the Discalced Carmelites. Both Teresa and John opened more than 30 monasteries throughout the world.

During her final years her health became worse. She accepted her sickness because God was calling her to heaven. She died in her sleep

In 1970, Teresa was named a Doctor of the Church for her writing and teaching on prayer.



St Teresa of Avila and her friend St John of the Cross

St Teresa of Avila, pray for us.



More photos from our wonderful Ephpheta Sunday celebrations!



Mosaic Activity with Ephpheta Craft!

On the 10 August our Ephpheta Craft Group got together for a fun mosaic activity led by Becky Stoker.

Everyone had a wonderful time learning a new skill and making beautiful mosaic artworks!

A very big thank you to Becky for leading the activity. Well done to all - everyone's works of mosaic art were fantastic.

We have some more exciting activities planned for Ephpheta craft group for the rest of 2022. If you would like more information please contact Pat Knight 0414 412 852 (SMS).



Women's Day Out - Pottery at Bundeena

We had a fantastic women's day out together on the 18 August. We took a train and ferry to Bundeena (near Cronulla) for a lovely lunch and pottery activity.

Everyone really enjoyed learning a new skill and technique. Some ladies made their own bowls, others made tea cups/mugs and one even moulded a plant pot! The pieces weren't ready for us to take home on the day - they need to be put into a kiln (super strength and very hot oven) for 2 days!! The finishing process takes up to 6 weeks!

We will share the wonderful creations made by our community when we go to pick them up.

Thank you to all who joined us - we had a fantastic day!



Combined Day Out - Illi-angi Aboriginal Dreaming Tour

We had a wonderful day out exploring Sydney on the Illi-angi Aboriginal Dreaming Tour. It was a walk around The Rocks as we learned about the beautiful history of Aboriginal people's heritage, land, water and spiritual connection. So many interesting facts we did not know before!

Over 20 deaf people joined us for this day. After the tour we gathered together for a lovely lunch.

It was a wonderful community day - we look forward to organising many more days out together!

Ephpheta loves to organise events our community is interested in. If you have any activities/tours you'd be interested in - contact Ephpheta team!



Craft Group

Ephpheta Craft Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at the hall behind Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church (74 Underwood Rd, Homebush).



We start at 10am and finish around 2pm. Please **bring your own lunch** - Ephpheta provides morning tea for a gold coin donation.

Remaining dates for the year are in the calendar.

Numbers and space is limited so **please** contact the Ephpheta team to let us know you would like to come.

To keep everyone safe, please **do not** come if you are feeling unwell.

Day Trip to Bowral with Ephpheta Women's Craft Group



Join us for a lovely day out visiting Tulip Time Festival.

We will head down south to the beautiful area of Bowral for a fun day out!

We will all meet, catch the train, see the beautiful tulips and have lunch together at your own cost.

When and Where: Wednesday 28 September. Meet at Central train station.

Ephpheta will give a detailed travel plan when you RSVP.

Cost: Tulip Time Festival \$6 per person (group booking price)

Ephpheta is making a group booking - please try and pay before the event.

Bring money to buy coffee/lunch.

RSVP: If you are interested, please contact Pat Knight for to RSVP

patricia@ephpheta.org.au or 0414 412 852 (SMS) **as soon as possible.**

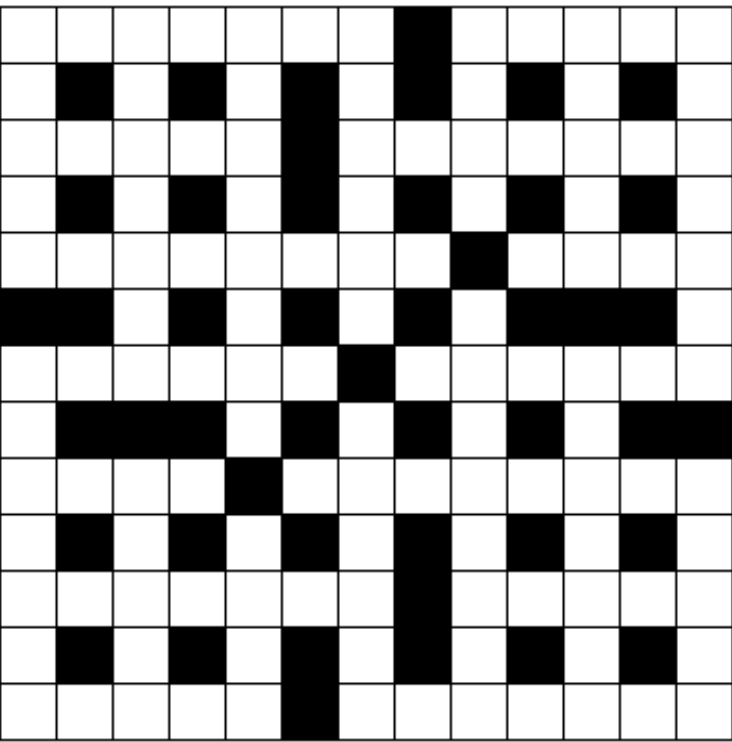
Three in the Fire

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on the bottom. Circle 16 things that are different.



WORD FIT

Can you fit the words correctly into the grid?



4 LETTER WORDS

- KEEN
- MOCK
- NAVY
- SAIL

6 LETTER WORDS

- DARING
- DEFEND
- SKATED
- STEADY

5 LETTER WORDS

- DELTA
- GAMUT
- IDEAS
- MEDAL
- MERGE
- NASTY
- SATIN
- VISIT

7 LETTER WORDS

- ACTRESS
- DANCERS
- DYNASTY
- EARLIER
- EARLIEST
- FACULTY
- GUESSED
- LOYALTY

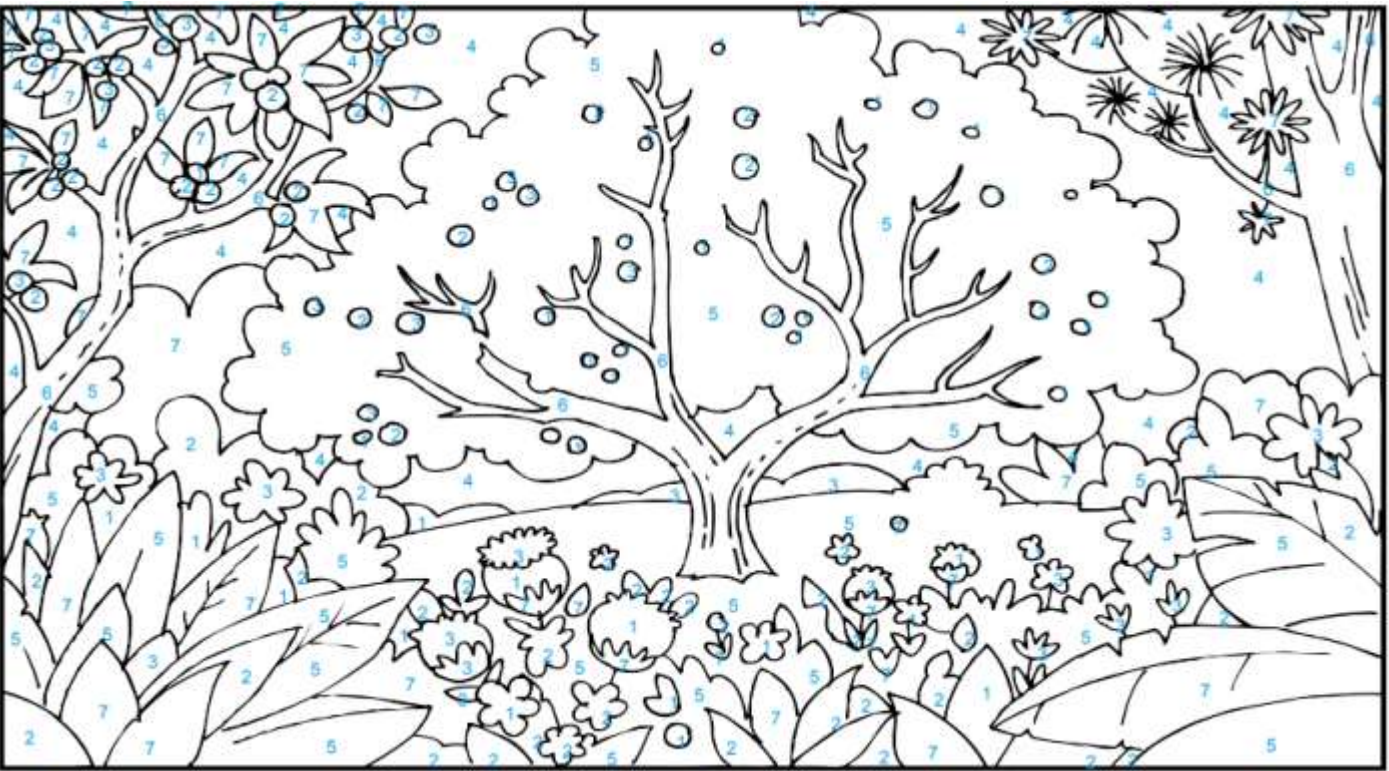
8 LETTER WORDS

- SKELETON
- SPEAKING
- STALLION
- THINKING

God Made the Plants - Colour in/paint by number

Colour in or paint each sections by the colours listed below.

1. Red
2. Yellow
3. Pink
4. Blue
5. Light Green
6. Brown
7. Dark Green



Mass at Lalor Park with Fr John Paul Escarlan

We will continue to be having Mass at St Bernadette's Catholic Church (integrated Mass) at 10am with Fr John Paul.



We will be live-streaming this Mass with an interpreter.

The dates for the Masses for this year will be:

16 October

20 November

18 December

ALSO ON 4 DECEMBER FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASS AND LUNCH

All at 10am.

On these dates, there will be NO interpreted Mass from Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church at Homebush at 11am.

Where: St Bernadette's Catholic Church - 10 Gardenia Grove, Lalor Park. Followed by morning tea in the school hall.



Any questions, please contact David Parker 0408 669 672 (SMS).

We remember...

For many years, the Ephpheta newsletter contained information about members of our community or their families who had died.

This is important as it means that we can pray for and support our friends who have had a person they love die.

We are going to start this again from our next newsletter. If you would like us to print the name of someone who has recently died, please contact David Parker. We will need the consent of the person's family before we can print any notice to respect the family's wishes.



Accessible Mass

Mass is open to the community. All are welcome to Mass.
Please do not come to Mass if you are feeling sick.

Our Mass time table is:

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th (not the 3rd) Sunday of the month

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 74 Underwood Rd Homebush (11am - Deaf Mass).

We will now have morning tea after Mass.

3rd Sunday of the month - St Bernadette's Lalor Park at 10am

We are still filming and live-streaming Mass each of these Masses. You can watch this on Facebook live on a Sunday or later on our Ephpheta website.

PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MASS DATES AND TIMES.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion when we cannot receive Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.



I embrace You as if you were
already there, and I unite myself
wholly to You.

Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 October

Gospel Reading

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The apostles said to the Lord, “Help our faith.” The Lord replied, “If your faith were like a small mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Throw yourself into the sea,’ and the tree would obey you and throw itself into the sea.

Suppose you have a servant digging in the field or looking after sheep. When he has finished working and he comes in from the field, would you say to him, ‘Sit down and eat now?’ No!

You would tell the servant, ‘Quick! Change, make yourself clean, bring my supper for me to eat and serve me. After I have finished eating, you yourself can eat and drink later.’

The servant should obey, do the job and not wait for any special thanks. So it is the same with you: you should say, ‘We are only servants.

We work because it is our duty’”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 October

Gospel Reading

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Jesus was walking to Jerusalem along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

As Jesus arrived at a small village, ten people came to meet Jesus. They did not come near Jesus, because they all had



leprosy. They shouted to him, “Jesus! Master! Please have mercy on us!”

Jesus saw them and said, “Go to the priests and let them see you.” The ten lepers went on their way to see the priests, and they were healed. One man realised he was healed; he came back praising God with a loud voice. He knelt down in front of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan, not a Jew.

Jesus said, “Ten lepers were healed. Where are the other nine? Only one, a foreigner, came back to praise God.” And Jesus said to him, “Stand up and go. Your faith has saved you.”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 October

Gospel Reading

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Jesus told his disciples that they should always pray and never give up hope.

Jesus taught them this parable (story):

“There was a judge living in a town. He did not respect anyone. He was not afraid of God or the people. In the same town there was a woman, a widow.

The widow went to the judge many times to complain and said, “My enemy is against me. I want justice.”

The judge refused to help. After a long time, the judge thought to himself, ‘I don’t care about God or people, but this widow comes back to me again and again, bothering me. So I will help her. If I don’t give her what she wants, she will come and bother me and I will be worn out.’”

The Lord Jesus said, “You see that man was not a good judge. When people pray to God every day, God will always hear their prayers and help them.

God is not slow to give justice to his people. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find people on earth with faith?”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 October

Gospel Reading

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Jesus was watching some people, they proudly thought they were very good and they looked down on other people. Jesus told this parable (story) to these proud people:

“Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

The Pharisee stood and said this prayer to himself,

‘I thank you, God, that I am not bad like other people. I am not like those that are greedy, not honest or adulterous.

I thank you that I am not like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week, and I give you one-tenth of everything I earn.’

The tax-collector stood at the back of the Temple. He prayed and would not look up to heaven.

He beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner.’”

Jesus said, “I tell you, after this man, the tax-collector, finished his prayer, he went home at peace with God. The other man, the Pharisee, was not in favour with God.

So any person that makes themselves important will be humbled, but any person that humbles themselves will be made important.”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 October

Gospel Reading

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Jesus arrived at Jericho and was going through the town. There was a man named Zacchaeus, he was one of the important tax collectors, and he was very rich.

He wanted to see who Jesus was, but he was a short man and because of the crowd he could not see Jesus.

So Zacchaeus ran ahead (forward) and found a sycamore tree; he climbed the tree. Jesus walked past the tree, he looked up and saw Zacchaeus in the tree.

Jesus said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down, quickly. I must stay at your house today."

Zacchaeus came down and joyfully welcomed Jesus into his house. All the people saw this happen and complained, "Jesus has gone to the house of Zacchaeus, a sinner."

But Zacchaeus said to Jesus, "I will give half my money to the poor.

If I have cheated any person I will pay that person four times more!"

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house; this man is also a son of Abraham. The Son of Man has come to find lost people and save them."



THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6 November

Gospel Reading

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Some Sadducees came to Jesus. Sadducees do not believe in the resurrection. They asked Jesus a question: "Master, Moses wrote that if a married man died and had no children, then his brother must marry the widow, so that they could have children.

Well, there were seven (7) brothers. The first brother married a woman, but he died and they had no children.

So the second brother married the widow, but he died. Then the third brother married the widow, and he also died. The same thing happened with all the other brothers; they all died and had no children.

Last of all, the woman herself died. Now, on the day of the resurrection, which brother will the woman be wife to, because she had married all seven brothers?"

Jesus replied, "On earth, people marry each other. But the people that are worthy to rise again to new life in heaven, they will not marry because they will be like angels and cannot die.

They are children of God, because they have risen from death. Moses himself proved that the dead are raised to new life.

In the story about the burning bush, he said that the Lord is the 'God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.'

This means that he is God of all living people, not dead people. To God, all people are alive."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 November

Gospel Reading

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Some people were talking about the Temple. They said, "This is a beautiful Temple, built with the best stones." Jesus said, "In the future, all this that you see, will be destroyed and gone."

They asked him, "When will the Temple be destroyed? How will we know when it will happen?"



Jesus said, "Be careful! Don't let other people fool you. Many will come using my name. They will say, 'I am the Christ; now is the time.' You must refuse to follow them.

When you hear about wars, riots (rebellion) and troubles, don't be afraid. These things must happen, but the end is not soon."

Jesus continued telling them "Nations (countries/peoples) will fight against other nations. Kingdoms will fight against other kingdoms. There will be terrible earthquakes, plagues (sicknesses), and famines (drought, no rain) everywhere. There will be terrible things happening from the sky.

But before all this happens, people will seize (take) you, arrest you, persecute you and throw you into prison. Kings and governors will judge you because of me (Jesus). This will be your chance to tell the Good News.

Remember: you must not worry about what to say. I will help you and give you much wisdom, that no one will be able to say anything against you.

Parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, friends will betray you. Some will condemn you to death. All people will hate you because you follow me and my name. But you will not lose your life. Through your endurance (patience and perseverance) you will win your life."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

Christ the King - 20 November

Gospel Reading

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The people stood watching Jesus. The Jewish leaders mocked Jesus and said, "Jesus saved other people. If he is God's Chosen One, the Christ, let him save himself!"

The soldiers also mocked Jesus, and when they came to give Jesus vinegar (sour wine) they said to him, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!"

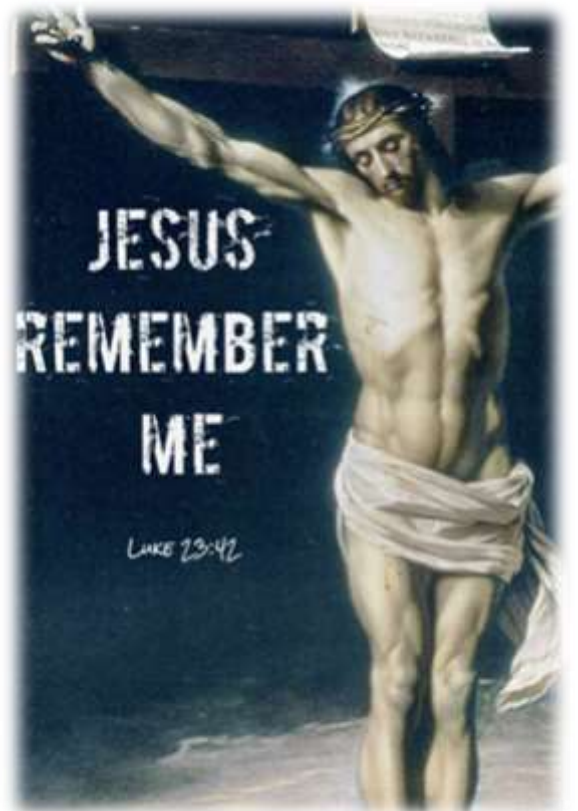
On top of the cross was written: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the thieves insulted Jesus saying, "Are you the Christ? Save yourself, and save us!"

But the other thief told him off and said, "Have you no respect for God? You got the same punishment as Jesus. You and I should be punished, but Jesus did nothing wrong."

Then this good thief turned to Jesus and said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter into your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "Yes, truly I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise (place before heaven)."



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