HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Worshipping Communities of St Clair, Erskine Park and parts of Kemps Creek

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C — **27 October 2019**

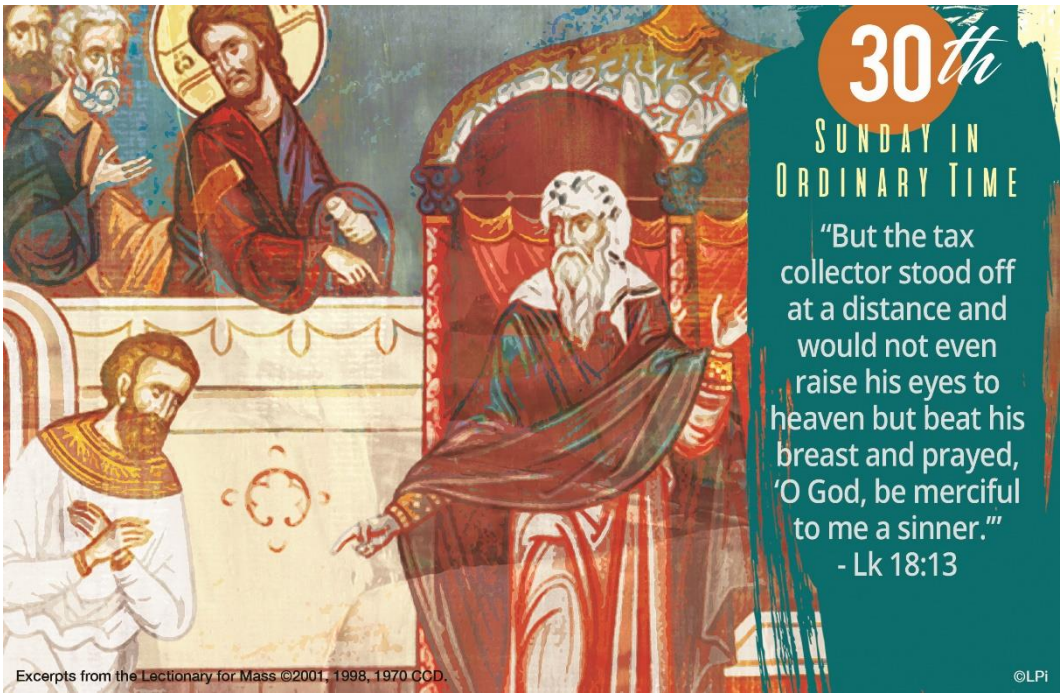
1st Reading
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
The Lord judges justly with no favourites.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 34.1-2, 16-17, 18+22 (*R.*6)
The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2nd Reading
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Paul concludes his writing, is ready for the Day of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Verse
2 Corinthians 5.19
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
Luke 18:9-14
Those who humble themselves will be exalted.



LITURGY TIMES

Saturday
Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm
Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday
Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm
Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm
Filipino Mass, 1st Sun, 3.30pm

Monday and Wednesday
Mass, 7am
(except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Mass, 9.05am
Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

Friday Night Devotions (7.30pm)
1st Fri, Taize & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3rd Fri, Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Children's Liturgy
Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am
2nd & 4th Sun of the month
(during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals
by appointment

VOICE FROM THE PEWS

Commentary on AUGUSTINE's SERMON 65

Part 2 of 2:

God in his time answered her prayers abundantly making Augustine priest, bishop founder of a religious order and a doctor of the church. Time magazine has observed that in each of 16 centuries since his conversion Augustine has exerted spiritual, intellectual and cultural influence. Have you prayed for something where there was no answer or not the answer you were looking for? Keep faith and pray to be able to receive God's favour abundantly.

Looking at this gospel from an Ignatian perspective the parables are mirrors where we see ourselves. So who are we in this parable. The judge cannot be God, and you the widow pestering God for what you want till he gives in, but rather you are the judge while the widow is the kingdom of God or grace constantly imploring us to right a wrong, forgive our enemies, helping someone in need, visit the sick, devote time to prayer, reconcile with someone you are at odds with.

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Parishioner

The Holy Spirit Parish pays respect to the Darug People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. We acknowledge with respect the elders past and present.

We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." *(St Augustine)*

FROM POPE FRANCIS:

We are impatient, anxious to see the whole picture, but God lets us see things slowly, quietly.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SICK

Jan Bird, Fr Peter Njau, C.S.Sp., Bryce Barwick, Christopher Carter, Josette Sultana, Angela Doyle, Rita Borg, Wendy Ty Saez-co, Jack Kest, Remedios Avenido, Harry Young, Emily Morgan, Ruby Ellis, Angela Cook, Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Jennifer Johnson, Danny Lee.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Victor Bayle Espedido, Filomeno Pastolero, Daniel Chester Stoops, Ceferina M Sabban, Dorothy 'Dot' Ross.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Fortunata Lim, Marg Borg, Rexy Baxter, Mary Anne Avellino, Virginia Nastor, Ivanka & Frenk Velcic, Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha, Julie Heslop, Ruza Marjanovic, Macun Marjanovic, Belen Valladores, Lionel and Esme Batcho, Belen Herft, Ricardo Herft, Victoria Gatt, Forgotten Souls in purgatory, Rebecca Herft, Ricardo Herft.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the Church. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. For your convenience we have the option of Direct Debit and/or Envelope contribution.

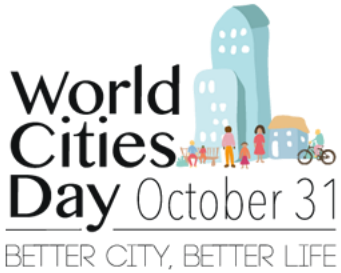
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

1ST COLLECTION	*For the care of our Augustinian clergy*	$ 1,526.50
2ND COLLECTION *For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish*	Loose plate	$ 516.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	$ 922.10
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	$ 1,084.42
Planned Giving Program Weekly Target		$ 1,153.85
SPECIAL COLLECTION	Catholic Mission Appeal	$ 657.85

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Thu 31 Oct: World Cities Day

Sat 2 Nov: Int'l Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists



REFLECTION

Living the Gospel – Competitive Prayer!

For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

From the perspective of… – The tax collector

Wouldn't you know it? I thought the Temple would be quiet at this time and I snuck in the back to whisper my prayer to God. But one of the great men, a Pharisee, was there praying. He proudly declared before God his good works. Every word he spoke reminded me of how I fail time and time again to do what is right with God. I realised that I didn't belong in that place. My prayer went out of my head and I muttered a few simple words. Why would God listen to me, a sinner?

Gospel Focus – At rights with God

We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be *at rights with God*? It is nothing more and nothing less than the entire Judeo-Christian story. The story of the Old Testament is the story of God calling the people to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The Gospels are the story of Jesus calling all people to a richer understanding of his compassionate Father so that they may once again be *at rights with God*. The story continues and it is our constant challenge to be at rights with God also.

Questions for Adults

What does this parable tell us about the purpose of prayer? From this parable, what would seem to be the most important element of prayer? Why might the gospel writer have chosen a Pharisee and a tax collector as the two characters? How does this parable serve to demonstrate that God's ways are not the ways of humankind?

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PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 28 October
Scripture, Pioneers Rm, 10am

Tue 29 October
SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm

Wed 30 October
Holy Spirit School Mass, Church, 9.15am
BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 7.30pm

Thu 31 October
Bible Study Pillar 1 & 2, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Fri 1 November
Reconciliation & Anointing, Church, 8.30am
Children's Choir Practice, Church, 4.30pm
All Saints Mass, Church, 7.30pm

Sat 2 November
RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 4.45pm

Sun 3 November
Filipino Mass, Church & Foyer 3.30pm

BAPTISMS

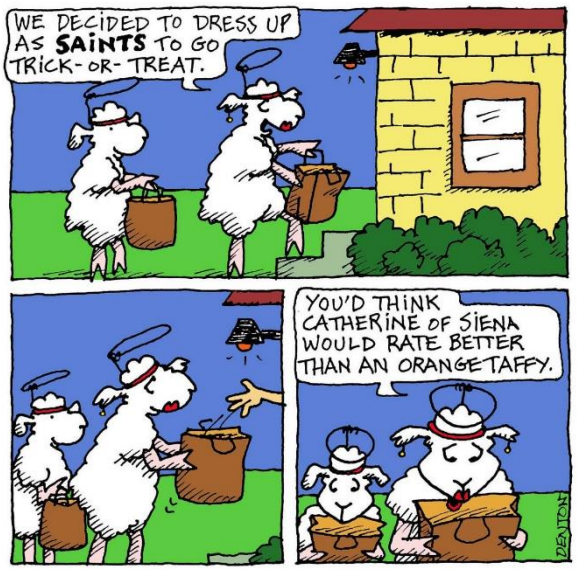
Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation Evening is on Tue 12 November, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Michael Zammit.

We welcome
into our faith community

JACOB JAMES HABIB YOUNES
(Son of Simon and Sunita)
SIENNA ROSE THREDGOLD
(Daughter of Rowan and Ashleigh)

who will be baptised this Sunday

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Sheepish Question:
Without dressing myself up, how would I rate saint-wise?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

The Voice From The Pews

Are you interested to share your faith experiences, God-moments or reflections that may help others to grow in their faith! Feeling inspired to inspire others then write your name down on the sign-on sheet in the foyer. The sharing can be in the form of an essay around 300 words, a prayer or a poem. Sign-up sheet available in the foyer.

GET INVOLVED. Join a Ministry!

- **MUSIC MINISTRY** (Pianist, Guitarist, Vocalist and others)
- **POWERPOINT MINISTRY** (flick the powerpoint slides at Mass)
- **WELCOMER** (welcomes churchgoers and distribute Parish bulletin after Mass)
- **DEVOTIONAL STALL** (taking charge of the Piety/Devotional Stall after Mass)
- **CHURCH CLEANER** (rostered once every 5 weeks to clean the church on a Saturday morning from 8-9am)
- **FLOWER MINISTRY** (arranges fresh flowers for the church every Saturday morning; rostered once every 5 weeks)
- **BAPTISM PREPARATION** (conducts Baptism Preparation Course to young families who want their children baptised)
- **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** (prepares children with their parents/guardian for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation)
- **RCIA and RCIA** (prepares adults and children for the sacraments and those wanting to become Catholic
- **CATECHIST** (conducts Religious Education classes to primary students in State Schools around St Clair and Erskine Park)
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** (leads children to understand the readings at the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9.30am Masses)

Orientation and Training will be provided.
If interested, complete a 'Join A Ministry' form available in the foyer or approach any of our priests or contact the Parish Office.

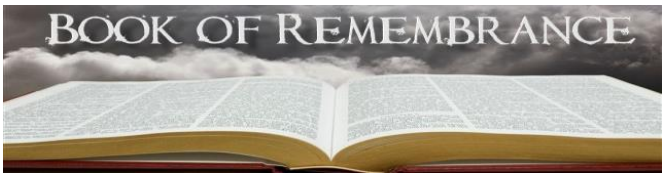
JRS
JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

Drop your donations to the JRS FOODBANK BOX

The foodbank provides much needed fresh food, non-perishable items, and toiletries to over 350 individuals and families every month. The JRS have identified a few staple items that are most frequently requested, and we are encouraging parishioners to bring donation to the church over the next few weeks. Donation Box will be in the foyer from 27 October until 3 November.

WISH LIST:

Basmati Rice	Cooking Oil	Tinned Tomatoes
Chickpeas	Tuna in Oil	Red kidney beans
Long life milk	Sugar & Salt	Tea & instant coffee
Shampoo	Deodorant	



Commencing 1st November, you are invited to inscribe the names of your departed family members in the Remembrance 'Book of the Dead'.

You are also very welcome to bring along a framed photo of your deceased loved ones and place these on the table near the presider's chair for the duration of the month of November. The photos can then be collected at the end of the month.

The Remembrance Book is available in the foyer this weekend.

Anointing Mass on Fri 1 November, 9.05am
Reconciliation available before Mass from 8.30-9am
Join us for Morning Tea after Mass at the Pioneers Rm
Please bring a plate to share

MASS TIMES AT HOLY SPIRIT:
9.05am and 7.30pm

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Tribal Warrior & Augustinian Volunteers Present

TRIBAL WARRIOR ASSOCIATION INC

AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS AUSTRALIA

Sydney Harbour Inaugural Cruise

REMEMBERING BENNELONG

Sunday, 17 November 2019

10.30am to 2.30pm

Harbour Photo by Alexa Soh on Unsplash

*** Ben-nil-long, James Neagle (1760-1822), Engraving, 1798 - State Library of New South Wales, Sydney

COME Join US and *His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)*
The Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia
and Her Excellency Mrs Hurley.

Hear the story of Bennelong from community members and historian Keith Smith PhD
Learn words of the language spoken by Bennelong and his people
Be inspired by stories from Tribal Warrior's young people as we cruise ***to Memel (Goat) Island for a celebration of song & dance*** *and to share in a special lunch!*

WHERE – Pick up at the Eastern Pontoon at Circular Quay, then to Memel (Goat) Island ('the Eye' in Syd Language) in celebration of Bennelong, a leader of the Wangal Clan of the Eora peoples.

COST – Includes Lunch - *Adult* $80 *Child* $52 *Concession* $60 *Family* (2Adults & 2Children) $240

HURRY Tickets are LIMITED RSVP – 10 November
BOOKINGS – www.trybooking.com/566627 ENQUIRIES – Honorine Ph: 0416 042 316
DRESS CODE – Smart Casual

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR PRACTICE

We invite all those interested to sing for the Christmas Midnight Mass and the Carols before the Mass.
Choir practice will be every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm on:

Tue 5 Nov Tue 12 Nov
Tue 19 Nov Tue 26 Nov
Tue 3 Dec Tue 10 Dec
Tue 17 Dec

ALL WELCOME!

NO TAIZE ON 1 NOV

2020 Columban Art Calendar

Now available in the Devotional Stall.

$9 each

NATIONAL DROUGHT PRAYER CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought.

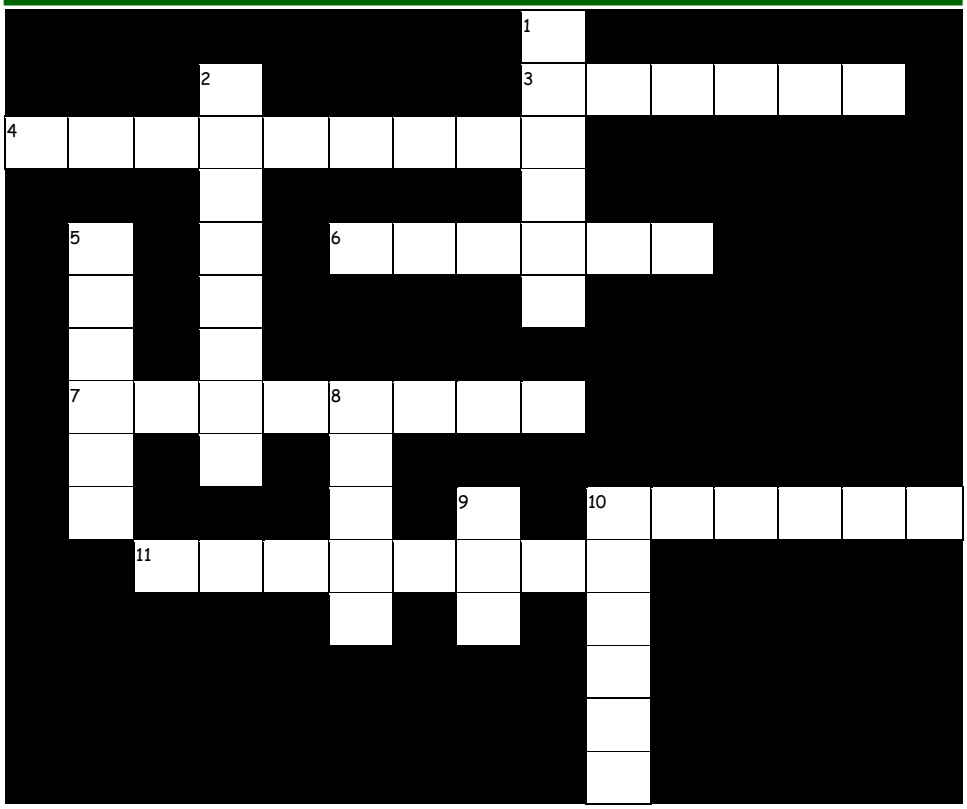
Prayer cards will be available in the foyer next weekend.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence.

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Humble yourself and you will be honoured



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ACROSS:

3: consuming food
4: not honest
6: someone who wants more than one needs
7: satisfying
10: modest, lowly
11: a wedding is a celebration of the _____ rite

DOWN:

1: above most others
2: Jewish religious leader
5: a place of worship
8: what we say when we apologise
9: money that must be collected for the government
10: where we go when we die

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out.
The Genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish." "Me first! Me first!" says the administration clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! She's gone.
"Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life." Poof! He's gone.
"OK, you're up," the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."
Moral of the story: Always let your boss have the first say.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MARIN DE PORRES
Patron Saint of people of mixed race, innkeepers, barbers, public health workers
Feast Day : 3rd November

St. Martin de Porres who was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579, was the illegitimate son of a Spanish gentlemen and a freed African slave. At a young age, Martin's father abandoned the family, leaving Martin to grow up in deep poverty. After two years in primary school, Martin was placed with a barber/surgeon where he would learn to cut hair and the medical arts.

Martin experienced a great deal of ridicule for being of mixed-race. In Peru, by law, all descendants of African or Indians were not allowed to become full members of religious orders.

At age 15, he was received into the Dominican Convent of the Rosary in Lima as a volunteer servant boy, and was able to wear the habit and live within the religious community.
Martin became a Dominican lay brother at the age of 24, and 10 years later was assigned to the infirmary where he would remain in charge until his death.

Martin's life reflected his great love for God and neighbour, and he was blessed with extraordinary abilities and gifts. He cared for the sick, regardless of race or wealth, and founded an orphanage for abandoned children and slaves.

He died on 3 November, 1639, aged 60, was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI on October 29, 1837 and canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

CHILDREN'S CORNER

What things did the tax collector say to God?

Colour in the tax collector.

How can we be humble like the tax collector?

Match up the correct endings

Draw a line from the first half of each sentence to its correct ending.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector went	you will be honoured.
The Pharisee prayed	"God, have pity on me! I am a sinner."
The Tax Collector prayed	you will be put down.
If you put yourself above others	to the temple to pray.
If you humble yourself	"God, I thank you that I am not greedy or dishonest."

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NEXT WEEKEND (3 NOVEMBER): 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1st Reading
Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2
The Lord loves all creation.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 145.1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13cd-14 (R.1b)
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading
2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2
The day of the Lord is not yet here.

Gospel Acclamation Verse
John 3.16
Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Luke 19:1-10
Jesus enters the house of Zacchaeus.

FLOWERS: Group 1 (Green)
CLEANERS: Group 4
BANNERS: Green

2 NOV, 6PM	3 NOV, 8AM	3 NOV, 9.30AM	3 NOV, 6PM
Acolyte/Senior Server	***Acolyte/Senior Server***	***Acolyte/Senior Server***	***Acolyte/Senior Server***
Volunteer Needed	Gloria Slade	Tony Cleary	Phillip Roffey
Eucharistic Ministers	***Eucharistic Ministers***	***Eucharistic Ministers***	***Eucharistic Ministers***
Hazel Littlewood	Louise Bucholtz	Chloe Daley	James Wren
Pat Dowd	Faye Aboghazaleh	Sue Oram	James Pirotta
Bernadette Stevens	Annette Brackett	Seaview Kama	Pearl Joson
Josephine Schembri	Ron Brackett	Tina Fernandes	Lena Maclean
Lois Schleifer	Lisa Brackett	Michael Paulo	Lumen Decena
Moira Rebello	Frances Flood	Jenny Kyd	Esther Rose
Jeanne Appleton	Christine Younes	Aruna Heslop	Kate Blasco
Volunteer Needed	Celeste Lapid	Uinise Blake	Anabel Jader
Reader 1	***Reader 1***	***Reader 1***	***Reader 1***
Eileen Baena	Michael Hay	Ken Allen	Jodie Donlan
Reader 2	***Reader 2***	***Reader 2***	***Reader 2***
Sheila Francis	Vitolina Fidow	Cathy Allen	James Pirotta
Commentator	***Commentator***	***Commentator***	***Commentator***
Marion Durbin	Christine Younes	Tess Barnes	Karina Micallef
Music	***Music***	***Music***	***Music***
AMEN Choir	Children's Choir	Children's Choir	El Shaddai Gospel Choir
Powerpoint	***Powerpoint***	***Powerpoint***	***Powerpoint***
Sherise Oliveira	Carol Vella	Ivan Fernandes	El Shaddai Gospel Choir
Junior Servers	***Junior Servers***	***Junior Servers***	***Junior Servers***
Myles Morgan	Michael Iotua	Lucas Gil	Volunteer Needed
Kristen Morales	Volunteer Needed	Mason Gregoriou	Aleks Worobiej
Angelina Dicenso		Adrian Tauro	
Devotional Stall	***Devotional Stall***	***Devotional Stall***	***Devotional Stall***
Fiona Ferreira	Louise Bucholtz	Margaret Portelli	Volunteer Needed
Welcomers	***Welcomers***	***Welcomers***	***Welcomers***
Margaret Herbert	Frances Flood	Jenny Kyd	Kriz Florido
Sonia Oliveira	Dorotea Seed	Sue Oram	Esther Rose
Selwyn Oliveira	Yvette Pinto	Joe Duval	

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