"..For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



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23rd October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr Paul

Jesus tells the story today of a pharisee and a tax collector who go to the temple to pray. The pharisee boasts before God that he is not a sinner like others, but rather a virtuous and righteous man. By contrast, the tax collector prays humbly "Lord, be merciful to me a sinner." Let us remember that at the beginning of every Mass we confess before God and one another that we are sinners and that we know our need of God's mercy. We must come into God's presence as we are. As St Francis of Assisi said: "I am what I am before God. Nothing else. Nothing more. Nothing less."

I thank parishioners for all you do in maintaining the ministries and works of the parish – those which support the Liturgy, the Church and parish property, and those which involve reaching out to the wider community, schools, those with special needs, the sick and the housebound. I thank the musicians, singers, servers and readers who share their gifts at the Liturgy. I thank those who have re-commenced the Children's Liturgy. We would like to re-commence the **Welcomers' Ministry**; one part of this, is to have parishioners volunteer to welcome others as they arrive at Mass and to distribute bulletins and hymnals.

If you would like to be a welcomer, Please fill in the volunteers' sheet at the back of the Church, and Jackie will be in contact about this. If there are enough families (and groups of friends) who volunteer, it would only entail one Mass a month or less.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will conduct an official Visitation of Holy Name Parish from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th November. I have been working with the parish team, along with the Dean of the North Shore deanery (Fr Colin Blainey) and the Executive Officer for the Secretariat for Clergy (Mr Chris Lee) to ensure we have all records and policies concerned with Administration, Governance and Registers in place. Fr Colin will come to the parish before the Visitation to inspect these records and policies.

Bishop Anthony will be the main celebrant at all Masses that weekend (26th-27th November) and he looks forward to the opportunity to meet as many parishioners as possible, including visits to schools and Homes. I shall draw up a proposed outline for the Bishop's three day Visitation (see Page 5 for more information)

The Book of Maccabees declares: "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." (2 Maccabees 12:46). **During November**, parishioners are invited to inscribe the name of deceased family members and friends in the **Book of Remembrance** and leave a donation at the front of the Church. All the Faithful Departed will be remembered during our November Masses. Should you wish, you are invited to leave a framed photo of your deceased loved ones (see Page 4). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

We continue to pray for the Year 12 students sitting their HSC exams.

Last Tuesday 18th October (Feast Day of St Luke) marked the **first anniversary of Fr Sam's Ordination** to the Priesthood. We congratulate him and give thanks to God for Fr Sam's response to his call, for his witness and for his generosity. We pray God's blessing on him today and always. We also pray for his parents, Bernie and Christine, for their generous support of Fr Sam, and for his family members: his sister Gemma, and brothers Ben, Jake, Matthew, John and Joseph. This weekend we gather to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30am to be followed by a celebratory brunch together.

With my prayers and good wishes, Fr Paul



Please join in the celebration for the 1st Anniversary of Fr Sam's Ordination This Sunday, 23rd October

Commencing with Mass at 9:30am, followed by a delicious Paella brunch on the lawn, cake and refreshments.

Everyone is welcome

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	24 October	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Tuesday	25 October	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Wednesday	26 October	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Thursday	27 October	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Friday	28 October	Mass	9.15am			Sts Simon and Jude, apostles
Saturday	29 October	Mass	5:00pm			Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
Sunday	30 October	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Corinne (Joan) Westhoff (died 11 October aged 96), Sam Calvi and Vince Calvi (brothers of Ralph), Judith Mackay (sister and sister in law of Barry Clibborn and Jennifer, died 30th September), Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife, died 14 September), Peter Higgins (son of Norma, died 26 September), George Maiolo (brother of Tony, died 21 September aged 73), Moira Owen (aunt of Dylan Belsey), passed away in Scotland on 26th August 2022, aged 75 years, Max Arnett (husband of Pat, died 22 August aged 87), John McGarry (died 12 August, aged 95), Dr Ranjan Fernando (father of Dr Lakmalie Perera, died 11 August).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 9th anniversary 23rd October), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 13th anniversary on 25 October), John Hamilton Cutler (Grandfather of Jennifer Gregory, 43rd anniversary on 19 October), Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum, 1st anniversary, 15 October), John Vince (Cecilia Kean's father, 37th anniversary on the 9 October), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 5th anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 11th anniversary on 20 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 4th anniversary on 21 October), Monica Foote (Patrice Buzinskas' Mum, 13th Anniversary on 9 October), John Crow (Hayley Edmund's father, 3rd anniversary 25 September), Róisín Brosnan (mother of Louise Smith, 2nd anniversary 21st September), Dolly Anderson (Margaret MacMillan's mother, anniversary 15 September), Bev Dunlop (dear friend of Margaret and Pat MacMillan, anniversary 17 September), Vincenzo Monardo (father of Tony, 4th anniversary 12 September), Pam McCarthy (Kathy Sutherland's Mum, 4th anniversary, 11 September), Hend El-Daher (mother of Denise Kassis - 14th anniversary on 11 September), Margaret Denham (Tess Denham-Fabry's mother, 6th anniversary 14 September), Michael Matejovski (24th anniversary on 13 September) and Emilia Matejovski (12th anniversary on 22nd September) - parents of Amalie Gunzenhauser, Maria Pullin (wife of Gordon, 2nd anniversary, 16 September).

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret MacMillan, Gerard de Silva, Mike Tighe, Philip Clump, Chris Le Gras, Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel), Sally Salehian, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Lasserre Gomes (father of Linette Sardinha), Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Margaret Ryan (sister of Reg Gibbons and wife of Con), Cyril Littrich, Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Edda Fragiacomo, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Judith Hodson, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Margaret Hayes, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.





What does the Word of God say to us this Sunday - Year C Week 30?

First reading (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19). God shows no partiality for the rich and powerful, but listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

Second reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18). Paul, a prisoner in Rome, feels that his death is drawing near, but his confidence is unshaken and his hope of the 'crown of glory' is bright.

Gospel (Luke 18:9-14). The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector.

Today's readings continue the theme of prayer. In a society where money and power are everything, the 'little people' are often overlooked. The First Reading states that God treats all people fairly. He shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly.

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector makes the same point even more forcefully. The proud Pharisee is relying on his good works and his keeping of the law. Because of these he thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax-collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he's a sinner, so he throws himself on the mercy of God. His words are few, but the attitude of his heart makes him pleasing to God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness.

The parable was aimed at those who prided themselves on being virtuous while despising everyone else. Although he was boastful, the Pharisee was not a hypocrite. His problem was that he had no concept of his need of God or grace or forgiveness.

Quote for the week

The Scottish biblical scholar, William Barclay, told the following story.

He was on a train journey from Scotland to England. As he was passing through the Yorkshire moors he spotted a little whitewashed cottage.

Its radiant whiteness shone out against the drab moors. A few days later he passed that way again. Meanwhile snow had fallen and covered the ground. He came again to the little whitewashed cottage. But now its whiteness actually seemed drab against the virgin whiteness of the snow.

If we should be tempted to compare ourselves with others, let us compare ourselves only with Christ himself. When we lay our imperfect lives beside his sinless life, all we will be able to say is: 'Lord, be merciful to me, I am a sinner.'





"The mercy of Christ is not a cheap grace; it does not presume a trivialization of evil.

Christ carries in his body and in his soul all the weight of evil, and all its destructive force. He burns and transforms evil through suffering, in the fire of his suffering love."

Benedict XVI - 28 April, 2011

Remembering our Deceased during November—November Masses

We welcome everyone to submit photos of their deceased relatives and friends for display during this coming November. The back of the framed photo (no larger than A4) should identify the deceased, together with the name and contact number of the contributor. The photos may be left at any stage during November in front of the lectern on the sanctuary or in the box at the entrance to the Church from Tuesday, 25th October.

Offering Mass and prayer for the Holy Souls

In November we pray for the Holy Souls, those who have gone before us in faith.

In some places and cultures, people go to the cemetery to visit

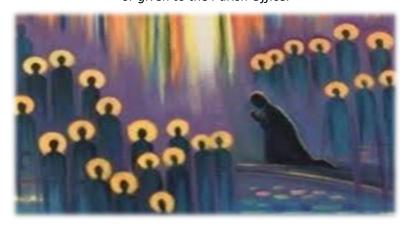
and pray at the graves of their loved ones.

Throughout November, we shall have the **Book of Remembrance.**

You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November.

Special envelopes are available to make an offering.

These can be left on any of the collection baskets or given to the Parish Office.



All Saints Day: Tuesday, 1st November

The saints who are already in glory and in the vision of God in heaven, and the holy souls of the dead who still need our prayers, belong to the same church and to the same 'communion of saints'. All are saved and love God. When we who are still on earth celebrate the Sacred Liturgy, we celebrate in communion with these 'saints' and 'holy souls'. There is an unseen 'cloud of witnesses' who join us in every Mass, when heaven joins with earth.

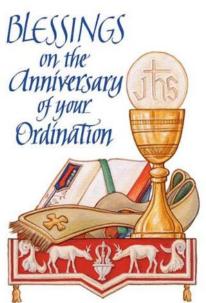
All Souls Day: Wednesday, 2nd November - Masses at 9:15am AND 7:00pm - Reflecting on Purgatory

The Church's teaching on Purgatory should be a source of encouragement. "Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the glory of God and happiness of heaven." (see CCC nn1030-31; 1054)

As the name itself indicates, the Church's belief is in a blessed transformation and purification that makes those who have died ready to enter finally into God's eternal friendship, to share all things in communion with God. Given our sin and human frailty, few of us die ready for this.

This mysterious transition involves the pain of the final roots of our sin and selfishness being removed, so as to experience communion with God in eternal happiness.

Congratulations Fr Sam



Last Tuesday, 18th October was the First Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Sam.

This Sunday, please join us in celebrating this occasion. Following Mass at 9:30am, we will share a Paella brunch (generously prepared by Samantha and Jose Vieira), cake and refreshments (wine, beer, juice, coffee & tea). Everyone is welcome to be part of this gathering and to congratulate Fr Sam on his first year of Pr

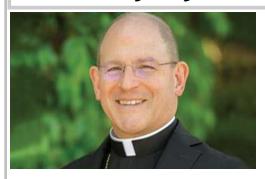
The Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning; We need them again at its close; We feel their warm clasp of true friendship; We seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne Are not equal to them in their greatness; their dignity stands all alone;

And when we are tempted and wander, to pathways of shame and of sin, It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us-- Not once, but again and again.

Episcopal Visitation to the Parish of Wahroonga



Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be visiting our Parish from 25th November—27th November.

When it comes to the time of the parish Visitation, he would like the time to include:

- ◆ A meeting with the Parish Priest and Assistant Priest
- Meet with Parish and any other pastoral staff, eg Pastoral Associate, Youth Worker
- ♦ A meeting with the School Principal and School Executive
- A visit to the Parish School could include morning tea with the staff and greeting the children in the yard, or in particular classes, or at an assembly.
- ♦ A drive around the Parish to be familiarised with the area
- ♦ A Parish gathering where all parishioners are warmly invited, particularly those involved in ministries in the Parish.
- Visiting any key Catholic facilities, e.g. houses of religion, St Vincent de Paul store, Catholic nursing home etc.
- Meeting with Catechists, liturgical people and so on.
- ◆ Having an evening Parish meeting with key personnel, e.g. Parish Council members, others involved in particular works within the Parish.
- ♦ Visiting several sick or shut-ins: the Bishop can bring Holy
- Communion or Anoint the Sick if required.
- Celebrate and preach at the Masses.
- Spending some time meeting parishioners.



60th Anniversary of Second Vatican Council



A JOURNEY FROM VATICAN II

to

A SYNODAL CHURCH:
COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Being the Pilgrim Church in 2022-2024



Dr Debra Snoddy from Catholic Institute Sydney, will offer two seminars, drawing from Lumen Gentium, the Vatican II Constitution on the Church and the movement to Synod 2021 - 2024

SATURDAYS, 5 & 19 NOVEMBER 2.30—5.00pm

Magnificat Room, Cnr of Archer & Kirk St Chatswood Parish Please register with gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

Community Pantry

Mystery of the Church People of God Universal Call to Holiness

The Pilgrim Church

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has kindly donated to the Community Pantry Fusion

Fusion were delighted we were able to help them top up their supplies due to the generosity of our parishioners.

We will leave the container in the foyer of the Church should anyone else wish to contribute:

Canned food (ie soup, ham, tuna, vegetables, fruit); **Pasta**, rice, noodles, muesli bars, biscuits, cereal; **Soap**, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo etc.

For Our HSC Students



Special HSC Message from Bishop Anthony and Director of Schools Danny Casey

We are thinking and praying for our HSC students as they commence their exams this week.

Be proud of all your achievements and know you have the whole community behind you!

Loreto Spring Fair



Saints we remember this week

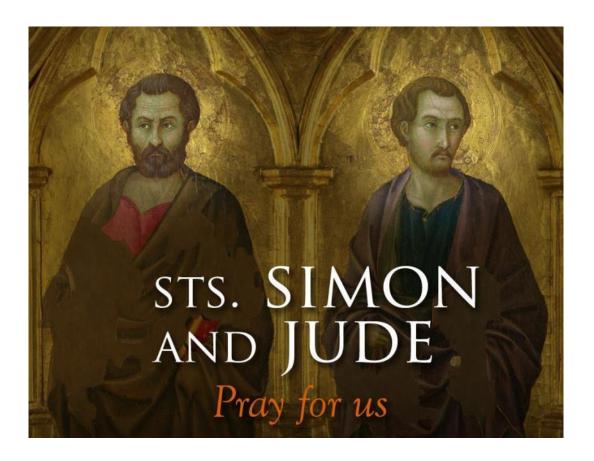
Sts Simon and Jude Feast Day: 28 October

After spending much time in prayer, Jesus decided to choose 12 men, 12 rather unlikely candidates, who would be his apostles and proclaim the Kingdom of God to all people. Simon the Zealot was one who was called. The Zealots were a Jewish group who believed that the promise of the Messiah meant a free and independent Jewish nation where they would never have to pay taxes to the Romans again. Some Zealots were also very concerned that the spiritual ideals of their religion be kept. But others in the group acted more like modern-day terrorists by raiding, killing, and inciting riots. Simon was known as "the zealot" to distinguish him from Simon Peter.

At the same time, Jesus called Jude Thaddeus, brother of James, most likely a fisherman by trade. Along with 10 other men, these two followed Jesus, lived with him, fled when he underwent his Passion, and rejoiced when he rose from the dead. At Pentecost they were filled with the Spirit and a burning desire to spread the Good News to all. Jude travelled to Mesopotamia to preach, and Simon went to Egypt. Eventually they both ended up in Persia, modern-day Iran. There they worked together evangelising the people until they were both martyred. These two unlikely candidates for apostleship finally witnessed to the risen Lord with their lives.

Traditionally Saint Jude the Apostle is identified with the author of the Letter of Jude in the New Testament. He has also come to be known as the "Saint of lost causes."

Both Simon and Jude were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus himself to teach others about God's love and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Their lives help us to understand that even the most average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus' call.





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School Principal: Ms Genevieve Smith

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CCD Coordinator: Mrs Cecilia Kean

Mrs Pam Koroknay: Mr Chris Madden. **Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:**

(Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland

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(Treasurer), Mrs Candy Cosgriff (Secretary)

Weekend Masses:

Sacramental Coordinator:

Office Hours:

Saturday 5.00pm (and FIRST Saturday of the month Mass at 9:15am)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am 8.30am - 9.00am Silent Prayer

9.00am—9.15am Morning Prayer of the Church

Rosary after Mass Tuesday—Friday and after 1st Saturday Mass Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening during Lent: Adoration 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Mass is also celebrated: :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara — Monday 7.00am St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms **Baptism:** Preparation - last Sunday of the month.

Baptisms - 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Bookings essential through the Parish Office.

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0484 581 647 out of office hours.

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from St Edmunds.

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

The Parish Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks), has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website. SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is greatly appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. It is designed to be used by everyone. Please familiarise yourself with the use of this device at <u>AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo - YouTube</u> in case of an emergency.