

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (19:1-10)

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Sunday Homily

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Introduction: The common theme of today's readings is the benevolent, compassionate, forgiving mercy of God for sinners and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us.

Scripture: The first reading reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, Who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin so that we all have time for repentance. God shows us His redemptive love through His mercy. **In the Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 144), the Psalmist also tells us that the Lord is good to all, and His compassion covers all that He has made. *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness (Ps 144:8).* **In the second reading**, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Christ in their lifetime. He advises them to continue to live good Christian lives every day, allowing God to work in them so that they may be worthy of their vocation as Christians. **Today's Gospel** presents the story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, whom God's grace led to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Saviour, and shows us how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion, and restitution. The episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance, and grace offered to everyone one by a merciful Lord.

Application to Life: 1) We need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments, and lusts. Hence, let us admit our sinfulness and accept God's call to repentance, conversion and renewal of life. 2) Let us love others as Jesus loved Zacchaeus, despite his sins. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behaviour as conditions for being loved. Husband and wife may have qualities that irritate each other. But they should not, because of that, withhold love from each other. Nor should they withhold their love from a rebellious teenager making stupid and even dangerous choices because of immaturity and peer-pressure. 3) We are called to generosity: Jesus wants us to move from our small and feeble Faith to a greater and more powerful Faith, just as Zacchaeus did. He also wants us to be financially and spiritually generous.

Conclusion: When you meet Jesus, you will not remain the same afterwards. You will want to give up sin and live a new life of grace. That is why Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and do not sin again." (John 8:11) If you really meet Jesus, you will be different. That is what happened to Zacchaeus. He would no longer cheat in the taxes. He promised, "I am going to give half my property to the poor and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay him back four times the amount." (Luke 19:8) When we receive the forgiveness of Jesus we are transformed. Let us turn to the mercy of Jesus and be healed of our sins and renewed and transformed.



Parish Bulletin

31st Sunday Ordinary Time / C

29/30 October 2022

*The Son of Man came
to seek and to find
that which was lost*



**ZACCHAEUS, COME
DOWN. HURRY.**

Great wealth had not
brought happiness to
Zacchaeus, a despised
tax collector in
prosperous Jericho.
Having wandered away
from God, he was lost.
Then he met Jesus, the
rabbi who consorted
with sinners; and his life
was never to be the
same again. We are
called to imitate
Zacchaeus in his
repentance and Jesus in
his merciful love.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

PSALM 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

**R: I will praise your name
for ever, my king and my
God.**

I will give you glory, O God
my King, I will bless you for
ever. I will bless you day after
day and praise your name for
ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of
compassion, slow to anger,
abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his crea-
tures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank
you, O Lord, and your friends
shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of
your reign and declare your
might, O God. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his
words and loving in all his
deeds. The Lord supports all
who fall and raises all who are
bowed down. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God
will make you worthy of his call, and
by his power fulfil all your desires for
goodness and complete all that you
have been doing through faith; be-
cause in this way the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in
you and you in him, by the grace of
our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we
shall all be gathered round him:
please do not get excited too soon or
alarmed by any prediction or rumour
or any letter claiming to come from
us, implying that the Day of the Lord
has already arrived.



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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am
Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm
Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am
Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass


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LOVE HEALS

Rosters for 5/6 November 2022
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Josh Page Dorothy Pierce, Michelle Page
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Aloysius Achusiogu, Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Tania and Suanne
Count team	Julie and Leo Priem Anne and George Dudzinski
Altar	23rd October to 20th November Sarita Ingham and Bronwyn Gleeson
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	22/23 OCTOBER
First Collection	\$ 461.75
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 443.00
Open Plate	\$ 301.30
TOTAL	\$ 1,206.05



Pope Francis Remember the dead
Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones. The foundation of prayers of remembrance is found in the communion of the Mystical Body. Remembering the dead, caring for their tombs and prayers of suffrage are testimony to confident hope, rooted in the certainty that death does not have the last word on human destiny, as humanity is destined for a life without end, that has its root and its fulfillment in God." , Nov. 2, 2014



Prayer for All Saints Day
Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased: Beatrice and Franciska Edirisinghe, Daniel Tan Kia How.

Anniversary of death:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Special Intention: Tan Chuan Meng

Prayer for Vocations
Gracious & Loving God, help the men and women of our Parish to hear the call to serve in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants if the Gospel, dedicated Holy Priests, Sisters, Brothers & Deacons; who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day
Fr. Roy John Elavumkal

The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the "Church triumphant"), and the living (the "Church militant"). In Catholic theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven.

On Nov. 1, 735, Pope Gregory III (731-741) dedicated an oratory in St. Peter's Basilica to house the relics of the apostles, martyrs, saints and confessors. Thereafter, Nov. 1 became, at least for the churches in Rome, the feast of All Saints, and the May 13 date was suppressed. Other countries and cities began to celebrate the feast on the same day as the Rome churches, and soon a vigil of All Saints was added. Eventually, Pope Gregory IV (827-844) assigned Nov. 1 as the date of the feast of All Saints throughout the Latin Church and proclaimed it a holy day of obligation. In the 15th century, octave days were added by Pope Sixtus IV (1471-1484) and the octaves of All Saints were part of the Church calendar until suppressed in 1954. In sum, there is ample historical evidence that Christians have annually, on some date or another, been acknowledging the collective lives of all martyrs and saints for over 1,200 years.

Today, All Saints' Day is a solemnity and holy day of obligation on which the universal Church honours the martyrs, the saints and the confessors, including all known and unknown, all who have gained the reward of heaven. All Souls' Day, in Roman Catholicism, a day for commemoration of all the faithful departed, those baptized Christians who are believed to be in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. It is observed on November 2.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, evolved onto the Church calendar long after All Saints' Day. Sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo, the abbot at the Benedictine Monastery in Cluny, France, encouraged all the monks to pray for the souls of those who had died, those waiting the joys of heaven. He instituted this commemoration on the day after All Saints' Day, and soon other religious orders and churches began, on that same date, to annually remember all who had died. Remembering and praying for the faithful departed is tied directly to our belief in purgatory.

On All Souls' Day the universal Church prays for all those in purgatory, people who were much like us, whose offense may have been less than ours. By pleading for them, we are inspired to lead purer lives. On that day, and during the entire month of November, we remember our departed brethren as we go to the cemetery where they are buried, attain indulgences for them, give alms, do some good work, ask for Masses to be said in remembrance, all on behalf of those close to us and to others we may have neglected during the year.

We also light candles, and in some parishes the faithful display pictures of their deceased loved ones in the church. Church bells are sometimes rung to remind everyone to pray for the poor souls in purgatory. Priests are authorized to say three Masses on this holy, sombre day.
"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Parish Announcements

November: Month of the Holy Souls
We remember and pray for our deceased friends and family.
Our Parish's schedule:

ALL SAINTS DAY	ALL SOULS DAY
Tuesday 1st November - Mass 9:15am	Wednesday 2nd November - Mass 9:15am
	<i>(Other services around the Parish - 2nd Nov)</i>
	10am Mass at Enfield Cemetery with Rosary Procession and blessing of graves (Italian and English)
	2pm Holy Rosary at Payneham Mausoleum and blessing of graves
	5:30pm Mass at Payneham Cemetery with blessing of graves (Italian and English)



The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the prayers of the deceased. Please collect the November envelope and write the names of your loved ones you wish me to pray for. A daily mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS INVITES YOU TO A LADIES LUNCHEON - SUNDAY 13TH OF NOVEMBER 2022

Tranmere Hall at 12:30pm. There will be a 3 Course Meal for only \$25 per head. For catering purposes please add your name to the list at the Church or notify either Mike Boyle or Otto Moscon. **Bookings end on Sunday, 6 Nov.** Money raised will be going to the Vinnies.

Memorial Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy & Religious

Thursday, November 17 at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese. Mass will begin at 5.45pm and music will be led by the Gleeson College Choir.

Garden party

To coincide with the 150 years of the St Joseph's Convent, Kensington, Mary MacKillop Precinct is holding a fundraising **Spring Garden Party**, on Sunday November 6. This is an initiative of the Mary MacKillop Museum's volunteers. Cost \$30 (glass of Champagne included). Tickets available from the Mary MacKillop Museum or by phoning Bridgette Barrett – M: 0438 805 579

Weekend Retreat at The Monastery

2022 Men's Retreat – 'To be my best self' will be led by Fr Denis Travers CP and Fr Tony Eggar CP. The retreat will commence on November 18 with a dinner and conclude on Saturday November 19 with Mass at 6pm. Cost \$160 GST inc. covers your accommodation and all meals. Contact the Office for any enquires or reservations: P: 8338 8700 or E: conference@themonastery.net.au

A reminder that a **Working With Children Check** is required for those over the age of 14 who undertake any of the following roles: Readers, Commentators, Count Team, Children's Liturgy, Choir, Flower Team, etc. Please see Hiacinta or Melissa in the office to complete the form required along with 100 points of identification. If you are unsure of the date of expiry of your current WWCC do not hesitate in contact us. To comply with Archdiocese regulations, all volunteers need to sign a Code of Conduct, please take one copy from the entrance and please return it signed to the office.

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.

Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety