

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.



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20th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

19-20 August 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13 15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Woman, you have great faith.



The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

Kind Attention Please

Humble request to everyone, please be on time for the Holy Mass. Being on time we respect the divinity of the Church, merciful towards the persons who are really praying, and respect others with our silence.

Our mass time during the week days at 9.15 am.

Weekend Saturday vigil Mass at 6.30 pm

and on Sunday at 9.30 am.

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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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Rosters—26/27 August 2023 21st Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Fil Ciancio Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woitd Antonetta Bartley
Count team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	12/13 AUGUST
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$388.00
Open Plate	\$262.90
PARISH TOTAL	\$650.90

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$485.00

Special Collection for Vocations raised \$579.00
Thank you for your generosity



Please remember in your prayers
Carmela La Starza who died on 12th August 2023
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.
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.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
How good it is to live in gratitude and blessing instead of regrets and complaints, to raise our gaze upwards instead of wearing a long face! May our Mother, assumed into Heaven, help us to climb higher each day through service and praise.

Sausage Sizzle
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having a Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 27 August 2023.
Cost: \$2.50

Thanks
We sincerely thank Annette McCard our APRIM St. Joseph's School and Lisa Clarke Rostrevor College REC for your hard work and commitment for our Childrens' faith formation. We also acknowledge the assistance and support provided by, Stephanie Roach, and team for their selfless service on the day of confirmation and first Holy communion (Last Sunday 13/08/2023). Thanks a million.

Congratulations
Congratulations to all our students who received the sacrament of confirmation and first Holy communion. We wish and pray God's blessings to everyone.

Parish Announcements

Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries Sunday September 17
There will be a blessing of milestone marriage anniversaries on Sunday 17th September across the Archdiocese of Adelaide. If you and your spouse are celebrating a significant marriage anniversary this year please notify the parish office so we can acknowledge this event

Understanding the Voice to Parliament
Organised by Churches Together SA, with Noel Pearson and Rev Tim Costello as guest speakers. Sunday 20th August 5pm-6.30pm, Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide

Migrant and Refugee Sunday – Save the Date - Sunday September 24
You are invited to the Archdiocesan **Migrant and Refugee Sunday – Multicultural Mass** in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, with stories from local communities, reflections, primary and secondary schools' prayer rituals and prayers of the faithful on the ACMRO Website at: acmro.catholic.org.au For more information contact the Office for Justice Healing and Inclusion on P: 8210 8140 or E: Multiculturaloffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au

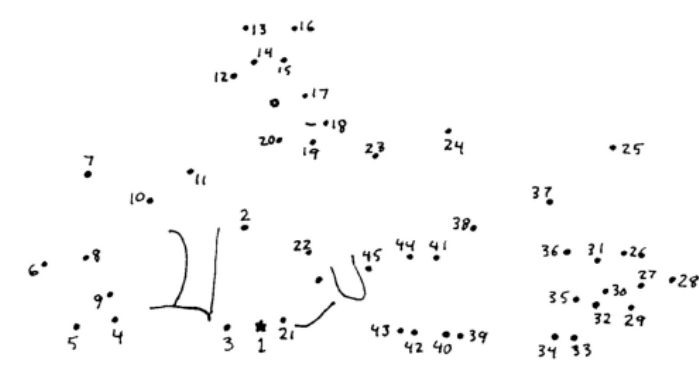
Synod Survey – Instrumentum Laboris
"A Synodal Church is a Church which listens, which realises that listening is more than simply hearing." – Pope Francis, 17 October 2015.
The Holy See published the Instrumentum Laboris for the First Assembly of Synod in October 2023. As we move towards the First Assembly of Synod it is important that we further consider, discern and share our thoughts. Please find a link below to our survey, we would be grateful for your thoughts.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAPreSynod2>
Closing Date August 31 2023

Journey to the Synod
Tuesday September 12 at 7pm. Festival Function Centre, 292 Findon Road, Findon. The third of three gathering with Archbishop O'Regan as we journey towards the Synod: exploring communion, participation and mission.
Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKUV>
Please direct enquiries to Sarah Moffatt:

WELCOME
To God's family through Baptism
Hugo Rundell
Our prayers and blessings to you and your family

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.
The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"
What did she say she was like?
Connect the dots to find out!

Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?
Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.