

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to re-monstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.

The Gospel of the Lord

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to Dorothy Garnaut, Jill Hollis, Angela Chai, and Christina Wong for their dedicated service to clean all the pews in the church. May God bless you all.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today’s Gospel continues the story that began in last week’s Gospel. Simon Peter was called the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus’ identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him “Satan.” In opposing this aspect of Jesus’ mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus’ disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus’ prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called “rock” would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.



Parish Bulletin

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

2-3 September 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody’s butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’ The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, ‘I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.’ Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62:2-9

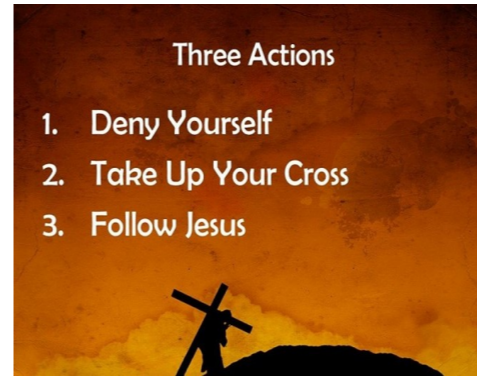
Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**

I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you: your right hand holds me fast. **R**



The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God’s enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God’s love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may re-monstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.



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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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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—9-10 Sept 2023 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Edward Konieczny Michelle Page
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Antonetta Bartley Mikayla Bartley
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Pandian
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	26/27 AUGUST
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$1595.00
Open Plate	\$307.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1902.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$637.00

SINCERE THANKS

Sincere thanks to all who continue to support the work of Vinnies. Last month the Poor Box raised \$516.20.

The generosity of donors is greatly appreciated.

MORNING TEA

Next Sunday after 9:30 Mass. Please join us for this community event.



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Brian Laurence Heffernan

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 housebound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex

We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.



Let us pray for reconciliation and peace.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The September edition of *The Southern Cross* is available from the church foyers. \$2 per copy. This issue includes detailed coverage of the 2023 Social Justice Statement, World Youth Day celebrations in Adelaide and other local events such as the Season of Creation and Catholic Schools Music Festival

Parish Announcements

**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24**

You are invited to the Archdiocesan Migrant and Refugee Sunday – Multicultural Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 11am. Featured will be stories from local communities, reflections, primary and secondary schools' prayer rituals.

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>
Enquiries: Sarah Moffatt: smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 8210 8110

SCAM ALERT

Some parishioners have been receiving text messages and emails impersonating staff and/or priests asking for help in the form of money or gift cards. Please do not reply or click on any links and block the email or phone number. These emails and messages are designed to look legitimate from trusted sources, but are attempts to steal personal information or infect your device with malware.

HEART ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE

October is Mission Month and Catholic Mission Appeal for 2023 will be held on October 22. Over the coming weeks Diocesan Director, Tony Johnston, will be calling out to meet with every parish administrator or parish priest to discuss parish needs and appeal details. During his visit he will provide all items required for the appeal from speakers notes to summary forms, posters and flash drives. If you have any concerns, please contact Tony Johnston, Diocesan Director Adelaide on (08) 8210 8199 or

E: tjohnston@catholicmission.org.au

MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

As liturgical musicians or leaders who are planning liturgies and Masses, it is important to gather and network together. A time to learn from each other, discover new liturgical music and plan for the season ahead. These workshops may be hosted by any school or parish cluster, by appointment. For information on hosting and/or attending a Music Ministry Workshop, please contact Lauren Bierer from the Archdiocesan Community Life & Worship team on worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8130.

LORECTO COLLEGE COMMUNITY MASS

Sunday, September 10 at 10am in Loreto College Chapel All Old Scholars, Mothers and/or Daughters of Old Scholars and their family members and College staff members and families are invited to attend. Morning Tea to follow, in conjunction with the Loreto springART Show.

Contact: Margaret Sullivan 0413 011 345

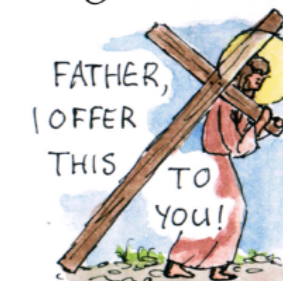
The Kids' Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3rd, 2023



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples? Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!

Answers to Match-up: 1.D 2.C 3.E 4.B 5.G 6.A 7.F
Answer to maze on Front: Take up your cross and follow me.