

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Ladies Lunch

The Knights of the Southern Cross, Hectorville-Tranmere Branch, is inviting all ladies to join the Ladies Lunch on Sunday 29 Oct 2023.

Cost is \$25 each. The funds raised will go to the Vinnies. Please write your name on the sheet at the door if you are attending.

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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

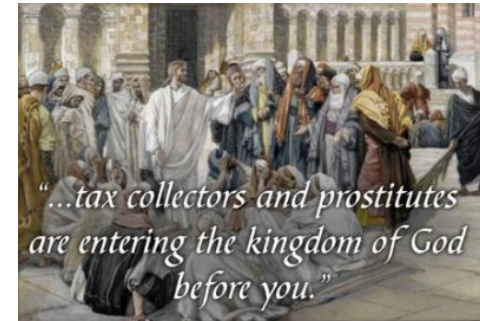
Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.



Parish Bulletin

26th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

30 Sep-1 Oct 2023



We cannot spend all of our lives blaming others for what has happened to us. At a certain stage we must accept responsibility for our own lives and deeds. Sometimes we need to admit, 'I have done wrong. I am sorry. God, help me to do right in future.' Change is always possible. If we have the desire, God will guide us in the right path.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Dan 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us,
O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24:4-9

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,
Because of your goodness,
O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path, he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

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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—7-8 Oct 2023 27th Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Jim Litchfield Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Henry D'Assumpcao Clare Boyle
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Anne Dudzinski
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	23-24 Sept 2023
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$356.00
Open Plate	\$408.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$764.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$593.00



Pope Francis @pontifex

The Word of God invites us not to hide behind the complexity of problems, behind 'nothing can be done about it.' It urges us to unite worship of God and care for the human person. For Sacred Scripture has been given to us to go forth and meet others, drawing near to their wounds.

CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

Catholic Mission provides project support to critical church-run initiatives in remote diocese within Australia, Africa, Asia, Oceania and South America.

Donation envelopes are available from the foyer of the church



Please remember in your prayers

Monsignor Rob Egar, aged 90 years, passed away on 19th September 2023 at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. May his soul rest in peace.

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

THE VOICE REFERENDUM

On October 14 2023, Australian citizens will vote in the Referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum and inform themselves from reliable sources such as www.indigenousvoice.church, www.voice.gov.au.

Please Note

A polling station will be run in the Parish Hall at the St Joseph's School

Public Rosary - Praying the Rosary for Peace

First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady (Saturday October 7) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, **to pray for peace** in Mary MacKillop Plaza (adj St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). **All welcome.**

For more information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod, Legion of Mary, 0414 769 635

Parish Announcements

ANNUAL MOTHERS AND CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE MASS—IN HONOUR OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

Friday October 13 – Holy Rosary 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm with 'Blessing of Expecting Mothers' at St Francis of Assisi Church, 59 Newton Road, Newton. After Mass veneration of St Gerard 1st class relic. Religious books, medals etc. will be on sale in the Church foyer.

WALK WITH GOD FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Saturday October 7, 4pm-6pm
You are invited to **'Walk with God'**. Sabrina Stevens, National Youth Coordinator of Caritas Australia, connects young adults with the wonder and awe of God's creation through prayer and reflection, seeking God in all things. This walk will incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality as we explore the different perspectives of connecting with creation. We look forward to seeing you for a prayerful walk and fellowship

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

SILENT RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY

Join us for some quiet, personal reflection on our silent retreat led by Fr Tony Edgar CP and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP. The retreat will commence with dinner on Friday October 6 and conclude with breakfast on Thursday October 12. Contact The Monastery office on 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au

Four Categories of Child's Rights

- 1 Survival Rights
- 2 Development Rights
- 3 Protection Rights
- 4 Participation Rights

The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1st, 2023

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard. Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



T A H B E C O D N E E F W G H H O I S J A K I
L D M H N E O W P O Q U R L S D T N U O V T

Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

I SHOULD HAVE DONE MY HOMEWORK... I'LL DO IT NOW.

I ALWAYS LISTEN. THIS TIME I'M JUST GOING TO PLAY.

Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.

Answer to puzzle on front page: The one who said he would not. Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2. fair 4. does 6. the 7. committed 8. is 9. just 11. virtue 14. say 15. sins 17. unfair 19. live 20. Lord Down: 1. because 3. inquiry 4. die 5. says 8. fit 10. turns 12. must 13. shall 14. since 16. fit 18. all