

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

‘You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.’

The Gospel of the Lord

MEMORIAL MASS

FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

Wed November 15 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.

For more information contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220
or via email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER ECO CAMP

FEB 7-12, 2024

This four-day event is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to act for the care of our planet with hope. For more details see <https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>

**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**

Today’s Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week’s reading from Matthew and this week’s, we find Jesus’ question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being “David’s son.” Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew’s Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew’s Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person’s garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

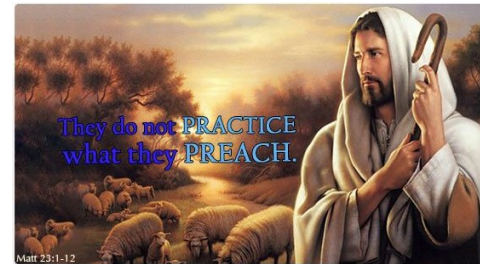


Parish Bulletin

31st Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A

4-5 Nov 2023

*They do not practice
what they preach.*



YOU HAVE ONLY ONE TEACHER

St Paul was a great religious leader. Like a mother, he nourished and watched over his people. He tried not to be a burden on them. He sought to preach God’s message and not his own. He helped the people, whom he called his brothers and sisters, to look to Christ as their only Master and Teacher.

Today we pray for religious leaders as they strive to express in their own lives the equalities of leadership embodied in Paul.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Psalm 37:22-23**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!



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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 130**

Response:
In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R**

2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother’s breast even so is my soul. **R**

3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R**

**SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13**

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God’s Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God’s message, you accepted it for what it really is, God’s message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

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Sunday 9:30 am
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Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

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Saturday 6:00 pm

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Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

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Wednesday after Mass

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

Rosters—11-12 Nov2023
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Jim Litchfield Michelle Page
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
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	28-29 Oct 2023
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$782.00
Open Plate	\$307.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1089.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$613.00

Ladies Lunch
Sunday 12 Nov 2023
Time: 12:30pm
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Birkinshaw Ave

The Knights of the Southern Cross, Hectorville-Tranmere Branch, is inviting all ladies to join the Ladies Lunch. The Cost is \$25 each. The funds raised will go to the Vinnies. Please write your name on the sheet at the door by Sunday 5 Nov. Michael Boyle 8337 3270 Otto Moscon 0437 927 837




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

Death Anniversary:
Enda & Albert Tyson

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
 Holiness is a gift from God which we have received with Baptism: if we let it grow, it can completely change our life, enlightening it with the joy of the Gospel. Holiness is a gift offered to everyone for a happy life.

MORNING TEA
After Sunday Mass
12 Nov 2023
Please come and join us!

Applications Open for Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship 2024/2025
The National Centre for Evangelisation (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) has opened applications for the 2024/2025 Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship. The Fellowship will support eight young women aged between 25-35 years with financial and pastoral support to complete a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (ACU's Leadership for Mission course), while enhancing networking, spiritual direction and discernment of charisms and leadership potential. More details can be found at www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship. Applications close November 16. Please contact Sharon Brewer via info@nce.catholic.org.au.

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS:
NOVEMBER 2023
Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Month of November is special month to remember and pray for our beloved ones especially by offering the Holy mass for the Family, Friends, Relatives, and Benefactors. On 2nd November, as we commemorate All Souls Day, we turn our eyes to those men and women who have gone before us in death but died before being fully purified of every venial sin and all of sin's effects. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (1030–31).

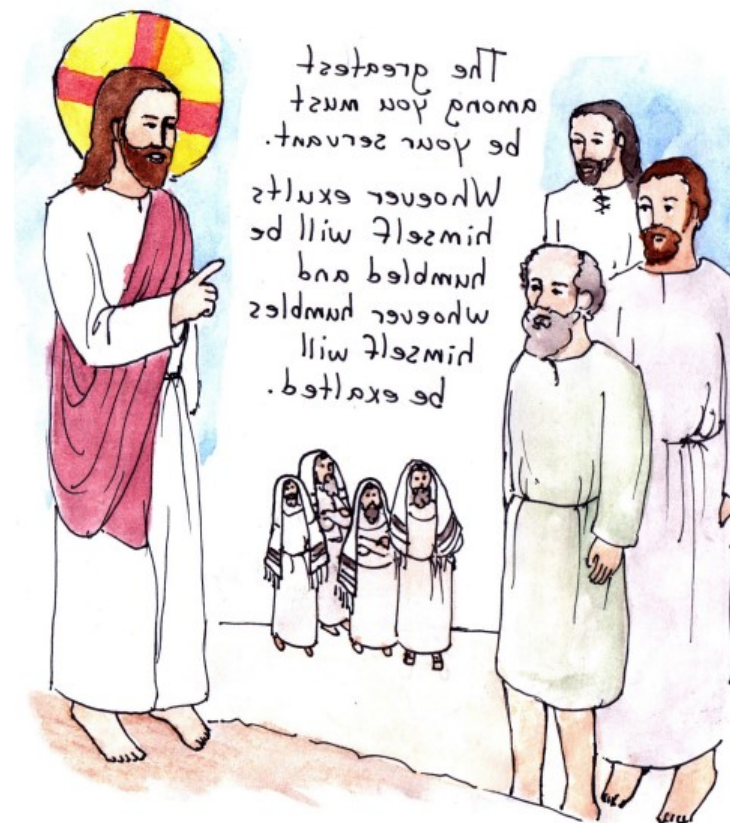
All Souls Day should have a twofold focus for each of us. First and foremost, the commemoration is a call to prayer for those who have died and are being purified in final preparation for their entrance into the Beatific Vision. Though God has no need of our prayers, it is His divine will that we participate in the distribution of His grace. For that reason, He chooses to solicit our prayers and then answer them, making us active instruments of His purifying grace so needed by those in this world and in Purgatory. By praying for those in Purgatory, especially the month of November, we are assured that God lavishes upon them all that they need for the complete purification of their souls. The Mass, and our participation in the Mass, is particularly powerful and is the ideal way to open the floodgates of mercy for our loved ones who have died and remain unperfected. Take this duty to pray for these "poor souls" seriously.

A second focus to have on All Souls Day is upon your own soul. Today's commemoration reminds us of the importance of our ongoing deepening conversion. We are all called to be saints. Ideally, our central focus in life is to become a living saint and not wait to be fully purified in Purgatory. Becoming a saint today requires not only a lot from us, it requires everything. Absolutely everything! Becoming a saint here and now means that we diligently seek out every sinful attachment within our souls and annihilate them. It means we continuously seek God's mercy, confess our sins, receive forgiveness, and then change our lives completely. This is no small task!

As we participate in this Commemoration of All Souls, commit yourself first to praying for those who have died and are in need of final purification. Purgatory is God's act of final mercy for those whom He loves with a burning and purifying love. Your prayers open the floodgates of God's love on those who need it the most. As you pray for those who have died, pray also for your own soul and ponder how fervently you seek to become transformed into a living saint. Though the journey to divine union is not a quick and easy one, it is a journey well worth it. Make it your exclusive mission in life, and know that if you do, you will never regret it. Please offer Mass for the Family, Friends, Relatives and Benefactors.

The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5th, 2023

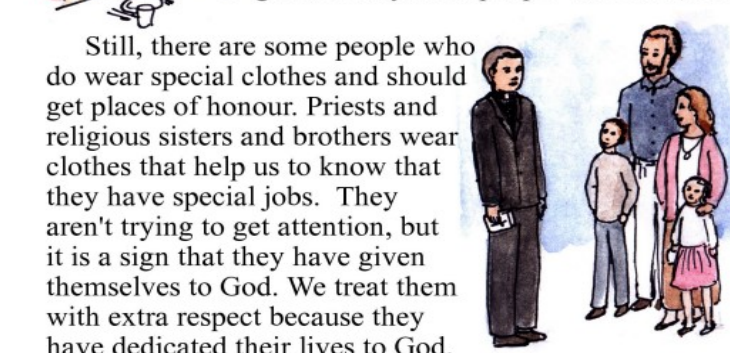


What was the last thing Our Lord said in today's Gospel reading? Look in the mirror to find out!

Should We Let Others See What We Do for God?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus warns the people about some of their leaders. They wore special clothes and made sure that people saw them giving to the poor. They also got the best seats at gatherings. These men were only concerned about outward things and not about being holy and loving in their hearts.

Our Lord wants us to be holy on the inside- to love Him and to love everybody else with our hearts. But we don't always have to show it on the outside. Sometimes we pray together or help people when others can see us, but we should often pray and do good in ways that people won't see, too.



Still, there are some people who do wear special clothes and should get places of honour. Priests and religious sisters and brothers wear clothes that help us to know that they have special jobs. They aren't trying to get attention, but it is a sign that they have given themselves to God. We treat them with extra respect because they have dedicated their lives to God.