GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia. alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Safeguarding Sunday Art Competition



The important message for this year's Safeguarding Sunday Art Competition is that "every conversation matters". Entries are open from 1st September and will close on the 15th September 2024. Please submit entries to the parish office, me or Stephanie. Each parish's entries will be joined together to make a collage. I hope you and your child enjoy participating in this competition together. It is a good opportunity to engage in conversations around Child Safety.

Anne Dudzinski Child Safe Contact Person

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching aJesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the nd the practice of his first disciples. Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness-clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life. If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.



Parish Bulletin

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

CLINGING TO HUMAN TRADITIONS.

We can sometimes do something good for an evil motive. For instance, we may help others, not to relieve their difficulties but to put them in our debt. Acts that flow from evil intentions are always evil even if they masquerade as good. If the seed

of God is planted deep within us the intentions that arise from our hearts will be good and loving. Our motives for worshipping God and helping others will be pure.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present todayour ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. R

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. R



31 Aug/ 1 Sep 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

The word of the Lord

Psalm 14:2-5

SECOND READING James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world. 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

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Rosters—7/8 Sep 2024 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Reade
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Richard Dale Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Paul Halliwell Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

commentator for that Mass SUNDAY COLLECTION 24/25 Aug SUMMARY 2024 Open Plate \$316.20 \$418.00 Planned Giving PARISH TOTAL \$734.20 This week's contribution to the

Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$463.55

The Adelaide Tamil Catholic Community warmly invites everyone to celebrate the feast of

Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni



August at 7:00 pm Our Lady of Good Health followed by mass (Tamil) Pray for Us



Please remember in your prayers

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

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary: Marisa & Felice Conterno

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

We live in a word at war, with ongoing crises and conflicts. Let us find the wisdom and strength to see beyond

the clouds and read the signs of the times. In the hope generated by faith, may we inspire young people to work for a better tomorrow.

Morning Tea

Next Sunday 8th Sep 2024 after 9:30am Holy Mass

All are welcome!



PARISH NOTICES

Chinese Community Mass—1st September 2024

The Chinese Catholic Community of South Australia is having their next monthly community mass on Sunday 1st September 2024. Mass starts at 12:30pm followed by shared lunch. Rosary prayer starts at 12:10pm. For more information, please contact Louisa 0422 079 534 (by text first).

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Car Boot Sale at the Monastery

The Monastery will be hosting another car boot sale on November 10. The event will be held on the oval between 9:30am - 1:30pm. There will be a stall for our gift shop, a book stall for our parish library and a coffee van on the day. We welcome everyone to join us on the day! If you would like to book a car space for \$25.00, please contact the office on 8338 8700.

Season of Creation Event: Mercy Grove

The Holy Family Catholic Parish invites you for a prayerful and reflective afternoon at the Mercy Grove- Belair National Park, to celebrate the Season of Creation. The event will occur on Sunday September 22 at 2pm. For registration and further information: https://www.trybooking.com/CULAQ

Public Rosary - Praying the Rosary for Peace

First Saturday of every month (Saturday September 7). You are invited to join Our Lady and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All welcome. For more information contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod, Legion of Mary - 0414 769 635.

Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni - Tamil Catholic Community

The Adelaide Tamil Catholic Community warmly invites everyone to celebrate the flag hoisting of Our Lady of Velankanni on August 30 at 7pm followed by Mass and the feast of Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni on Sunday September 8 at 2.15pm at the Annunciation Church, 20 Montacute Road, Hectorville 5073.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday (Multicultural Mass) at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Everyone is invited to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral 2.30pm Sunday September **29.** Come dressed in cultural attire and enjoy an ice-cream and coffee after Mass, as we celebrate the many cultures that make up our amazing church in Adelaide.

The Adelaide Planetarium- Season of Creation Event

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you for a 60minute experience at the Adelaide Planetarium, to celebrate the Season of Creation. The event will occur on Friday September 6 from 7pm-8pm at the UniSA Mawson lakes campus. Register at https://www.trybooking.com/CTENZ

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH—SEPTEMBER 2024

Funds will go to special projects for charity agencies like Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in South Australia, Hutt Street Centre, St Patrick's Special School, Our Lady of La Vang Special School and Centacare Family Services. Envelops for donation and leaflets are available at each entrance. Thank you for your support.



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Fr. Selva Raj

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The Kids' Bulletin Keeping Clean

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the Pharisees that having your soul clean from sins is more important than keeping your body clean!

But that doesn't mean that we should be dirty! God wants us to keep our

bodies and our souls clean. We keep our bodies clean when we wash our hands or take a bath. Do you know how we keep our souls clean?



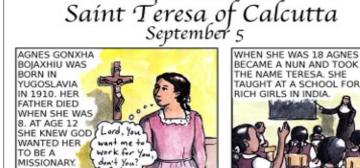
When someone does a

big sin he or she needs to go to confession to get cleaned up. Confession cleans away our little sins too. Other things that take away



small sins are going to Holy Communion, praying, and blessing ourselves with holy water.

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STAYED HUMBLE AND USED EVER CHANCE TO TELL THE RICH AND POWERFUL PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE POOR AND WEAK

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DIED ON SEPTEMBER 5TH. 1997. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO DEFEND AND HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND UN BORN CHILDREN. WE ALSO LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLE THAT WE NEED TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER WITH JESUS EVERY DAY.