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The Parable of The Pharisee and Tax Collector

Two Men,
Two Prayers, Two
Attitudes, Two
Verdicts

Luke 18:9-14

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

- After 9:15am Mass Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church. **NOW BACK!**

ENCOUNTER Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM
Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2526108>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au>

ALSO: Recorded/watch later Mass at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Fri 28th: Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

LEAVING COLLECTION:

THERE WILL BE A LEAVING COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY 23RD OF OCTOBER. ENVELOPES WILL BE LEFT IN THE CHURCH FOR DONATIONS.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Dennis Sullivan, Evan Senn, Athan Loucas, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Cinzia Coboche, Leo Falzon and Geoffrey Lane.



Recently deceased: Colin James Clark

First Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Living Gospel

Competitive prayer!

For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The purpose of this parable is to shake the complacency of those who think that all they have to do is follow the rules to the letter of the law and that that is enough to guarantee them salvation, regardless of their attitudes towards others or the way they speak and act. There is a timelessness to this parable. It is as true today as it was in the time of Jesus. The Pharisee asks nothing of God. He is under the mistaken impression that he can fulfill all that is required of him by his own actions. He believes that as long as he adheres to the letter of the Law, that is all that is required. The tax collector, on the other hand, is aware of his brokenness and opens himself to God, asking for God's mer-

cy. He rightly recognises his own sinfulness and sees that God is the only one who can fill the void within him. Again, as is common in Luke's Gospel, it is the poor or the outcast who is on the right track and who will be exalted. The Pharisee, who should know better, will be the one who experiences God's dramatic reversal and will ultimately be humbled.

- In what ways do you find this parable comforting or challenging?
- With which character do you most identify?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Are there times when you pass judgment on others or consider yourself as 'better' than certain people?
- How difficult do you find it to recognise your own shortcomings?
- Do you find it challenging to look beyond the shortcomings of others?
- Have you ever been in a situation when you were made to feel small or embarrassed by someone who exulted themselves at your expense? Have you ever 'put someone down' by your actions or words? Share your reflections.
- Notice occasions this week when it may be easy to judge someone badly. Do something positive to favour someone to whom you may feel in some way superior.

DID YOU KNOW?

- It is always important to look at who the characters are in the parables of Jesus.
- Pharisees were deeply religious laymen who observed the law very closely and met together regularly for prayer and table fellowship.
- Tax collectors were despised because their job gave them opportunity to cheat and defraud the people and also because they cooperated with the Roman oppressors. Their contact with the gentiles made them ritually unclean. No wonder this tax collector 'stood some distance away'. The Pharisees would have believed he had no right to be in the temple at all.

SHARING THE TRADITION

- Last week was Mission Sunday. This is celebrated by the universal Church and is marked each year by a special statement issued by the Pope encouraging the mission of the Church in the world and the work of those who undertake this mission, especially in cultures other than their own.
- Read the statement issued by Pope Francis to mark Mission Sunday this year on the Vatican website. You could make copies available to participants and use this to stimulate your discussion.

Dear Parishioners

I am pleased to announce that alongside my current responsibilities and duties, I have been appointed Police Chaplain for Mornington, Dromana, Rosebud and Sorrento Police stations.

My extra duties, include pastoral care for the Police, their families and Police employees across these four Police stations on the Peninsular.

With the Lord by my side, I feel privileged to serve these great members of our community. As they serve us tirelessly, often putting their own lives at risk in the line of duty to "uphold the right".



Fr Geoff

Mark 10:41-45. "Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR **World Youth Day 2023** MELBOURNE TO LISBON

After a long period of social distancing and isolation, we will all rediscover in Lisbon—with God's help—the joy of a fraternal embrace between peoples and generations, an embrace of reconciliation and peace, an embrace of new missionary fraternity!

—POPE FRANCIS

Journey together with more than a million young people for the largest youth gathering in the world—World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal!

First stop! Join us for regional youth gatherings to hear more about the exciting options on offer. Perfect for parish leaders, priests, parents and **of course young people**, the gatherings will cover:



an overview and what you should expect at World Youth Day



travel itineraries, with indicative pricing and fundraising tools



leadership opportunities and other ways you can serve at World Youth Day



how your parish can support young people from across the Archdiocese to attend.

18 OCT 7-9PM
ST PATRICK'S PARISH
10 Rogers St, Mentone

19 OCT 7-9PM
ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH
152 Odessa Ave, Keilor Downs

20 OCT 7-9PM
ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
143 Bacchus Marsh Rd, Corio

25 OCT 7-9PM
ST BENEDICT'S PARISH
301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood

26 OCT 7-9PM
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
88 S Circular Rd, Gladstone Park

27 OCT 7:30-9PM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
Cardinal Knox Centre
383 Albert St, East Melbourne

Dear Parish Priests and Parishes,

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli is inviting young people, ages 16-35, across the Archdiocese to journey with him to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day in 2023.

This is a life-changing opportunity for our youth to experience their Catholic faith with more than a million young people from around the world. We are holding six information sessions at Regional Youth Gatherings around Melbourne this month to help parish leaders, priests, parents and of course young people learn more about this opportunity.

If you would also like to include something in your parish bulletin - here is some text we invite you to use:

Upcoming World Youth Day Information Sessions in October. A life-changing trip to Lisbon, Portugal: Join 500 other young Catholics from around Melbourne on an epic journey to World Youth Day in 2023.

Find out more at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

We would be grateful for any assistance you can provide in ensuring your parishioners, in particular youth or young adult parishioners, are aware of these sessions as we begin our journey toward World Youth Day 2023.

With thanks,

Teresa

Teresa Rhynehart: Director for Mission Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

Pope at Audience: 'Reread your life's story to discover Christ'

Pope Francis continues his catechesis series on discernment at the Wednesday General Audience, and urges each of us to examine the story of our life in order to discover the hidden footsteps of Jesus.

By Devin Watkins

"Recounting the events of our life also enables us to grasp important nuances and details, which can reveal themselves to be valuable aids, hitherto concealed."

Pope Francis offered that insight on Wednesday as he spoke to pilgrims in St. Peter's Square for the weekly General Audience.

Continuing his catechesis on the theme of discernment, the Pope focused his attention on how our life's story can reveal God's hidden actions.

"Our life is the most precious 'book' that is given to us, a book that unfortunately many do not read, or rather they do so too late, before dying."

Truth dwells within

The Pope recalled St. Augustine's reflections on the topic in which he recounts how he real-sought God outside of years before discovering Him. As the great Saint said, "Truth dwells within."

Pope Francis noted that we often fail to see God working in our lives. By rereading our own story, we can set aside "toxic" habits and find the deeper meaning in the events of every day.



Augustine's re-reading of his Confessions, 5th century Saint Augustine realized that he had found Himself for many years. "Come back into your inner self that

we too often get condemnation and within us. In the past, we can learn from our habits and find

We are able, he said, to "notice other things, making it richer, more respectful of complexity, succeeding also in grasping the discreet ways in which God acts in our life."

Uncovering the hidden silence of goodness

Pope Francis went on to say that even things which in the moment seem of little importance can reveal to us something deeper upon further reflection.

These events, he said, are like "precious, hidden pearls the Lord has sown" in our daily lives.

"Good is hidden, silent. It requires slow and continuous excavation. Because God's style is discreet, it does not impose; it is like the air we breathe. We do not see it but it allows us to live, and we realize this only when it is missing."

The more we reread our life's story, added the Pope, the more refined our perception becomes, making it easier to discover God's action in our lives.

Heart to heart talks

In conclusion, Pope Francis urged Christians to find someone to whom to tell our life's story, which helps us enter into "one of the most beautiful and intimate forms of communication."

The lives of the Saints offer another path to become familiar with God's ways of interacting with His friends.

"Discernment is the narrative reading of the consolations and desolations we experience in the course of our lives," concluded the Pope. "It is the heart that speaks to us about God, and we must learn to understand its language."



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA

*Following on from our "what is homelessness" forum.
An in depth conversation about the context of housing on the
Mornington Peninsula, how we arrived here and where to
from here.*

Date: Tuesday 8th Nov 2022
Venue: Peninsula Community
Theatre
Cnr Wilsons Rd and
Nepean Hwy, Mornington
Time: 6.30pm
Close: 8.30 pm
Cost: Free

Refreshments at conclusion

Keynote Speaker

Paul McDonald
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community.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking to welcome new members onto our team of like-minded parishioners, whose role it is to assist our Parish Priest – Father Geoff – As Fr Geoff says: *“in steering the Parish across exciting and uncharted waters into the distant horizon of potential”*.

The only talent required is a willingness to work together with other PPC members, and represent the wider St. Macartans community, to see our Parish grow and flourish for generations to come.

It is up to us, the present generation, young and not so young, to make this happen. I encourage anyone who feels they would like to contribute, to come and join us on the Parish Pastoral Council and play a part in growing our parish for our children and grandchildren.

Please feel free to contact me directly (my email address is in the Parish Bulletin) or contact the Parish Office, if you would like further information. I look forward to welcoming new faces onto your Parish Pastoral Council.

Thank you

Jody Kerrins.

Chairperson PPC



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Public Rosary

What a wonderful response to the Public Rosary last Saturday. 46 parishioners gathered in the Memorial Garden and even the weather responded well!

Thank you to all who were present, to the ladies who looked after the Morning Tea and to Fr Jude, who managed to seat all.

We shall try to be bigger and better next year.



St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 'A light into the city'

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRRATION
1897-2022

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne,
warmly invites you to join in the celebration of the

St Patrick's Anniversary Mass

Thursday 27 October, at 1pm

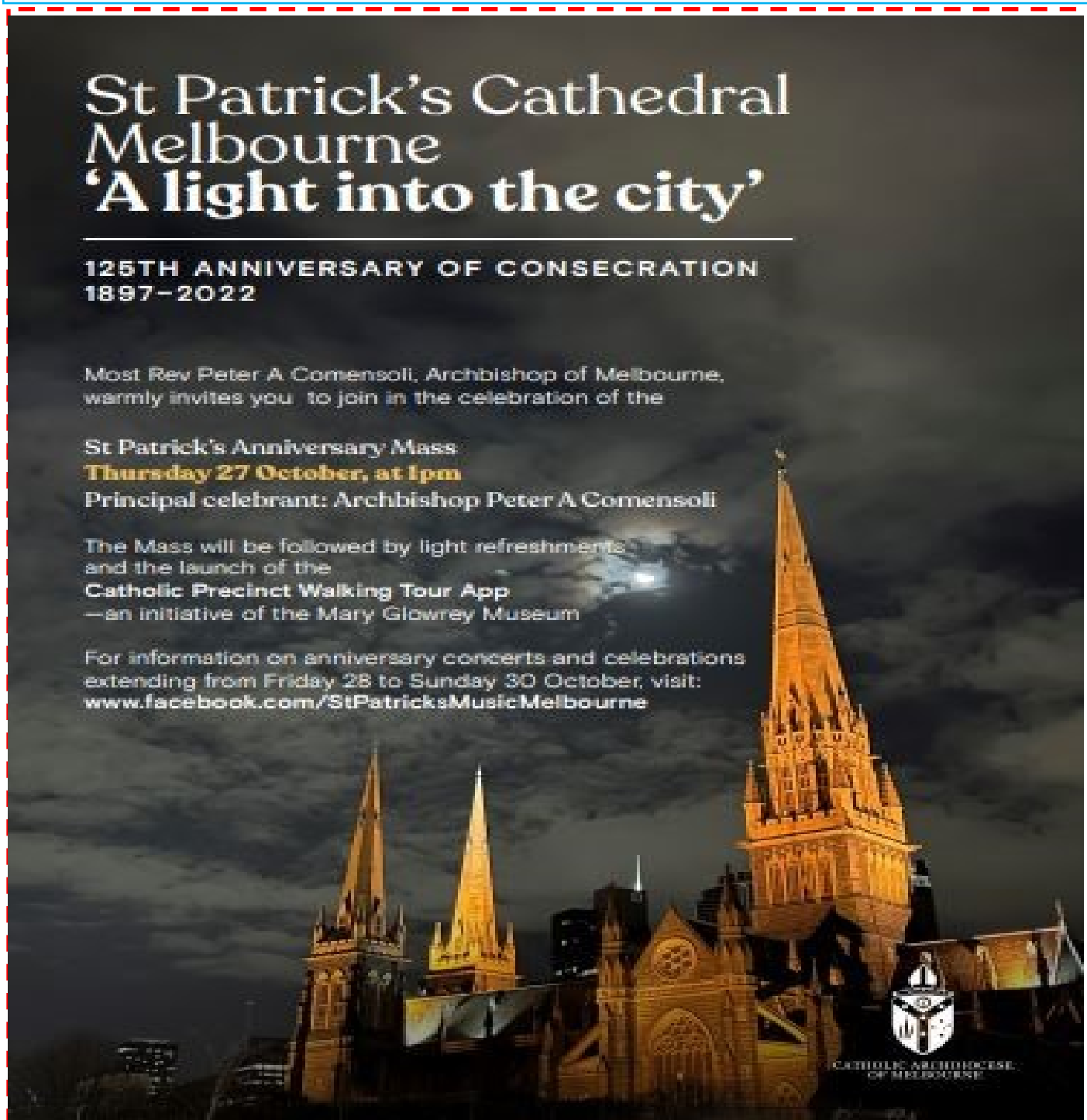
Principal celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

The Mass will be followed by light refreshments
and the launch of the

Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App

—an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum

For information on anniversary concerts and celebrations
extending from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October, visit:
www.facebook.com/StPatricksMusicMelbourne



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
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Pregnancy Assistance Frankston

Cup Day Lunch for Fun and Fundraising



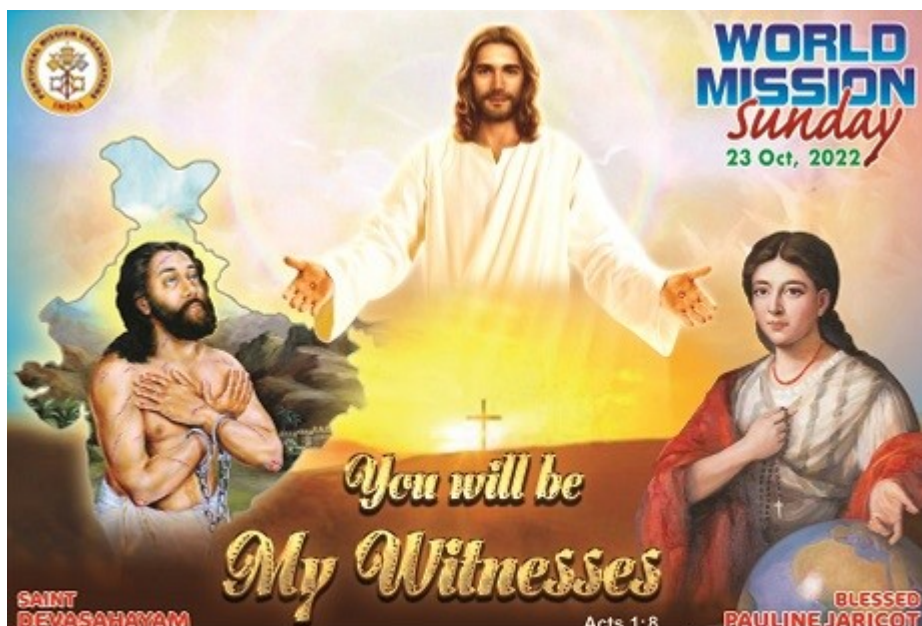
St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 60 Davey St. Frankston

1st November 2022 at 12.30 Entry: \$10; Under 5 years free. Games - horse shoe quoits, pin the tail on the racehorse, coin toss

Prizes for best hat, lady's, gentleman's and children's outfits. Sweeps - \$2, \$5, \$10. Please invite your family and friends. Dress up.

RSVP Katrina 0434 265 802 by 28th October

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY





Jokes of the Week



1) **“God isn’t deaf, you know!”** On the first evening of their visit with their grandmother, a young boy and his brother knelt by their bed to pray. Shouting as loudly as he could, the younger boy pleaded. . . “and PLEASE God, I need a new bicycle and a pair of roller blades.” “Shh!” said the older boy, “not so loud. God isn’t deaf, you know!” To which his younger brother replied. “Yes, I know, but Grandma is.”

2) **Sunday Pharisees:** “I never come to this Church for Sunday Mass,” boasted a wandering parishioner to his pastor. “Perhaps you have noticed that Father?” “Yes, I have noticed that,” said the pastor. “Well, the reason I don’t come is that there are so many hypocrites here.” “Oh, don’t let that keep you away,” replied the pastor with a smile. “There’s always room for one more.”

3) **The Pharisee in the parish office:** A farmer entered the local Church and spoke to the Church secretary: “I’d like to speak to the Head Hog at the Trough.” The secretary was quite taken aback and responded to the farmer, “Sir, we have no one here by that name.” “If you are referring to the priest in charge of this parish, we always respectfully call him Father or Pastor.” “Fine, ma’am, but I want to talk to the person who will take my \$25,000 donation for your Church.”

Immediately the secretary responded, “Dearie! Please take a seat and just wait a second. Our Fat Pig will be here with you at once!”



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9.00am - Helen Britton: 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 22nd & 23rd October 2022

6.00pm Readers: Faye Murphy, Michael Turner

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Paul Girolami

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Britton, John Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, Evelyn Atkins

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 29th & 30th October 2022

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Paul Girolami, Don Zinno

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Failla, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Evelyn Atkins

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 5th & 6th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Carmel McGrath

9.00am Readers: Kath Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Zofia Kraus

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Trish Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

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