

Listening to God's Word
Growing in Faith



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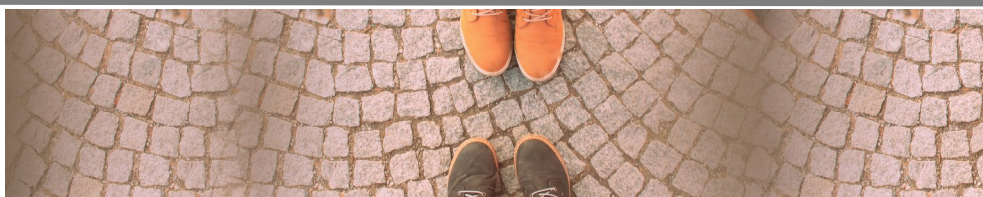
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HOMILY by Richard Leonard

One Sunday morning during Mass, the congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying submachine guns. One of the men proclaimed, 'Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are!'

Immediately, the choir fled, altar servers fled, and most of the congregation fled. Within a few minutes, out of the two hundred strong congregation only ten people remained where they were. The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the priest and said, 'OK Father, I got rid of all the fence sitters, how about we make a start'.

It's nice to see the priest in the story remained in the Church! I would like to think that faced with such an extreme moment like this I would have the courage of my convictions, but I must admit I have my doubts.

Each Sunday by coming and celebrating the Eucharist we implicitly, and explicitly, state that we want to become like Christ. As the Gospels repeatedly tell us if we follow him in his saving love for the world then, like him, we must confront injustice, defend the rights of the poor and the oppressed to dignity, give and forgive, heal and reconcile. By saying this, we are clearly not looking for a smooth ride through life.

In concert with the whole Church what most of us have done is domesticate the hard edges of Jesus' teachings to suit our comfortable existences. And then we get a Gospel like today's. The sons of Zebedee want the best seats in the house without knowing what the admission price is going to cost. They want the glory without the gore.

Jesus teaches them, and later all the other apostles, that for his Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, requires of us to drink a cup of suffering and be baptised in a river of sacrificial love. We can't dress this teaching up, or put a good spin on it. There is no resurrection without the cross. No gain without the pain.

For most of us this challenge means doing whatever we can politically and socially to bring the values of the Gospel to bear on our different spheres of influence. But Jesus also links this challenge to the act of service. And in this regard some leaders in the Church give us mixed messages and let us off the hook.

Whatever of the patrimony of the past, today's Gospel reminds us that bishops, priests and deacons should be excellent models of the humility of service. The leadership Jesus advocates is not monarchical or tyrannical, it is being the least, and being a servant.

The Second Vatican Council taught that leaders in the Church should be outstanding in humility, charity and simplicity of lifestyle. Some leaders are just this. Others have domesticated the hard edge of the Gospel.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that we recover a love for the hard teachings of Jesus, even though they demand so much of us, and that we have the courage to call our leaders to do likewise. These teachings are, after all, what makes us different from the Gentiles, and sort out who is actually sitting on the fence.

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Parish News

SICK/SPECIAL NEEDS: *We remember in prayer ...*

Leonie Pickett, Veronica Hipwell, Karen Curran, Algi & Geraldine Bajelis, Mick King, Margaret McLellan, Jan Hobson, Lewis Peel (Purcell), Rita Martin, Emma Pacifico, Lorraine Caldwell, Emilinda Peralta, Loris Jackson, Linda McDonald, Dean Hart, Barry Moore, Chris Patsan, Catherine Hobbs, Bernadette Coffey, Dorota Bakowska, Abby Rodwell, Gae Alderton, Ernestina Klein, Alexander Klein, Maria Richardson, Stanislaw Ksiadz, Maria Kanonczuk, Penny Harrison, Sharyn Trappel, Clare Sullivan, Aileen A'Beckett, Craig Hart, Jill Heffernan

ANNIVERSARIES:



October IS World Mission Month

At the conclusion of this weekend's Gospel, we hear Jesus make a statement that is at the heart of all missionary endeavours: "...the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." For missionaries like Sr Chalaad, this is the call that compels her and other Good Shepherd Sisters to operate programs like a kindergarten and a mother and children's home in Thailand. Through such endeavours, they reach out and bring life – the Catholic Mission statement – to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in the world. On the eve of the Church celebrating World Mission Sunday (October 24), let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to such missionaries and their gift of service. During this month, please consider your capacity to donate, to offer a major gift, or to leave an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will.

For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, click [here](#). For information about leaving a bequest to Catholic Mission, click [here](#)

24/10/2021 TBC	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Barry Bourke	Sr Carmel Moore	Christine Sheppard
Readers	Dot Reynolds Basia Wedesweiler	Cathy Waugh Barry Moore	Wendy Hopkins Peter Cunningham
Extraordinary Minister	Preciosa Winter	Angela Hall	Henryka Bradley
Counters	Dot Reynolds Lynn Johns	N/A	N/A
31/10/2021 TBC	ADAMSTOWN	CARDIFF	KOTARA
Commentator	Dot Reynolds	Elizabeth Doyle	Giavanna Angeli
Readers	Christine Williams Diana Hannigan	Sharon Murphy Catherine Lerch	Jessica Moulder Nance Schreiber
Extraordinary Minister	Paul Smith	Len McCullum	Marilyn Thomson
Counters	Hamilton Koelmeyer Julie Malaspina	Mary Nixon	John Bourke, Mark Noonan Val Menzies

Our Parish Notices

Father Joseph is now on leave -

1. Please switch your channels to streaming Masses for 17 and 24 Sundays in October.
2. Hopefully, we shall resume our Masses in October - These will be looked after by Fr. Gordon and Fr. Anthony Coloma.
3. **Mass Attendance:** will be on a First Come First Serve basis, with the QR code signing in. 4sq metre rule, 60 person capacity at Adamstown & Kotara; 48 at Cardiff. Those who cannot use the QR code to sign in, please apply for a NSW signing-in card, by this below link, <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/create-covid-19-check-card>, or Visit **NSW service web page and type: Covid 19 signing in card, and follow the prompt**, it is simple; if you require guidance, please get in touch with Barry Burke - 0434 581 541.
4. We will follow the guidance from Diocese; please be kind enough and "Love your neighbour as yourself," book your appointment and get vaccinated as soon as you can, unless you have specific medical reasons.
5. You can quickly get in touch with me my via my mobile; if you are urgent to discuss an unforeseen situation. Otherwise, contact Fr. Gordon Quinn for initial help during the day M 0408 957 072 or Fr. John Vo after hours M 0405 633 460.

Mass Rosters for 25 and 31 October have been included in this week's bulletin **pending further announcements from the Bishop's Office**. As the bulletin went to publication this week (Wednesday, 13 October) the date for the re-opening of our churches was yet to be confirmed.

New Mass Rosters will be drawn up for the period 31 October - 22 January 2022. If you wish to join the roster, make a change or will be unavailable for part of this period, please let the Parish Office know by 10.00am Tuesday, 26 October. Thank you.

The Parish Office remains closed. There has been an issue with our phone diversion over a number of weeks. That is, quite a number of calls have not been diverting to Louise at home or Fr Joseph's mobile as expected although some have been successful. Louise is working with Telstra to resolve the matter. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Parish Bulletin - Currently this is being distributed during Wednesdays via email, please have all bulletin requests lodged by 10.00am on Wednesday. Please let us know if there is anyone who would like to receive the bulletin via

email. It will also be posted on the parish website allsaintsblackbuttsouth.org.au when time allows.

DIOCESAN / OTHER NOTICES:

Applications are now open for the 2022 Pastoral Placement Program which offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices. For more information and to learn to how to apply click [here](#)

ACU Centre for Liturgy | Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective - Bruce T Morrill SJ will present on Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting liturgy in proper ethical perspective. In our current Synod process we hear a longing for more formation opportunities so this lecture is an opportunity not to be missed. It will explore the challenges of theological rhetoric for 21st century Catholics, and how those challenges can illuminate the connection between liturgy and ethical living. Time: 10:00AM-11:30AM Date: 18 October 2021 Register: www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl

Building Bridges: Reaching out to our LGBTQIA+ community with James Martin SJ - Globally, people who are LGBTQIA+ are at increased risk of depression, suicide, and verbal, physical and sexual harassment and abuse. James recognised a lack of Church advocacy on these issues following the 2016 Orlando nightclub shooting in the USA, noticing that few Catholic Bishops publicly spoke out about the massacre. This prompted him to consider how the Church could better minister to LGBTQIA+ Catholics, discussed in his book, *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity* (2017). Join this online conversation to explore how the Church in Australia can do more to welcome all Time: 10:00AM Date: 26 October 2021 Location: Online (Zoom) Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQTX>

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:35-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be

baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Scriptural Context Mark's Gospel

Despite appearing second, Mark's gospel is now recognized as being the first written of those that appear in the Bible. The shortest of the four gospels, it begins with Jesus' entry into public life and, in its original form, ends with the discovery of the empty tomb. It is sometimes called a gospel 'in a hurry' as the movement between events is almost abrupt. The gospel writer identifies almost immediately that Jesus is God's 'beloved Son' and then spends the rest of the gospel describing the gradual revelation of this fact and the disciples' growing awareness.

2021 Liturgical Calendar for the 29th Week in Ordinary Time. Memorials are in ordinary type.

Optional Memorials are in *italics*.

18 October	Saint Luke
19 October	<i>Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues</i>
	<i>Saint Paul of the Cross</i>
22 October	<i>Saint John Paul II</i>
23 October	<i>Saint John of Capistrano</i>
	<i>Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary</i>