



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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

20 October 2024

First Reading Is 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

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

(R.) 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. (R.)
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. (R.)
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. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

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 (or shorter form Mk 10:42-45)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

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

Mass Times
 Sunday Vigil 5.30pm (Sat) 9am & 5pm
 Weekdays
 Mon - Fri 5.30pm
 Mon & Wed 12 noon
 Sat 9.30am St Greg's

Confession Times
 Mon - Fri 6pm
 Sat 9.30am St Greg's

Parish Playgroup
 Every 2 weeks at 10:30am on Wed
 Next dates 30 Oct, 13&27 Nov, 11 Dec at Parish Room, St. Raphael's Church

Parish Youth Group
 First Wed of every month 5:30 - 8:00 pm in the undercroft at St. Raphael's Church

Meditation
 Tuesday 7pm & Wed 12.30pm after Mass
 All warmly welcome.
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 St Raphael's Church

Monday Men's Group
 Using **SOAP**, Scripture, Observe, Apply, Pray.
 Mon 6.30pm-7.30pm
 Parish Meeting Room
 St. Greg's School Maquoid St

Formation in Fatih (RCIA)
 Every Tuesday 6:15 pm
 Parish Meeting Room St. Greg's School Maquoid St

Rosary
 Mon-Fri 5pm
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Fri 11am

Prayers and Intercessions

Priest: Our sufferings bring acceptance, acceptance brings hope, and our hope will not deceive us, for the Spirit has been poured into our hearts. Let us pray in the Spirit.

Reader: We pray for the Church.
R. We pray especially for Pope Francis and Archbishop Christopher in their mission of leading us in following the light of faith.

Reader: We pause and pray for world peace.
R. Guide our leaders, grant them wisdom, and help them to turn to Jesus who offers them a peace the world cannot give.

Reader: We pray for each other.
R. Help us to realize that our troubles are slight and short-lived, that they are as nothing compared with the joy we shall have when we reach our home with you.

Reader: Come to the lonely, the sick, the unloved, those without friends.
R. Show them your love and help them to care for their brothers and sisters.

Reader: We pray for the dead and dying.
R. Grant eternal rest, Lord, to those who have died and may your grace be with all those close to death, we pray especially for; Baby Sophia Blythe Ribeiro Da Silva, Hubert Zochling, Walter van der Zwet, Rodolfo Molesini, Stjepan Rusan, Betty Mattner, Judith Eveston, Sonia Margaret Paterson, & Kurt Lasker who died recently

Priest: We ask all of these prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,
 These beautiful spring days are full of hope, as the days get longer and warmer. It is a gracious time, fit for renewing our **friendships**, spending more time with those we cherish.
 From the rich spiritual tradition that is ours, comes two reflections from saints a few centuries apart.

First, St. Aelred (1110-1167):
In this mortal life there is nothing more holy to desire, more useful to search for, more difficult to find, sweeter to experience, more advantageous to maintain, than friendship:

A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy (Sirach 6).
Well said! There is not in fact a remedy more valid, more efficacious or more qualified for our wounds in all the earthly circumstances than to have a person who knows how to meet us half way, suffering together with us in every misfortune and enjoying with us all our successes (Spiritual Friendship, Book Two).

Second, St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582):
If Christ Jesus dwells in you as his friend and noble leader, you can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side? Unlike our friends in the world, he will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed.
Blessed are we who truly love Jesus and always keep him near (Book of Life, Chapter 22).

How might we respond to such wonderful thoughts and realities? We could begin, perhaps, by thinking, praying, and giving thanks for our friends, those near and those far away.

A blessed day of rest and resurrection to you all, especially in your family life,

Father Tony

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

Our Week with God	
Monday 21	Week 29
Tuesday 22	St. John Paul II
Wednesday 23	Week 29
Thursday 24	St. Anthony Mary Claret
Friday 25	Week 29

MISSION SUNDAY
 ENVELOPES ARE AVAILBALE FOR THE ANNUAL WORLD MISSION APPEAL

Please pray for the sick in our Parish
 Lucy Aloe, Robin Crowe, Aurelia Sotomayor, Fr Josh, Maia Torner, Barbara Greer, Felicia Lyons, Robert (Ned) Vodovic, Mirella Wakim, Thomas, Juliet & Rommel Estabillo, Rosario Surmieda, Antonio & Dhel Borja

Anniversaries
 Nunziata Traficante, Robyn Blundell & Enrico Beltrami

Women's Breakfast
 Sat 8:30am 16 Nov at Suppeto, Jerrabomberra
 Please sign sheet at the rear of the church

MARIAN PROCESSION 2024
SUNDAY 27TH OCT 11AM GOULBURN

St Vincent de Paul Society
 in need of cereal, milk, school snacks, cordial & deodorant

Christian Life Program
 Couples for Christ & single adults every Sunday after morning tea & lunch provided
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St Gregory's Charity Coin Collection 2024
 Total \$2200.95
 this month QBN Respite Centre

Baptisms
 Henry Cook, Parker Gorman & Xavier Cassar

Holy Matrimony
 Karmen Falez & Jack Ison