



THE SAVING WORD

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

9 JUNE 2024

FIRST READING

Gen 3: 9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:
you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v. 7

R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord,
hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to
the voice of my pleading. **R.**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord,
who would survive? / But with you is found
forgiveness: / for this we revere you. **R.**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on
his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord /
more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and
fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will
redeem / from all its iniquity. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made with human hands, in the heavens.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 31, 32

Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

10th Sunday Ordinary – 9 June 2024

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

REFLECTION: Doubt is Good: If your faith is not growing it's probably because you're not doubting enough. Very often Christians are scared to doubt. Doubt is seen as a sign that our faith is weak and so there can be a lot of shame about the fact that we are doubting but maybe we have misunderstood the whole concept of doubt? There is a big difference between doubt and scepticism. Scepticism is a position of arrogance. It is a dead-end position where we simply do not believe. Where there is doubt there is a much more constructive position. It is a position of questioning and searching for a deeper truth which comes from a position of humility. Doubt is meant to lead us on a journey of discovery. If we are scared of doubt, we will either end up simplifying the mystery of our faith to a point where there are no more questions or we will become overly zealous as a way we are trying to convince ourselves that

our truth makes sense. We need to see the mystery of our faith as just that, a mystery. God has revealed something which is very strange and is as though God is almost playing a game with us. Calling us to go deeper into the unknown. We need to be very comfortable with the bits of our faith that don't make sense. Rather than ignoring them and pushing them aside to actually allowing ourselves to go deeper into the mystery to pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to have that understanding and allow God to lead us deeper into his own heart and the grand mystery of where he is calling us to.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

MASS INTENTIONS: Dear Parishioners, Church Canon Law permits a priest to offer only one intention per celebrated Mass. If a priest receives numerous intentions and is unable to fulfill the request he is directed to pass on the request together with the stipend to another known priest who can fulfill the obligation of

offering the Mass. The Parish Priest is also obligated to Offer a Mass for his People on the Sunday. Parishioners as you can appreciate there are often more requests than the permitted number of Masses a priest can celebrate Mass. If you have any further enquiries about this matter please do not hesitate in contacting me Thank you for your understanding Fr Michael.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The St Vincent De Paul Society would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. As we hear almost daily, the increased cost of living is affecting many of us. Many costs are up significantly, including food, clothing, insurance and especially rent. For some in our local community, it means that they simply don't have enough money to buy food or cloths for their children. Our members continue to visit around 10 households per week and we're able to assist families with food, clothing and furniture from our second-hand store. Without the generous donations from our parishioners, we would not be able to help as much as we do. We really appreciate the generous donations placed in the built-in cash box just inside the church entrance. This an immediate and direct positive impact on our community members in need. Thanks once again for your ongoing support. Ian Digney, SVDP Hilton President, 0428 121 152.



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Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9am.

MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS:
Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am, Friday 9am & Saturday 9am.

RECONCILIATION - Saturday's:
9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassel, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Graham Lynch, Fr Greg Carroll, Fr Wilson Donizzetti, Bill Watkins.

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phoning 02 8912 4812 or emailing national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Donations towards the votive candles is always appreciated. To meet our costs each candle is 30c. your generosity is acknowledged.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS (PAID / UNPAID): All Church Workers (Volunteers or Paid) are to attend the Safeguarding Induction. A Church Worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. To register please book online: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>. Mater Christi, 340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup. Thursday 11 July 2024. 7-8pm.

SAFEGUARDING TALK: On the weekend of 15-16 June 2024, Brigette Liddelov, OLMC Parish Safeguarding Officer, will give a talk at all the Masses to update you on matters of importance.

PLANNED GIVING: Dear Parishioners, our new Planned Giving year begins on 1 July 2024! We thank you most sincerely for your generosity in support of your parish. The second collection meets

the expenses of running the parish. An invitation is offered to all the parishioners to join the parish planned giving scheme as this will assist us to budget within the year.

PRIEST and SECRETARY TEMPORARY OFFICE: Fr Michael's and Parish Secretary's Offices are temporarily in the Meeting Room while tradespeople are working through the Presbytery.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8 June

9am Mass: Peter Joseph (Ann)

6pm Mass: Ivan Lyon (RIP - MM) + Idalia Deceased Friends

Sunday 9 June

7.30am Mass: Jose Rebelo (RIP)

9am Mass: For the People

Tuesday 11 June

9am Mass: Peter, Petar, Winnie & Spiro Novak (Ann)

Wednesday 12 June

9am Mass: Tommy O'Brien (1st Ann)

Thursday 13 June

9am Mass: Joaquim Martins, Teresa Da Silva, Anibal De Sousa, Rosa Marques, Jose Augusto, Ana Marques (All RIP)

Friday 14 June

9am Mass: Intention of Donor



GOSPEL

Mk 3: 20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

BELONGING TO JESUS

Just before today's Gospel, the crowds following Jesus continue to grow forcing him to preach from a boat on the Sea of Galilee. They come from far and wide, from Galilee and Judea. The mission is going well, so well that today's passage opens with the crowd gathering again 'so that Jesus and his disciples 'could not even have a meal'.

This Gospel takes the form of a 'Markan sandwich' with one story inserted in the middle of another. The opening lines link to the concluding lines. Common to the whole episode is the theme of belonging to Jesus.

It is unclear exactly who tried to restrain Jesus, convinced he was out of his mind. The Jerusalem Bible indicates this was his family, but the Greek is less clear about who 'they' are. It could be those inside the house with Jesus, the newly appointed Twelve plus other disciples. Or it could be people in the crowd outside preventing them from eating their meal.

Switching to the scribes from Jerusalem, who link to an earlier plot against Jesus, we hear them accuse Jesus of being possessed by Beelzebul. No wonder Jesus speaks of a house divided. He is not recognised as the Messiah by those who should accept him.

Returning to the house, the mother, brothers and sisters of Jesus have arrived, standing outside. Inside Jesus is encircled by a crowd. When advised his family is outside, he declares 'Anyone who does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'. Across the stories, inside and outside, he marks out who is the new family of Jesus.

Dr Rosemary Canavan