

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

9 July 2017

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(All bow during these two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts,

we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

WHO ARE GOD'S 'FAVOURITES'?

The Mediterranean world in Jesus' time was characterised by the patron-client system. Patrons were powerful individuals who controlled the resources and were expected to use their positions to hand out favours to inferiors. They were benefactors who were expected to support city, village and client. Clients, on the other hand, were those dependent upon the largesse of patrons to survive. In return for the favours received, they showed loyalty to the patrons and would publicly honour them.

In the religious sphere, God may be seen as 'patron' because, in the words of Jesus, he is 'Lord of heaven and of earth.' God is the source of human existence and of all creation. Human beings are his 'clients.' In this relationship, holy men such as the prophets are God's brokers. But the broker par excellence is Jesus, God's Son, who intercedes in behalf of men and women.

In the world of Jesus, a patron selected clients and treated them as members of his immediate and extended 'family.' His favourites were loyal family members, military officers and political officials.

What about God? Who are his 'favourites'? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reveals that the primary objects of the Father's patronage are not the 'the learned and the clever.' These are people who are capable of looking after themselves, who may be patrons themselves. Rather, God favours the 'little ones' – the mere children – who are powerless to do or obtain anything for themselves. These are God's favoured ones, to whom Jesus refers when he says: 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs' (Mt 19:14).

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MY YOKE IS EASY. During the Vietnam war a soldier once saw a boy carrying a child on his back. 'He must be heavy,' the soldier remarked. 'He's not heavy,' the boy replied, 'he's my brother.' Hopefully, we experience the yoke of Jesus as light and easy. Serving others and living the Gospel can be burdensome at times but it also brings freedom and joy to our hearts and rest for our souls.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

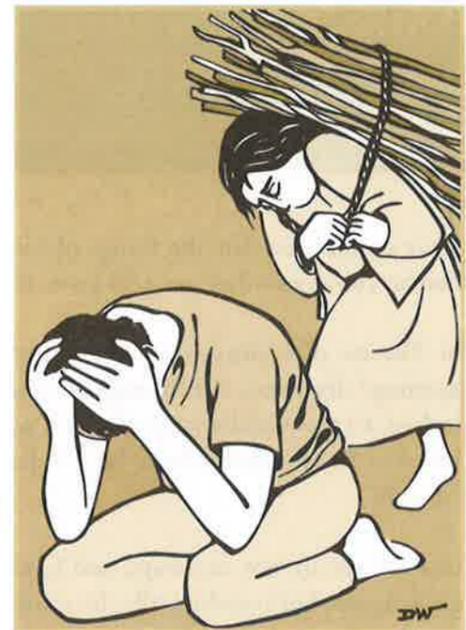
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**



SECOND READING Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.
I am gentle and humble of heart.



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Reflection



Jesus reminds us that the things of God – knowledge of God and relationship with God – cannot be plundered by human cleverness; they are gifts given to those who are childlike, and who know how to receive these gifts.

St Therese of Lisieux is a witness to this truth of the gospel. She received the things of God, not through her own learning/cleverness, but through her childlike attitude of simplicity, poverty, and humility in her relationship with God. Indeed, to the worldly wise/clever, it seems scandalous that she is proclaimed a “Doctor of the Church”. Yet, the Lord has seen fit to communicate his revelation to her, which has been a blessing for countless numbers of people in the Church.

God’s ways are not our ways; and God does not simply follow human logic. We come to intimacy with God not by growing-up, but paradoxically, by growing-down. In revealing and giving himself, God has a predilection for the “little ones”. In accepting Jesus’ invitation to come to him, we come to meet “the God of Jesus” – a God of unconditional love – who loves not only the virtuous, but also – and especially – the sinner, the struggling one

Prayer by St. Ignatius

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke, Renata, Richard Hughes.

The Deceased: Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech, Nell Moylan, Norman and Josephine Slattery, John Chaplian, Richard Charles Leo Carroll, Fritz Shroader, Leith Myerson, Monsignor John Walsh, Maria Lydia Fretas, Cezat and Teofila Buer, John Jodeph Cannon, Patricia Scharrer, Ethell Purcell.



Weekly Liturgies

Sunday Mass
St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm
St Therese (Sat night vigil): 5pm
Weekday Mass
St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay: Tue-Fri 9am
Confession
Tues-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)
Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30am-9am
Rosary after 9am Mass.

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Message From Pope Francis

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we find Jesus’ invitation, “Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Mt 11:28). When Jesus says this, he has before him the people he meets every day on the streets of Galilee: very many simple people, the poor, the sick, sinners, those who are marginalised ... These people always followed him to hear his word — a word that gave hope! Jesus’ words always give hope! — and even just to touch a hem of his garment. Jesus himself sought out these tired, worn-out crowds, like sheep without a shepherd, and he sought them out to proclaim to them the Kingdom of God and to heal many of them in body and spirit.

Now, he calls them all to himself, “Come to me,” and he promises them relief and rest. This invitation of Jesus reaches to our day, and extends to the many brothers and sisters oppressed by life’s precarious conditions, by existential and difficult situations and at times lacking valid points of reference. In the poorest countries, but also on the outskirts of the richest countries, there are so many weary people, worn out under the unbearable weight of neglect and indifference. Indifference: human indifference causes the needy so much pain! And worse, the indifference of Christians! On the fringes of society, so many men and women are tried by indigence, but also by dissatisfaction with life and by frustration. So many are forced to emigrate from their homeland, risking their lives. Many more, every day, carry the weight of an economic system that exploits human beings, imposing on them an unbearable “yoke”, which the few privileged do not want to bear. To each of these children of the Father in heaven, Jesus repeats, “Come to me, all of you.” But, he also says it to those who have everything, but whose heart is empty and without God. Even to them, Jesus addresses this invitation, “Come to me.” Jesus’ invitation is for everyone. But especially for those who suffer the most.

Jesus promises to give rest to everyone, but he also gives us an invitation, which is like a commandment, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart.” The “yoke” of the Lord consists in taking on the burden of others with fraternal love. Once Christ’s comfort and rest is received, we are called in turn to become rest and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a docile and humble attitude, in imitation of the Teacher. Docility and humility of heart help us not only to take on the burden of others, but also to keep our personal views, our judgments, our criticism, or our indifference from weighing on them.

St Mary Magdalene Roster—16th July

16th July	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Elizabeth Moore		
Info Desk		Isabella Zucco	
1st Reader	Danuta Aaron	Stuart Green	Thomas Jones
2nd Reader	Margaret Mayo	Hazel Mezger	Margaret Douglas
Eucharistic Minister	Tina Dahdah Lucie Priestly	Sue Heavener Narelle Hills	Thomas Jones
Acolyte/Altar Servers	Pauk, John, Saxon/ Anthony Williams	Tricia/John & Michael Oliveri, Jay Mabee	

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—15th July

Commentator— Trish Persson
First Reader— David Scarf
Second Reader— Patti McGowen
Acolyte/Senior Server— Tom McNamara

Announcements



- CATHOLICCARE.....** You can help refugee families fleeing war by donating to our 2017 EOFY Appeal. Call us on 131819 or visit our website at www.catholiccare.org. CatholicCare Sydney: Helping families live and thrive



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- Australian Catholic Youth Festival** This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, see our website www.acyf.org.au