

**Monday-Saturday, 25th-30th October 2021**

**30th Week in Ordinary Time - Year 1**

**MONDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**READING:** *Romans 8:12-17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

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.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**PSALM: Our God is the God of salvation.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 13:10-17*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

One sabbath day Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who for eighteen years had been possessed by a spirit that left her enfeebled: she was bent double and quite unable to stand upright. When Jesus saw her he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are rid of your infirmity' and he laid his hands on her. And at once she straightened up, and she glorified God. But the synagogue official was indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, and he addressed the people present. 'There are six days' he said 'when work is to be done. Come and be healed on one of those days and not on the sabbath.' But the Lord answered him. 'Hypocrites!' he said 'Is there one of you who does not untie his ox or his donkey from the manger on the sabbath and take it out for watering? And this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has held bound these eighteen years – was it not right to untie her bonds on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his adversaries were covered with confusion, and all the people were overjoyed at all the wonders he worked.

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

**PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

**TUESDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**READING:** *Romans 8:18-25*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free, For we must be content to hope that we shall be saved – our salvation is not in sight, we should not have to be hoping for it if it were – but, as I say, we must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet – it is something we must wait for with patience.

**PSALM: The Lord has done marvels for us.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:18-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said, 'What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it with? It is like a mustard seed which a man took and threw into his garden: it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air sheltered in its branches.'

Another thing he said, 'What shall I compare the kingdom of God with? It is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

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**WEDNESDAY**

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

**READING: Romans 8:26-30**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**PSALM: All my hope, O Lord, is in your loving kindness.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel, to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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**THURSDAY**

*Feast of Sts Simon and Jude, apostles*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: These are the holy men whom the Lord chose in his own perfect love; to them he gave eternal glory.**

The "Glory to God in the highest" is said.

READING: *Ephesians 2:19-22*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

You are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the spirit.

**PSALM: Their message goes out through all the earth.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you; the glorious company of apostles praise you. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Luke 6:12-19*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus went out into the hills to pray; and he spent the whole night in prayer to God. When day came he summoned his disciples and picked out twelve of them; he called them 'apostles': Simon whom he called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot who became a traitor. He then came down with them and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. People tormented by unclean spirits were also cured, and everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him because power came out of him that cured them all.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him.**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

READING: *Romans 9:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**PSALM: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Luke 14:1-6*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Now on a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. There in front of him was a man with dropsy, and Jesus addressed the lawyers and Pharisees. 'Is it against the law' he asked 'to cure a man on the sabbath, or not?' But they remained silent, so he took the man and cured him and sent him away. Then he said to them, 'Which of you here, if his son falls into a well, or his ox, will not pull him out on a sabbath day without hesitation?' And to this they could find no answer.

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**SATURDAY**  
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**READING:** *Romans 11:1-2. 11-12. 25-29*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Let me put a question: is it possible that God has rejected his people? Of course not. I, an Israelite, descended from Abraham through the tribe of Benjamin, could never agree that God had rejected his people, the people he chose specially long ago.

Let me put another question then: have the Jews fallen for ever, or have they just stumbled? Obviously they have not fallen for ever: their fall, though, has saved the pagans in a way the Jews may now well emulate. Think of the extent to which the world, the pagan world, has benefited from their fall and defection – then think how much more it will benefit from the conversion of them all.

There is a hidden reason for all this, brothers, of which I do not want you to be ignorant, in case you think you know more than you do. One section of Israel has become blind, but this will last only until the whole pagan world has entered, and then after this the rest of Israel will be saved as well. As scripture says: The liberator will come from Zion, he will banish godlessness from Jacob. And this is the covenant I will make with them when I take their sins away.

The Jews are enemies of God only when with regard to the Good News, and enemies only for your sake; but as the chosen people, they are still loved by God, loved for the sake of their ancestors. God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

**PSALM:** The Lord will not abandon his people.

**ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia!

**Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 14:1. 7-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now on a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely.

He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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**Helping Our Children to Connect Safely**

**Running from 23 to 31 October 2021, Children's Week** is a national celebration recognising the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. To celebrate Children's Week, the Archdiocese of Melbourne is highlighting the issue of online safety with parents, carers, parish leaders, staff and volunteers, and with the children in our parishes. Our hope is that we might support efforts to keep children safe as, increasingly, they use digital technology to connect to activities in their parish, and with their peers and family. To celebrate Children's Week, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is highlighting the issue of online safety with parents, carers, parish leaders, staff and volunteers, and with the children in our parishes. Our hope is that we might support efforts to keep children safe as, increasingly, they use digital technology to connect to activities in their parish, and with their peers and family. Information technology is now used in virtually every home in Australia. The Archdiocese of Melbourne has produced a number of useful resources on many aspects of child protection, including online safety.

[Protecting God's Children resource](#) and [suggested reading list](#);  
['Feel Safe and Be Safe at Our Church' poster](#)  
['Electronic Communication including Social Media' fact sheet](#)  
[Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)



**Pope's Prayer intention for October 2021**  
**Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples**

"We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."  
– Pope Francis"