

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

## 2nd - 3rd November 2019

**First Reading:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sin so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14. R. see v.1

**R/** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Jn 3:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**In today's gospel story Zacchaeus repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor. By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham. As last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation. We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And with Paul's prayer in today's Letter let us pray that 'God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus'.**



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### Today Salvation has come to this House!

If we were looking for a text that sums up the message of the Gospel of Luke and the mission of Jesus, we would find it in today's reading... "The Son of man came to seek and to save the lost" (Lk 19:10)

The story of Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector, featured today together with stories about Jesus' teachings on faith and prayer, receiving outcasts and advice about the use of the world's possessions, illustrates that Jesus' mission and teaching was to draw all into the goodness and mercy of God who loves us and all creation just as we are.

Zacchaeus may have been small in stature, but he was a man of substance. In Jesus' day tax collectors were not popular people. They were seen as collaborators with the Romans and despised by many. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required, so that they could make a profit for themselves at the expense of the tax payers. Considered sinners and despised by their countrymen, one certainly would not 'dine' with them. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour Zacchaeus by staying at his house.



Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone searching for salvation. Seeing crowds surrounding Jesus, he makes a bit of a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognises the faith of this 'tax collector' and calls him down. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, offering to give half of his property to the poor and to recompense those he has cheated, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation when he says, "I have come to seek out and save what was lost. Today

salvation has come to this house. "Reciprocally Zacchaeus embraces the mercy and forgiveness of God in the friendship of Jesus and changes his ways.

In this incident, we see Jesus for what he was and remains, 'the friend of sinners', and therefore our friend; who helps and heals when others only criticise and condemn!

So, from the bottom of our needy and yearning hearts, let us pray today as never before: 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul (i.e. I myself) will be healed'.

**Office Hours:**

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Jan Szwedra, SVD

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Belinda Cooney, Teresa Dang,

Kay Dufty, Robert Dullard (Chair),

Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz,

Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szwedra

**Parish Council Members:**

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Tony Eley,

Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai,

Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau,

Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solo-

mon Konchakara, Natalie Baran

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Pauline O'Day (President)

Ph: 9484 2445

**Parish Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

**Weekday Masses:**

**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

**Healing Mass:** 1st Thursday of

the month at 1.30pm

**Devotional Practices:**

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament:** Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (Eng) &

Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

**Reconciliation:**

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment


**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

**Child Safety Commitment**

At Sacred Heart Preston we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish. Our parish has zero tolerance of child abuse and all children are entitled to, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect. We all have an obligation to do the best we can to keep children safe from harm and abuse. We are committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early and then reducing or removing them. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

**Parish Dinner Dance**

 Thank you to Mary Harb and her Team for organising and conducting the Parish Dinner Dance last Saturday night. The Team worked hard for several weeks to prepare the event. Thank you for your effort and your heart that was put into it. It was a wonderful night for those who came. It was great to see people enjoying each other's company and friendship, the music and dance, the food and drinks...I can say that "The Family that plays together, stays together". In total, \$2,000 was raised for our Parish, but the family spirit and the joy the event generated are of much more value than the cash raised. Thank you for a job well done!


**Dates to Remember**

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** 1.30pm  
Mass with Anointing of the Sick
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Priestly Ordination of Deacon Anthony Chanthavong at St. Pascal's, 100 Albion Rd, Box Hill - 10am
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Fr Anthony Chanthavong's First Mass at Sacred Heart - 6pm
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Children's Liturgy - 10.30am
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** World Day of the Poor

**Welcome!**

This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Maxwell John Considine** into our Parish family

**Parish Renovation / Development**

 Parishioners who like to take part in a session in which next stages of renovation of our church will be presented and discussed are invited to remain in church after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Last Week's Collection: 27/10/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1210.90  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$802.90  
*Thank you for your kind generosity!*



**Sacred Heart Parish Prayer**

**Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Sacred Heart School Family Dinner Dance**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**Time: 6.30pm - 10.30pm**  
(Food served from 7pm)

**Where: Sacred Heart Hall, 85 David Street, Preston**  
**Adults \$35, Children 4-12 years \$15, u/3 are free.**

Dinner: (Main course & dessert provided)  
BYO Soft Drinks & Alcohol

Lots of dancing with a DJ, raffle and prizes on the night!  
**Tables of up to 8 people.** Book a table or purchase seats on a table. Bring along family and friends! To purchase tickets, book online and pay by credit card at: <https://www.trybooking.com/553964> or fill out a booking form available in the church foyer and return to the school in a named envelope with payment, by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

A table booking sheet will also be on display in the School Foyer. Enquiries: Jodie Foster 0417 337 489 or email: [sacredheartpandf@shpreston.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sacredheartpandf@shpreston.catholic.edu.au)



**Catholic Theological College:**

**Study Tour of the Biblical Lands Information Session**

When: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm to 4pm  
Where: 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne Victoria  
Study tour is to take place between 14<sup>th</sup> November – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Jordan, Israel & Palestinian Territories and Greece and option for 3 days in Crete and Delphi  
Tour Leaders: Dr. Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM  
RSVP & further information: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314  
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**Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students**

Mercy Connect Melbourne – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers end of November 2019.  
Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)  
Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)  
Mercy Connect Melbourne - Telephone: 9326 1895



**Mary MacKillop Today**

Mary MacKillop (15<sup>th</sup> January 1842 – 8<sup>th</sup> August 1909), is Australia's first Saint. She was born in Melbourne to Scottish immigrants. Although the family struggled financially, Mary's father ensured his children received a quality education at home. This instilled Mary with a heart for education and for the poor from a young age.

Mary moved to Penola, South Australia, to take up work as a governess, but found herself moved by the plight of poor children there and knew she had to do something. She and Father Julian Tenison-Woods started a Catholic school open to all children, regardless of their means.

As other young women were inspired to join in Mary's ministry, the Sisters of St Joseph – the first order of sisters begun by an Australian – was founded. Their commitment was to the poor, and their mission to go wherever they were needed. Mary and her companions served all over Australia; Mary MacKillop Today has taken up Mary's legacy to some of the most remote parts of Australia and beyond our shores in Timor-Leste, Peru, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. We are opening up the doors of education, promoting good health and providing opportunities for creating a sustainable income for those in the most neglected parts of God's vineyard right here in Australia and overseas. We are doing this through our tertiary scholarships for indigenous students, through our financial inclusion education in rural New South Wales as well as with our teacher training, parents education and the development of literacy resources around the world. We hope you join us in continuing Mary's passion for education. You are welcome to support our project by sending your donation in envelopes provided the church foyer.

**Masses for the Deceased in Support of Poor Priests**

November is the month of Holy Souls. Masses can be arranged through Aid to the Church in Need for your deceased loved ones. One hundred percent of your Mass offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas, who will celebrate Mass for your intentions.  
Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings](http://www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings) or call 1800 101 201.

**Roster for weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Mary Harb Renato Tonini	Barbara Fitzgerald Marlene Vergou
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Bozzella C.	Gugliotti A. Recchia I.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Judeline Wadhvani Marilene Fortuna	Ivana Lo Bello Giovanna D' Intino
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Carolina Constable Anna Liggieri	Margaret Rankin Sharron Kotz

**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick

*Charmaine Nuqui*



Those who have died recently

*Kathleen Kelly*

We Commemorate

*Vincenzo Capobianco, Biagio Orsini, Vincenzo Roda, Stephanie Silaen, Lucia Stefani and all deceased members of the Biagio Orsini & Felicetti families.*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Masses for the Deceased**

In November, the month we commemorate and pray for all who have gone before us to the Father's House, Masses for all who have been recommended to our prayers will be offered daily from All Souls Day (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November), until Friday (8<sup>th</sup> November). Mass offerings may be put into a box provided for this purpose.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

The Vision Statement for our Parish states that we are a Community...that cares for God's creation and faces our future with hope. During the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council this week, the Council decided to take up this aspect of our Vision as our reflections and celebrations in 2020. The encyclical of Pope Francis *Laudato Si* will provide the bases for our reflections. Further information will be provided early next year. The Council gave approval for ongoing feasibility studies concerning the proposed development of a new Parish meeting place'.

**Interfaith Dialogue**

Some parishioners have expressed interest in knowing more about our Catholic brothers and sisters of other than the Roman Catholic rite, other Christian denominations and other religions. You are invited to the first session on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15 – 8.30 pm in the Presbytery. We will begin our series of meetings with the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. There will be a short presentation from members of the Church and much time for Q & A and informal dialogue. There will also be time for some refreshments.

Please inform Fr Jan after Masses if you would like to attend.

**Cleaning Roster: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
*Cory/Michael*

*Thank you for your help!*

