

## GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Epiphany Pilgrimage: Journey through the Blue Mountains this January

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage walk or join in the parish festivities, visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org). To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

## Heavenly Grace House

Heavenly Grace House was founded by Tu Doan Thien Phuc in 2001. It is situated at the Sacred Heart's Parish in Cu Chi District, which is about 30kms from Saigon, Vietnam. Currently, the sisters from this Order look after more than 80 orphans most of whom are also disabled. They came from families with serious problems and so their parents are not able to care for them.

This weekend, the sisters from Tu Doan Thien Phuc will sell products made by the orphans to raise funds in order to care for them and help with their education. They will be here Sunday after 8AM and 10 AM Masses. We encourage you to support the sisters in doing their wonderful work.



## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police.

If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or

[safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Catechist & Friendship Group:** Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;  
**Youth:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;  
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**Children's Liturgy:** Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;  
**Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;  
**Polish Priests:** 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;  
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**LaSalle Catholic College:** 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;  
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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am,  
10am (Children's Liturgy),  
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday** - 8.00am

**Wednesday** - 8.00am

**Thursday** - 8.00am

**Friday** - 9.00am

**Saturday** - 8.00am

## Nursing Home Masses

NIL

## Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

## DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** Saturday 7.00am.

**Rosary:** Saturday 8.25am.

**Divine Mercy Prayer:**  
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm  
Or by appointment.

**Marriages:** By arrangement with  
at least 6 months notice.

**Care for the Sick:** Any time.  
Please call the Presbytery.

**Baptisms:** Preparation classes are  
held in the Presbytery on the  
1st Sunday of each month  
after 10AM Mass .

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish. The CWF funds the following ministries:



*CatholicCare;*  
*Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD); Ephpheta Centre; Aboriginal Catholic Ministry;*  
*The Seminaries;*  
*Chaplaincies.*

Appeal envelopes will be provided **next weekend** for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
**Alleluia!**

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

**This weeks readings** - Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

**Next Weekend:** 31st Sun in Ord Time - Year C.  
**Readings:** Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2; Luke 19:1-10

# 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C - 27th October 2019

## Welcome Year 4

This weekend we welcome year 4 children from the primary school and their families who are helping with the liturgy for the Sunday 10am Mass.

## Cemetery Meeting

The next Cemetery meeting is on this Tuesday 29th October commencing at 10am in the presbytery. Members are asked to please bring your paperwork from the previous meeting for further discussion.

## Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee meeting will be in the presbytery on Tuesday 29th October at 7pm.

## Music news: We are looking for Pianists and/or Organists

Are you a gifted Piano player or Organist? The Parish are seeking to find a Pianist or Organist who would be able to offer their services on occasion at the 10am Mass. This commitment would be once a month/two months or you may be called upon for special occasions.

Please do think about whether you can offer your talents to serve the Lord, lead others into worship and beautify the Mass. Training in liturgical music will be provided.

Contact Alison on 0421660187.

## Mass Intentions:

**Recently Deceased:** Catherine Rouss Sawan

**Anniversary:** Phaolo Phan Van Loc; Maria Nguyen Thi Tuu; Guise Hoang Minh Trung; Jack Vincent; Thelma Shuttleworth; Anna Thong; Joseph Mau; Matheo Maria; Victor De Silva; Dominig Goh; Matilda Gomez; Vincente Vu Dinh Kim.

**Deceased:** Deceased members of Vincent & Lander families.

**Sick:** Christopher Amodeo, Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Linda Yusnanda; Nivea Wani; David Ngaue; Diana Emilie Perez (*daughter of Rosa House*); Lillian Jaja.

## Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	27 OCTOBER	8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Kalisiana Mar	Joseph Dang	Mary O'Hea	Charbel Eltarraf	
Reader	Gabrielle Nguyen	Robyn Molloy	Thu Ha Kim	Elias Eltarraf	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Minister	Judy Jones	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
Minister	Gloria Booby	Melanie Campisi	Jeannette Chong	Loreto Eduardo	
Choir	SDMG	SSOG	St Felix	SMMC	

### 3 NOVEMBER

Comm	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Anthony Rowe	
Reader	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
Minister	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	St Felix	Youth Choir

	27 October	3 November	Notes:
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 1 ( <i>see notes</i> )	SSOG: Singing Servants of God
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	Polish Group	SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group
SVDP	D Rodrigues	Andrew Nguyen	SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir
Children's Liturgy	Family Mass	Ligaya	Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui ( <i>Florist</i> )
Morning Tea	E & B Valencia	E & B Valencia	

Reflection

## Pray in thanksgiving

In the family, one sometimes observes a level of competition between children for parent attention, for acknowledgement of their abilities. Somehow, children seem to internalize that the attention given to one member of the family diminishes the attention given to another. In this way, children can often sound like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable. Parents who provide continual reminders to their children that they are loved for who they are, not for what they do, help children develop a healthy spirituality.

As a family, talk about what it means to compare oneself to another. Discuss whether it is helpful to compare oneself to another. In what ways might this be positive? (when it motivates one to use one's talents) In what circumstances might this be unhelpful? (when it proves discouraging, when it prevents one from valuing the abilities of another)

As a family, read today's Gospel, Luke 18:9-14. Discuss: What was wrong about the prayer of the Pharisee? How can we emulate the prayer of the tax collector?

Pray together as a family in thanksgiving for the blessing that is each member of your family. Pray that your family will be free from unhealthy competition. Pray in thanksgiving that God's love for us is unconditional.

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## Prayer for Rain

Prayer for Rain God Our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life, and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us. We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land, our starving animals and our failing produce. Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought. In your loving providence, send abundant rain soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land.

We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things. Amen.

(From Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green of Wilcannia-Forbes.)

## Walk with Christ

The annual CBD Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession will take place this year at 2.30pm on **Sunday, 24 November**; the Feast of Christ the King. Participants will gather for the start on the corner of Martin Place and Pitt St. There is a Prayer Intention book in the Church foyer where you may write your prayers of petition in. This book will then be carried during the procession to be presented to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. For more details visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist).

## Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

**Christopher Colm Carey**

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

## Seminary Open Day

Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary will hold an Open Day on Sunday 10th November 2019 from 2pm until 4pm at 106 Gurney Road, Chester Hill. Afternoon Tea will be served at 3pm and the day will finish with Vespers sung by the Seminarians at 4pm. Details & Inquiries 9726 8114 or visit [seminary.org.au/OpenDay](http://seminary.org.au/OpenDay)

## Send a Seminarian Home for Christmas

Please contact the Seminary on 9726 8114 for details on how to buy raffle tickets or visit our webpage [seminary.org.au/raffle](http://seminary.org.au/raffle) to help send an overseas-born Seminarian Home for Christmas with his family. The draw will take place at Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, 106 Gurney Rd Chester Hill on 24th November 2019