

want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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GREATNESS THROUGH SERVICE

James and John were two especially privileged disciples. Called on the first day of Jesus' ministry with Peter and Andrew, they were special witnesses to the raising of Jairus' daughter and to the Transfiguration. While the other disciples knew this, they were not prepared for their audacious and ambitious request to share in Jesus' reign. Jesus had no sooner predicted, for the second time, the fate that awaited him in Jerusalem than they revealed their complete failure to comprehend Jesus' message. Their request unmasked their ambition and desire for power. Service and giving oneself for others are to be the hallmark of the Christian community, and the manner in which greatness is to be expressed. Like the suffering servant of Isaiah who takes on the punishment which is due to others Jesus will give his life so that others might live. This is what is required of those who would be leaders in the Christian community.

In speaking of Jesus as the great and eternal high priest there was the danger that early Christians would then feel in some way distant from the one who had saved them. The letter to the Hebrews makes the point that even though Jesus' death and resurrection have brought him into the highest heaven he has not lost sight of the people. That Jesus was without sin does not mean that he does not understand our human situation. He has shared our human experience and is therefore able to mediate on our behalf with mercy and grace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over

he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord. is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to



the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we

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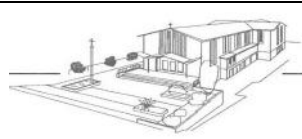
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From my desk

Greetings to one and all. I hope some of you have had the opportunity to obtain a haircut, with your barber, hair stylist or beauty therapist! We are on our way out of lockdown with 80% vaccinations soon approaching. The Archbishop has advised to reopen churches from Monday, 25 October. So, our weekday masses will recommence with 7am Tues, Wed and Friday at St Agnes' with a 9am mass on Thursday. At St Andrew's, Tues, Wed and Friday at 9am. Let us hope and pray that St Agnes' will be up and running after stage one of renovations. Our recommenced Sunday masses 30th/31st October will be as usual. At St Agnes' - Vigil Saturday at 5.30pm, Sunday 10am. At St Andrew's - Vigil Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am. There will be some Covid restrictions still in place, but I will speak about that next week. I hope to see as many as I can at our Masses. If you have any questions, please call the parish offices of St Andrew's and St Agnes'. Live streamed Masses will continue on Sunday's from St Andrew's, after lockdown has concluded, and up and coming live mass will be advertised in the bulletin in the week prior.

In concern with our Sacraments, we are contacting parents regarding baptismal dates and baptism information evenings. Our First Holy Communion which will be for those children in Year 3 from our St Andrew's and St Agnes', Catholic Primary School. In concern with our State School children, there is a practice in this Parish that they receive their First Holy Communion in Year 4. St Andrew's Year 3 First Holy Communion will be on 7 November, 10.30am and 12.15pm. St Agnes', Year 3 First Holy Communion, will be celebrated on, 14 November at 11.30am. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for St Andrew's on Tuesday, 30th November (Parish Feast Day) 6.30pm and at St Agnes', Wednesday, 1 December, at 6.30pm. Because of Covid restrictions, Bishop Umbers will only be able to celebrate the St Agnes' Confirmation and has given me delegation to confirm the St Andrew's candidates for Confirmation. There will be an information evening and registration letters for First Holy Communion, given to parents very shortly with all the details together with a (parents) and candidate attending a Commitment Mass.

The school boom gate will soon be in operation. The school had it installed for the children's safety. If you are coming to the 9am weekday masses at St Andrew's and wish to park in the church/school grounds, just press the buzzer and inform the school staff that you are coming to mass, and they will open the boom gate for you. Once you are in and wish to depart, approach the Boom gate and it will open automatically. If you have any concerns with the operation of the boom gate during school hours, please direct your enquiries to St Andrew's Primary School (9311-1203).

Please keep Bob Donnelly in your prayers, who passed away this week. May he rest in Peace. Bob used to pay the organ at St Agnes'. His funeral will be at St Andrew's this Wednesday, 20 October, at 11am. There is a 100 limit to attend the funeral, I think if you wished to attend, it would be ok.

God bless you all and keep safe and well.

Fr John

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/



Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as the original custodians of this land

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Annette Auld, Robert Donnelly, Victor Ballard, Fr Anthony Simari, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Xavier & Louise Micallef, Maree Knight, The McDonald Family,

Som Luks, Molly Quinnett Denise & Albert Absi, Gisele & Nasri Baccash,

Dr Ralph Baccash, Joe Camelleri .Aldo Viselli and on the 19th Anniversary of the Bali Bombing: Gayle Airlie, Cathy

Seelin, Geradine and Steven Buchan, Tom Singer and all those who died in Bali.

The Sick: Fares Tadros, Emilia Grace Kelly and all the sick, dying, poor and homeless.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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 afeguardingenquiries@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.

Where will Fr John be??

Every Sunday 9.00am Mass Livestreamed

Tuesday - Friday 9am

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