

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever:
it is the word given to you, the Good

News.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

INCREASE OUR FAITH

On the journey of faith there are moments when we may lose heart or be discouraged. Faced with opposition or misunderstanding it is no easy matter to maintain our trust in the Lord. At times the responsibilities of our Christian lives may be experienced as a burden. Like the first disciples, we find ourselves turning to Jesus saying, 'increase our faith!'

When we look around us there is so much suffering caused by injustice and our violence to one another. It is only natural that we question how God's plans will come to fruition when they clash head-on with human weakness. Habakkuk found himself dealing with many of the same issues. His time was one of violence and his hope and faith in God's power and the realisation of God's plans was flagging. Habakkuk is reminded in a vision that while the wheels move slowly, they are moving nonetheless, and God's purposes will come to pass for the upright who remain faithful.

In the second letter to him, Timothy is also called not to lose heart and remain faithful to his responsibilities as a young pastor. Having been commissioned and called to this ministry he may have been discouraged by its demands and complexity. The sound advice that is given is to remember there is no need to rely solely on his own resources. The precious gift of the Spirit has been given. In the ministry of leadership, it is the Spirit that will guide, empower and strengthen – there is no need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

2 OCTOBER 2022

FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**



3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October The Month of The Rosemary



Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney



Please pray for
the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Geoff Reid, Lovro Skvorc, es Chapman, Joan Ryan, Judy Kelly, Agata Fichera and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane, Tomo and Pavrica Hasanovic

Anniversary: Dorothy Hall, Giovanni Andreatta, Jim Walshe, Moya Buckley, Jenny Moy, Yolande & Robert Aquilina, Louisa & Xavier Micallef, Gail Lippmann, Ross Ponder, John Hines, Antonio Lopes, Merle Robertson, Yvonne Plumber, Tom Fitzpatrick, Dymna Fownes, Sarkis Pireh, Victor Bonifacio and Reg Foster.

The Sick: Roy Burton, Milton Scott, Maria Reilly, Lachlan Strawbridge, Josh Peel-Yates; Tina Maria, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes and those suffering from Covid.



Where will Fr. John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday - 8 October 5.30 pm at St Agnes' Matrville
Sunday - 9 October 9.00 am at St Andrew's Malabar (Livestreamed)

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube.



SCAN ME



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar — Matrville
With the beginning of Daylight Savings when we spring ahead one hour this weekend, we are certainly in the season of Spring. The Church uses the seasons of the year to draw people

attention to the liturgical seasons of the Church. Sadly, we however, who are in the southern hemisphere don't get the full appreciation of our seasons of the year and the Church's calendar are opposite to our northern hemisphere cousins. So as the light and length of days increase in the northern hemisphere at the beginning of the year (their Spring then summer) they celebrate Easter, while our Easter is celebrated in Autumn then into Winter. We somewhat have lost that reflection, nevertheless, this does not effect take away from our devotion and love of the liturgy. So, our days and light are getting longer now, and for us "down under" that celebration of the nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ will soon be upon us once again. Let us prepare well, and be mindful to those in need.

This is our halfway point of school holidays; I hope that all are enjoying their time. I am very much thinking about our High School Certificate students as they prepare for their examinations and their families. We pray to St Joseph of Cupertino that they obtain the answers from their hard studies. Parishioners and students may like to visit our website for the prayer to St Joseph. **God Bless — Fr John**

THANK YOU FROM FR. BIJOY

A big thank you to all the parishioners of St Andrew's and St Agnes' who welcomed me kindly into their parishes and their hearts. It has been a memorable and joy-filled experience for me. For those who would like to contact me in Rome over the next year, my address for letters is:

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We welcome **Lexi Lola Miller, Macey Pauline Mooney and Ava Maria Pace** into our Parish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Sunday, 2 October 2022 at St Agnes'.

St. Agnes Parish congratulates Roger Ibbott and Charles George who have retired this year from the St. Vincent de Paul Society after a combined 80+ years of service to the local needy.

Parish Outing to Bilpin Fruit Farm on Tuesday, 15th November 2022.

Cost \$50, includes morning tea, lunch at Penrith RSL and coach fare.

Final payment by Sunday, 16 October. Contact: Kathy 9311-1749 or Marie 9661-7186

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 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.