



Gospel Lk 17:5-10

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."' "

Reflection *Nick Brodie*

The dynamic between the apostles and Jesus revealed in this week's Gospel is fascinating. Tellingly, rather than asking for Jesus to increase their faith, they tell him to. There are similarities here in wanting to have the best seats at feasts, to be seen as the most devout person in the temple, and so on. This Gospel passage is part of Luke's wider narrative arc which shows Jesus upending social conventions and questioning mindsets of self-aggrandisement.

Also important is what is at stake. The apostles rather naively see faith as some measurable thing which they can possess in greater or lesser amounts. Jesus turns this view of faith on its head by telling them that even with a smidgen of faith they could do great things. Faith is not meant to be accumulated; it is meant to spark action. That Jesus then goes on to speak of servants doing their duty further underlines his point that the apostles' desire for faith needs to be redirected to action.

With this in mind, we might well ask ourselves whether our faith is just about making us feel holier; or do we 'hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and do something about it?'

The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

2 October 2022

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

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.'

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 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing 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.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;

it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

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SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
Spanish Speaking Mass 12:30pm; Filipino Mass monthly 4th Sunday at 12:15pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday (Communion Service) 8:30am, Tuesday 7pm,
Wednesday - Saturday 8:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am to 3:00pm Mon - Fri

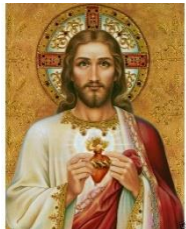
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Next week: 28th Ordinary (C): 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 1:6-8-13; Luke 17:11-19.

Fr Stan writes ...

On Friday (7th October), the Church celebrates the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**. This feast was established by Pope Pius V on the anniversary of the naval victory won by the Christian fleet at Lepanto in 1571. The victory was attributed to the help of Mary whose aid was invoked through praying the Rosary. The Feast invites us to meditate upon the mysteries of Christ, following the example of Mary who was so singularly associated with the incarnation, passion and resurrection of the Son of God. I encourage you to join us for Mass and Rosary on this day commencing at 8:30am. If you are unable to join us, maybe you can find five minutes in your day to pray a decade of the Rosary with your families for peace in the world.

On the same day, (7th October), we have **our First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Mass** commencing at 7:00pm.



First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well as the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Holy Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

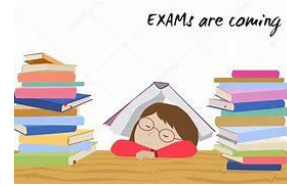
Friday, 7th October commencing at 7:00pm – All welcome!

Live streamed on www.holyspiritnorthryde.org.au



SAINT MICHAEL MISSION SOCIETY INC. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society will take place on **Tuesday 18th October beginning with Holy Mass at 7pm.** For members of the Society, please note that your subscription becomes due on the Feast of St Michael (29th September). Thank you for your ongoing support.

For more information about the work of the Society, please contact Nadia Caravello Public Officer/Treasurer SMMS Inc on 0419 269 692



HSC STUDENTS: With the HSC exams fast approaching, next **Sunday 9th October at the 5:00pm Mass**, there will be a special blessing for all those students sitting their HSC and other exams. This will be an opportunity to pray for our parish students and continue to support them in prayer throughout their exams.

To promote **Devotion to the Holy Rosary**, the **Legion of Mary** circulates a **Marian Statue** to homes in the Parish. Rosary will be prayed with the family and the statue will remain at the home for 1 or 2 weeks.

If you want to be a part of this devotion, please contact **Jojo** 0438 783 641; **Mariola** 0490 040 185; **Lola** 9888 6792



We welcome into our Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism **Coco Julienne Hedges** and congratulate her family.



Why do we have the Catechumenate?

When people enter your home for the first time, it is hospitable to welcome them! In simplest terms, this is the idea behind the Catechumenate. The Catechumenate is the process of initiation through which people are baptised Christians. After a period of preparation, the *catechumens* are baptised, confirmed and receive the eucharist at the Easter vigil. A period of further catechesis follows. Various smaller rituals are celebrated at points along the overall journey.

In the early Church, initiation was a joyous celebration of the immersion of the newly baptised into the Christian community. Over the centuries, however, the communal orientation of this process died out. Until recently, more often than not, 'converts' slipped into the Sunday pews unannounced, uncelebrated.

In 1972, under the name Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA) the ancient Catechumenate was revived as the norm for adult baptism. Its introduction has challenged parishes to develop a greater spirit of welcome and celebration involving the whole parish community in the way it relates to enquirers and newcomers. The Catechumenate today is gradually becoming an established part of parish life.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or in enquiring about our Catholic faith, please tell them to contact Cathy Raccosta at hsnrria@gmail.com

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF:

Giuseppe Mastroianni – Funeral Mass on Wednesday 5th October at 11:30am.
George Maiolo recently deceased.

Also, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale & Teresa Papandrea, Tony Bietola, Giovanni & Santina Bietola, John & Robyne Bietola, Sam Tedesco, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo & Paul Scicluna, Fr Kevin O'Grady, Jim Kane, Ellen Brown, Kevin O'Connor.