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October 2 – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



This text comes as Jesus is journeying towards Jerusalem, and he has already informed his disciples that he will suffer many things there (Luke 9:44–45). In the verses just prior to this text, Jesus has told the disciples that they must constantly forgive wrongs that are done to them. It is little wonder that the disciples are confused and beg Jesus to increase their faith. They want to believe in him, but some of the things he teaches are very difficult. Jesus explains that even a little faith can work miracles.

The second part of this text is confusing. The servant in question is probably very grateful that he has a field to plough or sheep to tend and a home to return to. He is utterly dependent on the master, and it would be a disorder if the master served the servant! We too are dependent on God, who provides for all our needs. Our task in return is to serve faithfully. When we have done our best in this, we have done our duty. *(the summit)*

XXVII Domenica del tempo ordinario (ANNO C)

È un male molto diffuso tra i credenti quello di considerare la fede come un atteggiamento puramente intellettuale, come la semplice accettazione di alcune verità. Cioè una fede che si traduce in una presa di posizione teorica, senza una vera incidenza sulla vita. Questo squilibrio ha come conseguenza lo scandalo della croce: l'esitazione davanti alle difficoltà che incontriamo ogni giorno e che sono sovente insormontabili se noi non siamo abbastanza radicati in Dio. Allora ci rivoltiamo con la stessa reazione insolente e insultante che scopriamo nelle parole del libro di Abacuc.

Le due brevi parabole del testo evangelico ricordano due proprietà della fede: l'intensità e la gratuità. Per mettere in rilievo il valore di una fede minima, ma solida, Cristo insiste sugli effetti che può produrre: cambiare di posto anche all'albero più profondamente radicato. Per insistere sulla fede come dono di Dio, porta l'esempio del servitore che pone il servizio del suo amore prima di provvedere ai suoi propri bisogni. È l'esigenza del servizio del Vangelo che ci ricorda san Paolo (1Tm 1,1), ma questo stesso apostolo ci avverte che "i lavori penosi" trovano sempre l'appoggio della grazia di Dio. *(lachiesa.it)*

Joke of the week

Two old men were sitting in the park watching the world go by.

One said: 'I don't know about you, but at eighty-four my body is full of aches and pains.'

'Oh, I feel like a newborn baby,' said the other.
 'Really?'

'Yes, No teeth, no hair, and I think I've just wet myself.'

(The book of senior jokes)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Maurice, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Blake, Floriano Pivetta, Margherita Costa, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino

Recently deceased: Ellen Deguara, Paola Curatore, Rosa Cimino, Brian Miller, Raffaella Matera, Aldo Bucetti, Giovanni Mantineo, Father Luigi Sabbadin,

Anniversaries: Camillo and Maria Lamonaca, Maria Catalano, Fortunato Mercuri, Gregorio Torchia, Rosaria Scarmozzino, Carmelita Tolliday, Graciano Madamba, Felipe Tangcay, Edilberto Culas, Aaron Weerasinghe, Sherine Adolphus, Shanie Liyanage, Ear De Zilva, Roger Robert, Edward Pawlus, Donato D'Alfonso

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses (Oct 9)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. George

Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake

Sunday 10.30 am : C. Di Giulio

Bus driver: J. Butera

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential.
 Contact the Parish Office.

Parish raffle

Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets for the St. Matthew's Parish raffle.

A sum of \$914 was raised.

Raffle winners have been notified of their winnings.

Thank you also to parishioners that bought a plate to share after the Saturday night mass.

A special thank you to Fresh Meats Australia who generously provided the \$100 voucher as a prize in the raffle.

Change of Parish email contact

To all parishioners of St. Matthew's Parish—please be aware that as of September 27, 2022 the Parish email contact will change to **FawknerNorth@cam.org.au**.

Please update your email contacts to reflect this change.

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The electronic version of the Parish bulletin is available on the Parish website @ <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/>