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October 16 – 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



It is unusual for an evangelist to be so explicit about the meaning of a parable, but here Luke tells us that this parable is ‘about the need to pray continually and never lose heart’. It is quite likely that those who listened to Jesus tell this story were very familiar with judges who were a law unto themselves and who did not dispense justice according to the demands of God and of Jewish Law. Yet even these will be persuaded to act in the face of persistence. As ever with Luke, it is not the rich and powerful who prevail but the poor or the weak—in this case a widow. How much more, then, will God act? He is not like the wicked judge. He will hear the persistent cry, especially of the poor, and will not delay in answering. The real test of our faith in all this is to accept that God may answer our prayers in ways we do not expect or even desire. Prayer does not equate with making demands of God. Instead it is openness to the presence of God in our lives and a willingness to accept his demands of us, whatever they may be. *(the summit)*

XXIX Domenica del tempo ordinario (ANNO C)

Cristo si definisce di fronte ad un mondo diviso in due: quello degli oppressori senza Dio e senza cuore, e quello degli oppressi senza protezione. Egli scopre un peccato: il peccato sociale, più forte che mai, antico quanto l'uomo; ed egli lo analizza in profondità nell'ingenuità di una parabola dalla quale trae un duplice insegnamento. Quello del clamore che sale verso Dio gridando l'ingiustizia irritante in una preghiera fiduciosa e senza risentimento, tenacemente serena e senza scoraggiamenti, con la sicurezza che verrà ascoltata da un giudice che diventa il Padre degli orfani e il consolatore delle vedove. D'altro canto, Gesù stesso prende posizione, rivoltandosi come una forza trasformatrice dell'uomo su questa terra deserta di ogni pietà, per mezzo della risposta personale della sua propria sofferenza, agonizzante, in un giudizio vergognoso, senza difesa e senza colpa. Neanche lui viene ascoltato, ma si abbandona ciecamente a suo Padre, dalla sua croce, che ottiene per tutti la liberazione. La sua unica forza viene dal potere di una accettazione, certa, ma profetica, denunciante. Ci chiede, dalla sua croce: quando ritornerò a voi troverò tutta questa fede, che prega nella rivolta? *(lachiesa.it)*

Catholic Mission Church Appeal

This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal continues the support for the people of Ethiopia. Many community members struggle to earn a stable income to provide for their families, lacking the skills or opportunities to secure work. In collaboration with the local community, Fr. Habte and the local church have begun to build the Goat Rearing Centre, which will provide agricultural training and jobs to desperately needed in the community. However, the Centre can only be built and succeed with partnership and support. Through this appeal, Catholic Mission invites parishioners to follow the call of mission by supporting the community of Emdibir and being a part of this life-changing program.

This year's Word Mission Day Appeal date is scheduled for October 23.
 (Envelopes will be available beforehand for those that wish to donate).

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, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Blake, Floriano Pivetta, Margherita Costa, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Hussan, Joe and Tony, Joe and Monica Zahra, Robert Di Pasquale, Cathy Taviane

Recently deceased: Isagani Layosa Cruz, Settimio Rocci, Most Reverend Hilton Deakin, Salvatore Calvi, Vincenzo Iannazzo, Domenico Cunsulo, Karmela Franin, Ellen Deguara, Paola Curatore, Rosa Cimino, Giovanni Mantineo

Anniversaries: Graciano Madamba, Filomena and Biondo Di Felice, Percy, Audrey, and, Garry Tinker, Giuseppe and Filippo Orifici, Paolo Manuzzo, Giuseppe Aliano, Giovanni Mantineo, Annita Rubino, Ersilia Salvatori, Maria and Mario Salvatore, Piero Ruii, Antonio Esmaque, Charlie and Jarrad Debono, Concetta Portelli, Myrtle and Herbert Eliyathamby, Blossom Weerasinghe, Nisa Noor, Sherlock De Zilwa, Lesley Wallace

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 22/23)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Manovella

Sunday 9.00 am: M. Markis

Sunday 10.30 am : R. Odoardi

Bus driver: B. Tajhano

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.

Safeguarding Children and Young People

St. Matthew's Parish is trying to ensure that child safety is embedded within the culture of our parish and is reflected in the way in which our parish conducts our ministry.

The of the requirements of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework include:

- that all volunteers are required to undertake Working with Children Checks, and,
- that volunteers undergo child safeguarding training.

We will be running child safeguarding sessions for all volunteers on Saturday 5th November, and, Sunday 6th of November immediately after mass in the presbytery. Each session should take 45 minutes.

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/>