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October 30 —31st Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



This text should be contrasted with the story of the rich official who is a righteous man that comes just before it (Luke 18:18–23) but that is not included in the Lectionary readings for this year. In that text, Jesus challenges the rich man to sell all he has and to distribute the proceeds to the poor, but the rich man is unable to give up his wealth. Here, Zacchaeus—also a rich man but considered a sinner—spontaneously offers to give half his wealth away and to make generous restitution to those he has cheated. The response to Jesus of these two characters is in stark contrast. In his undignified climbing of the tree, Zacchaeus is prepared to make himself look ridiculous in order to know Jesus. He has humbled himself in the eyes of the crowd just as the tax collector humbled himself in the temple in last week's gospel. Jesus not only tells parables but lives them in reality. He has searched out the lost, and the encounter leads to conversion and salvation. *(the summit)*

XXXI Domenica del tempo ordinario (ANNO C)

A Gerico si trovava un posto di controllo doganale dell'amministrazione romana. Zaccheo era il capo dei controllori.

Egli aveva sulla coscienza non solo le estorsioni e le malversazioni finanziarie abituali fra i "doganieri" dell'epoca, ma era considerato anche traditore politico e religioso, perché collaborava con i detestati oppressori della Palestina e, anzi, li sosteneva. Non sappiamo quali motivazioni spingessero Zaccheo nel desiderio di vedere Gesù. Nessuno tra la folla degli Ebrei pii gli fa posto in prima fila, né gli permette di salire sul suo tetto e perciò Zaccheo deve salire su un albero. Vedendolo, Gesù, di sua iniziativa, si invita a casa sua. Non solo Zaccheo è pieno di gioia, ma Gesù stesso è felice di poter perdonare il peccatore pentito e di accoglierlo come un figlio prodigo. Gesù esprime la sua gioia con queste parole: "Oggi la salvezza è entrata in questa casa, perché anch'egli è figlio di Abramo". Gesù esprime così il suo amore e il suo completo dedicarsi ai peccatori: sono essi che si sono allontanati, eppure è lui che è venuto a cercarli.

(lachiesa.it)

Joke of the week

After more than thirty years of marriage, during which time he had been constantly under his wife's thumb, a husband finally decided to put his foot down and show her who was the boss.

'From now on, he barked, things around here are going to change. I'll be the one giving the orders. You will cook my dinner as and when I want it, you will wash and iron my clothes without complaint, and you will arrange my best clothes on the bed because tonight I am going to the casino with my friends. And who do you think will be buttoning up my shirt and tying my shoelaces?'

The wife looked at him and replied calmly, 'The undertaker.'

(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, 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, Mena, John Privitera, Emma and Tony Mallozzi

Upcoming funerals: Sebastiano Tuccitto, Friday, 4th November @ 11.00 am

Recently deceased: Sebastiano Tuccitto, Leonardo Rendina, Ferruccio Sansoni, Violette Seggal, Frank Rubini, Eleonora Iacopino, Isagani Layosa Cruz, Salvatore Calvi, Vincenzo Iannazzo, Domenico Cunsulo, Karmela Franin, Fr. Giuseppe Molon

Anniversaries: Vincenzo and Santa D'Aspromonte, Sister Eleen Jones, Michele Malarbi, Settimio Rocci, Peppino and Bellina Butera, Settimio Rocci, Ganna and Paul Pace, Julie Pace, John, Joe, and Frank Pace, William and Margaret McDonough, Mary Nichols, Margaret Clinch

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 (Nov 5/6)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: L. Psaila

Sunday 9.00 am: V. Burgio

Sunday 10.30 am : M. Costa

Bus driver: P. Capasso

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 : (a) that all volunteers are required to undertake Working with Children Checks, and, (b) 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.

St. Vincent De Paul quarterly report (July-September 2022)

Number of families assisted: 55

Adults: 91

Children: 40

Total value of assistance: \$8, 200

Thank you for your support !!

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/>