

Twenty ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 16 - 17 October 2021

# DRINKING THE CUP

One of the images the Bible uses for life is that of a cup. Just as a cup may be filled with a bitter-sweet drink, so the life of each of us could be said to be a mixture of the sweet and the bitter. Its a rich and powerful image.

There may be times when the cup of life is full of bitterness. So bitter we don't want to drink it. Other times the cup may be over-flowing with sweetness. At such times we can't get enough of it. And still at other times the cup may be flat and tasteless. Finally there may be times when the cup of life is empty.

James and John came to Jesus with a very selfish request. To sit at the right hand and the other on the left hand in his kingdom. They obviously thought that Jesus' kingdom would be modelled on worldly kingdoms. Those high places would enjoy honour, glory, and power. Jesus answered by asking them a question: 'Can you drink the cup that I am to drink.?' They immediately replied they could, because they thought it would be a very sweet cup.

Jesus was really asking James and John, 'Are you willing to go through the suffering that I am going to go through?' This was no easy thing – to drink a cup of sacrifice and suffering. Indeed, when the time came for Jesus himself to drink it, he shrank from it. Three times he asked the Father to remove it from him: 'Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by' (Mt 26:39). But added 'yet not my will but thine be done.' And he did drink it.

The apostles didn't know at the time that the Lord's cup would be a very bitter one. Nor did they appreciate their own weakness. So, when the time came, far from drinking the cup with him, they left him to drink the bitter cup alone.

We don't know in advance what the cup of life holds for us. We find out as we go along. Jesus, the Innocent One, chose to drink a very bitter cup. But, as we have seen, he didn't find it easy. Yet he drank it and did so out of love for us. Love can make a bitter cup drink-able.

Even though Jesus was without sin, he experienced weakness and temptation as we do. He understands our weakness. So, we should approach him with confidence, knowing he can and will help us. If we find the cup of life particularly bitter, there is no need for us to pretend life is sweet, or to think that we can drink it by our own strength. Unlike the two apostles, let us not be afraid or ashamed to say, 'No Lord, I can't drink it. I don't want to drink it. But if I have to, then, with your help I will.'

To drink the cup of life, especially a cup made difficult by a life of sacrifice and service of others, is to follow Christ.

Let us not be afraid to share the loneliness, the fears and the sorrows of all suffering through the Covid – 19 Pandemic.

Love and peace to one and all Dean Peter.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Events may change due to Covid Restrictions Every Wed & Fri in October 4.00pm: Rosary via Zoom

17 October: Launch of Synod on Synodality

- 23 24 October: World Mission Sunday
- 21 22 Nov: First Communion Masses

#### **CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS:**

those needed to conduct the Mass at all Masses. Bookings will be required for all weekend Masses at the Cathedral. Livestreamed Masses will continue from the Cathedral at 9.30am every Sunday (subject to personnel availability) until we can have greater numbers.

LIVESTREAM MASS from the Cathedral this Sunday 17 October at 9.30am. The YouTube link is https:/www.youtube.com/channel/ UCiD2hf8AlxPXAJVG3nEYTZQ

Communion Program continues in the A captivating and easy-to-understand video Parish. Children will attend a Commitment explaining the Synod process (produced by the Mass with their families over the next few weekends. The next meeting will be a parent/ The Synod of Bishops prayer (A4 and A5 child workshop in term four with the date and time to be advised.

PRAYING THE ROSARY during the month of October: You are invited to join, Dean Peter and Fr Jithin, and many others each Wednesday &/ or Friday at 4.00pm. The Zoom details are:

https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/81120502849pwd=REdiV2svY3dPc1cwUFIM **bHAyUUJZUT09.** Click on the link or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app Meeting ID: 811 2050 2849 Passcode: 032436

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR MISSION SUNDAY there will be a leaving collection for this worthwhile cause next weekend (23-24 Oct).

PLENARY COUNCIL READING Garrett offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass Publications have a number of publications available on the Plenary Council and Church reform. They can be found www.garrattpublishing.com.au

31 CLUB REMINDER for 18 - 23 October 2021. Please pray for vocations.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. All professions and trades are called to assist this mission. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty Currently there are places for 20 people plus reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul. To be prepared for a 2022 placement CLICK AND ENQUIRE HERE by Friday October 29. Visit palms.org.au Email palms@palms.org.au

> SYNOD OF BISHOPS if you would like more information about the Synod on Synodality 2023 you can find it at the Australian website:

https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.

You may wish to access some of the following FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION The First resources already available from the site: Sydney Centre for Evangelisation)

versions) and a link to the Prayer in other languages. The Synod of Bishops logo Links to the Official Synod of Bishops website Links to Australian media articles

#### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

As we approach the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit: www.aidtochurch.org/ at Masses

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at https://www.pray.com.au.

#### PARISH PRAYER.

God our loving Father. we give you thanks and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and your Creation. Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist. Enrich us in our faith, hope and love. Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace. Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together. May we be a welcoming and servina community. always discerning and doing your will for one another. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

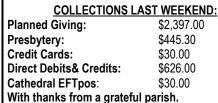
#### **HEART OF LIFE:**

'Mindfulness & Meditation' via Zoom, Saturday 23 October 2021, 10am-2pm. When we are present to the 'now'. centeredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within. This event is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$40. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, website email info@heartoflife.melbourne or 03 9890 1101.

EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY the Gather and Connect group prayer and faith sharing being hosted by the Emmaus Spirituality Outreach Ministry of the Diocese of Sale. The next group prayer and faith sharing is on Monday 25 October 2021. All sessions commence via Zoom at 7.30 pm. Events are free but booking is essential via salespirituality@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

MASS INTENTIONS 17 Oct 11.00am: John McCrohan (A)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am-12.00noon First Friday of the Month 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am-10.30am RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass . Saturday After the 9.30am Mass-10.30am Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.



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Mass Timetable this week
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Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 16 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 17 October	9.30am	Stratford
Livestream Mass	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	_	
Monday 18 October	NO	MASS
Tuesday 19 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 20 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 21 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 22 October	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</b>	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 23 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 24 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Only 20 people are able to attend	9.30am	Briagolong
so BOOKINGS ARE required for all WEEKEND CATHEDRAL	11.00am	Cathedral
<u>Masses.</u>	5.30pm	Cathedral
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attendance please.	Sanitiser	distance

#### Launch of Synod 2023: Communion, Participation, Mission

Last weekend in the Vatican, Pope Francis launched the commencement of the Synod on Synodality 2023 – the theme being *Communion, Participation, Mission*. This Sunday, the Synod journey will be launched in the universal Church in every diocese and parish across the world. This is the beginning of an extensive consultation process which is certainly being conducted on a much broader scale and at a deeper level than any previous Synod.

Pope Francis urges all of us to walk together, to journey with each other to create a more 'synodal' People of God that listen and accompany each other in faith and life.

#### Conclusion of First Assembly of the Plenary Council

Last weekend saw the close of the First Assembly with a Mass livestreamed from St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane. Some of you will have been following the Plenary podcasts, livestreams and also our regular updates and video blogs from our own Plenary Council Members on our Diocesan Facebook page. It was an intense week of prayer, deep listening, respectful sharing, intense conversation and celebration, all the more amazing since it was held in an entirely virtual online mode. The Holy Spirit was certainly alive and active among the Members, in their deliberations and their prayer.

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector. and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen



#### THE PRAYER OF THE SYNOD: Adsumus Sancte Spiritu

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Teresa (Hanratty) Raven**, **Fr Noel Oliver**, **Cathy Mesaric**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time John Eric Lee, John McCrohan, Mary Sheehy, Fr Frank Rowe, Fr James Kennedy. Please pray for those who are sick Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Connie Tantaro, Dawn Carroll, Helen Cantwell, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS? Please let us know we'd like to meet you! NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE: EMAIL: Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program If you would like to join a Family Group Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office	Barry & Annette Lett FUNERAL DIRECTORS We offer care, compassion and service with dignity, for the people of Gippsland Caring and personal 24-hour service . Chapel facilities available. 67 Macarthur Street, Sale Phone: 5143 1232 www.lettsfunerals.com.au Member Australian Funeral Directors Association
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# ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

# FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

## The Word of the Lord

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (**R**.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)* 

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (*R.*)

# SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

## The Word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

# GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said

to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

# The Gospel of the Lord.

# **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him; who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You: never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm RECONCILIATION: Cathedral Every Friday from 11.30am –12.00pm

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B1st Reading:Jeremiah 31:7-92nd Reading:Hebrews 5:1-6Gospel:Mark 10:46-52

### MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen Thursdays 'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.00pm Tea and Coffee provided. All welcome.



# WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday:Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)Saturday:Cathedral - 5.30pm VigilSaturday:Rosedale - 7.00pmSunday:Cathedral - 9:30am, 11.00am and 5.30pmSunday:Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)Sunday:Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.