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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 29 - 30 October 2022

The sycamore tree

I have always read this story about Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-9, but I have never given a thought to the place of the sycamore tree in the story. While it may appear that the sycamore tree has no narrative significance, a reflection on the role of this tree suggests otherwise.

In the unfolding of the story we learn that Jesus is in Jericho. In this same city there is a man called Zacchaeus, a rich tax collector. Zacchaeus desires to behold Jesus, but is unable to because of two factors: his physical size (a short man), and the size of the crowd (huge). What is he to do? Beg the people to pave the way for him? Ask someone to lift him up higher above all? Is anyone even ready to listen to him or willing to help him? Remember he is already tagged a sinner because of his line of work (v 7). So to even associate with him is considered contaminating. Road blocks everywhere. Is there a way out of this predicament?

When the going gets tough, it is said, only the tough gets going. For Zacchaeus, giving up is not an option. The Lord always makes a way even in the desert (Isa 43:19). So, Zacchaeus immediately identifies another possibility. Sighting a sycamore tree ahead along the pathway, not minding what anyone thinks of him, not minding his status, he runs ahead and climbs the sycamore tree. The sycamore tree affords him the vantage position to actualise his dream. He now possesses a bird's view which he lacked standing on the ground. The sycamore tree becomes the tool with which he achieves his dream - the dream of seeing Jesus.

Mind you, before climbing the sycamore tree, he had the burning desire to achieve something. It was this burning desire that fired up the manhunt for a way out which resulted in identifying the sycamore tree; it was the burning desire that equally propelled his decision to climb the tree, and the eventual action of climbing the tree. He acknowledged his size, took a decision and followed it to the end. It is said that "we can't always choose the music that life plays for us, but we can always choose how we dance to it." The sycamore tree provided for him the opportunity to actualise his dream. The music is still the same (short man, huge crowd) but he chose the new dance steps (go climb the sycamore tree). Much more than he desired was given him, for "salvation has come to this house" (vv 9-10).

The sycamore tree is just a simple tree, but it drew the attention of grace and mercy. This is because a burning and passionate soul was on it. God has provided us with materials both physical and spiritual with which to face and address the challenges of life. The narrative around the sycamore tree tells us to never give up, but in challenging moments to look around, for guided by God's Spirit and accompanied by passion, there will always be the sycamore tree for every situation. The sycamore tree thus becomes a symbol of that which (1) aids our encounter with God's grace and mercy and (2), help overcome challenges in life.

Blessings. Alleluia! Amen!

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR.

Wed 2 Nov 6pm: Reconciliation meeting
Thu 3 Nov 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass
Sun 6 Nov 10.30am: First Sunday Cuppa and Farewell for Veronica Barnes
Sat 12 Nov 10.00am: A Day with the Spirit

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADULTS

(RCIA) Are you someone or do you know someone who....

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

We offer an opportunity to come together as a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teaching and experience of Church and prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. To express your interest in this program please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100. Dates TBA soon.

OUR NEXT SUNDAY CUPPA will take place this **Sunday 6 November after 9.30am Mass** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. During this Cuppa we will be saying farewell to our **Parish Associate, Veronica Barnes**, who has retired after many years of faithful service to our Parish. Please come along and bring a plate to share. Our hosts this month are the Indian Community.

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN will be opening next on **Thursday 3 November** from **12.00 - 1.00pm** in the Chapter House.

STRATFORD ECUMENICAL SERVICE An Invitation is extended to parishioners to join the Ecumenical Service on **Sunday 30 October** at St. Patrick's Church Stratford - commencing at **7.30pm**. All are very warmly welcome to join in an informal service on World Community Day. It will be followed by a light supper, so please bring a plate of food to share.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER St Mary's Cathedral Parish urgently needs a volunteer Safeguarding officer. As you all know Lorel Donnelly has done a sterling job as our first Safeguarding officer and she is now moving away from Sale to start a new phase of her life. We need someone to replace Lorel ASAP. If you believe this is a role that may interest you a position description is available in the Parish Office. Please feel free to discuss the role with Lorel or Fr Francis.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION next Parent/Child workshop will be held in the Assembly area of the Cathedral this **Wednesday 2 Nov at 6pm**

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 3 Nov** at 4.40pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by the meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 30 Oct to 6 Nov. Please pray for vocations.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on **Tuesday 1 November** for the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

LOST PROPERTY: There are a significant number of items that have been left in the Cathedral over the last few years and never claimed. If you believe you may have left something check out the picture on the news board in the Cathedral. Anything not claimed by Christmas will be donated to St Vincent de Paul.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday**. New members are very welcome.

BIBLE STUDY with Fr Francis—our last session for 2022 will be held in the Chapter House on **Friday 4 November at 7pm. 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5.**

A DAY WITH THE SPIRIT

St Michaels Parish Traralgon invite you and your friends to a wonderful day of worship, teaching and fellowship including a talk and Mass with Fr Francis. This will take place on **Saturday 12 November from 10am to 4pm**. All welcome. For enquiries please phone 0432 588 195.

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
serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

ALL SOULS MASS will be held at the Gippsland Funeral Services Chapel at the Cemetery at **10.00am on Saturday 5 November**. This will replace the 9.30am Saturday morning Mass at the Cathedral. Mass will be followed by your personal blessing of the graves. Prayers and holy water will be provided after Mass.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS RESOURCE will be available from the Parish Office from next **Monday 31/10/2022**. This year's resource is from Liturgy Brisbane and is described as follows:

'In the way that John the Baptist announced the coming of something new, so giving people hope and offering them healing, we are to live lives that inspire others to reach out to God. To do this, we must learn what it means to have the 'heart of a disciple' – increasingly open to hearing and responding to God.' Copies are available for **\$10 each**.

ORDERING RESOURCES FOR 2023 we are currently ordering annual publications for 2023. We will have a very limited number of Daily Mass books available in the Cathedral. If you would like your own copy of this publication please call the office on 5144 4100 or visit to order. **The books are \$25 each.** Orders close **15 November 2022.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue 1 Nov 9.30am: Ern Durrant (A)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 11.30am — 12.00noon

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am – 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** 10.00 — 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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$0.00
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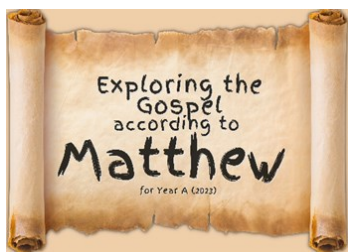
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**Mass Timetable this week
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
29 - 30 October 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 29 October	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 30 October	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 31 October	NO	MASS
Tuesday 1 November		
All Saints Day	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 2 November		
All Soul's Day	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 3 November		
Funeral Mass Audrey Ilic	11.00am	Cathedral
Serra Club Mass	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 4 November	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 5 November	10.00am	Chapel at Gippsland Funeral Services
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 6 November	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

**Prayer for the Synod:
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

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.



**EXPLORING THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.**

We begin a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent and will be hearing excerpts of Matthew's Gospel at Mass. **You are invited to this free Zoom presentation hosted by the Diocese of Sale.**

Date: Monday, 7 November 2022, 7.30 – 9.00pm

Speaker: Fr Chris Monaghan CP

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD>

Your Zoom link will be sent to you on booking. Teachers may apply for RE accreditation. Please contact Sophy Morley (smorley@sale.catholic.org.au) if you have any questions.



Date & Time	Sat 29 Oct 5.30pm	Sun 30 Oct 9.30am	Sun 30 Oct 5.30pm
Welcomer	Marietta Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Claire Everard
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Margaret Shirreffs	Brenda Bowden
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Veronica Stewart
Counter	Mary Cooper		

Date & Time	Sat 5 Nov 5.30pm	Sun 6 Nov 9.30am	Sun 6 Nov 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Brenda Bowden
Reader	Veronica Stewart	Marietta Dykun	Lyn Althaus
Counter	John Dykun (Mon)		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Sheila Rouse, Audrey Ilic, Ronald Bennett** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Ern Durrant, Fr Patrick Sterling, Fr William Tierney, Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Con Donovan**. Please pray for those who are sick Leo Dignan, Fr Peter Slater, John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Neha De Alwis, Helena Klimas, Gabriel Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, Fr Tao Pham, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin 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 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 11.30am —12.00pm

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral
Friday & Saturday morning following Mass**

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading: **2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14**

2nd Reading: **2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5**

Gospel: **Luke 20:27-38**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Each Thursday fortnight - next 3 November 2022

'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

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: 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.