

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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SALVATION HAS COME

'Could God really love me?' All too often Christians labour under the burden and misapprehension that God's love and forgiveness must be earned or merited. Aware of their frailty and need for God's mercy there is the fear that God could not love them given the mistakes they've made. Sometimes there is a sense that while God might be gracious and forgiving for others, this would be too much to hope for themselves. The book of Wisdom reminds us that while God patiently longs for our repentance we are always loved because our very existence is proof of God's love for us.

As Paul writes to the Thessalonians, he sets out to calm their fears about the return of the Lord at the end of time. He encourages them with the knowledge that he always prays that they will become worthy of the call that they have received as Christians. Paul knew that none of us can ever earn our salvation, it is always God's free and loving gift. His concern was more that we would learn to respond generously and appropriately to the marvellous gift we have received.

Zacchaeus is a fine example of a generous response to the Lord's loving initiative. Experiencing Jesus' openness and love leads him to offer to give half his considerable wealth to the poor. This meeting with a known sinner provides Jesus with the opportunity to state the purpose of his life and mission - to seek out and save what was lost.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Wis 11:22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

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.

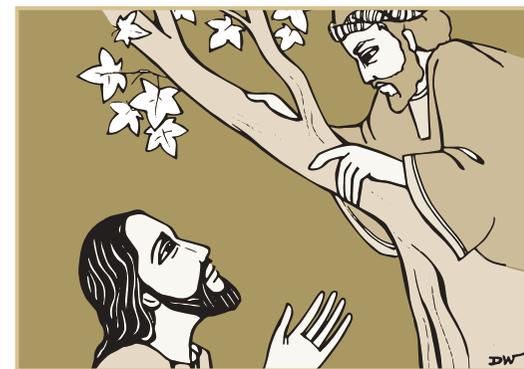
RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**



3. 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.**

4. 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

2 Thess 1:11-2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

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.



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October The Month of The Rosary



Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: Anthony Timins, Selena Blakeney, Ron Virago, Josh Peel-Yates, Kayleen Brindley, Carolyn Eames, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.



Deceased: Agnes Brisbane and Tomo & Pavrica Hasanovic

Anniversary: Frank Patruno, Angelina Ramalinho, Bishop Basilio Do Nascimento, João Bosco Quintão, Father Alves, William Hurworth, Aldo Viselli, Winnie & Peter Blyth, Inez D'Souza, Lydia & Joe Bujeya, Dr Ralph Baccash, Louise & Xavier Micallef.

The Sick: Horrie Misfud, Billy Stitt, Roy Burton, Milton Scott, Maria Reilly, Lachlan Strawbridge, Tina Maria, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, all the souls in Purgatory, and those suffering from Covid.

Where will Fr. John be celebrating Masses next weekend?
Saturday - 5 November - 5.30pm at St Agnes'
Sunday - 6 November — 9.00am at St Andrew's (Livestreamed)

Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar — Matraville.

This Sunday and beyond we move towards the end of our ecclesiastical (Church's) year with the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 20th November. Our week ahead is quite busy with Feast Days. This Tuesday 1st November is Melbourne Cup day and I hope your horse comes in! It is also Solemnity of All Saints, the communion of Saints, including all who are living and "all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith" (Eucharistic Prayer 1). In the real sense of the word, it refers to those whom the Church names as saints and all those unnamed who are with the Lord. There will be Mass on 1st November at St Agnes' Matraville at 7am and at St Andrew's at 9am.

Wednesday is the Feast of the Holy Souls and the beginning of the month of remembering the Holy Souls. The 2nd Book of Maccabees speaks about, how it is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. Our relatives and friends who have died may need our prayers as their sins are purged in purgatory in preparation to entering heaven. They can't pray for themselves, but we can, and hope when we might be there someone will pray for us. Masses on Holy Souls Day will be at St Agnes' Matraville, 7am and 11.30am while at St Andrew's, Malabar 9am & 7.00pm. You may have noticed in your envelope pack and around our Churches November Mass envelopes. Please use these envelopes to remember your deceased relative and friends, you can place them in any of the collection plates. These envelopes will be collected and placed at the foot of the Pieta for the whole month and your relatives and friends will be prayed for at every Mass. Just a note that recently deceased and anniversaries will still be advertised in the bulletin during November.

Please note Friday 18th November a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Agnes', Matraville will be celebrated by Bishop Umbers. This Mass is to celebrate the life of St Agnes' Catholic Primary School, Matraville which will conclude this year after 82 years. Next year it will be amalgamated with Pagewood Catholic School to become Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Matraville. If you were a student at St Agnes' please come along and spread the word to anyone who has been associated with the school to come and attend the mass.

One of our ex-students of St Agnes' is Bishop Danny Meagher. Those of St Agnes' may remember the Meagher family who used to own the Matraville Hotel. Bishop Danny was ordained a Bishop on 8 December 2021 in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. On Sunday 27th November at St Agnes', Matraville, Bishop Danny will celebrate our 10am Mass. Come along and congratulate him on his Ordination as Bishop. We might like to bring along a plate of food for morning tea following the Mass.

God Bless you all – Fr John



dementia australia WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT FOR DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA

On 12 November 2022, parishioner Jaxon Italiano (Suzy Pompor's son and Viki & Joe Pompor's grandson) will be attempting to break the World Record for the most pull-ups in 24 hours, the record at the moment is 7,716. If you would like to make a donation to support Jaxon and Dementia Australia please scan the QR code. Good Luck



FAREWELLING ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

The amalgamation of St Agnes' Matraville and OLA Pagewood has been fast-tracked, with the new Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Matraville to open in January 2023. As such, a variety of celebrations are currently being organised to farewell St Agnes' school including a Mass of Thanksgiving and Morning Tea on 18 November.

If you have any photos, memorabilia or contact information for people who have contributed to the rich history of St Agnes', we invite you to contact the Organising Committee at stagnesfarewell@gmail.com.