

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

PONDERING OUR ATTITUDES

Today's Gospel presents us with a mirror to help us reflect on the way we regard others. It is especially pertinent when we feel assured that our religious attitude and approach to our Faith and God is correct. It is even possible that out of this attitude we can regard others, especially those from other faith traditions, as uninformed or perhaps targets of divine condemnation.

Jesus offers Luke's audience an opportunity to reflect on similar attitudes. It takes the form of a parable focused on two people: a person of religious scrupulosity and a public sinner. The first is called a 'Pharisee', an identification that requires nuanced historical understanding. For Luke writing in the mid-80s of the first century in the period after the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, Pharisees enabled Judaism to survive and grow. They represented its leadership. To followers of Jesus at that same period they represented those who were critical of the Jesus-movement and didn't join in. In the time of Jesus, in the 30s, the situation was very different. They were very attuned to Jesus' mission and, like him, concerned about authentic Jewish faith and Torah practice.

In the story in Luke's Gospel, Jesus compares a 'Pharisee' (in this later historical understanding) to a tax-collector judged a sinner, collaborating in Rome's oppressive taxation system. This 'sinner' recognises his need for God's mercy; the Lukan Pharisee, self-assured about his religious credentials, arrogant and without any need for God, is self-focused. These parable characters invite us to ponder our attitude to God and others.

Fr Michael Trainor

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Sirach

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. R.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The just call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. R.
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

THE SAVING WORD

26 OCTOBER 2025



SECOND READING

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you." John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 2am, 3am

Saturday: 4pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Carmelita Naig, Sunny Tan-Castro, Joey Debrincat, Angelo Debrincat, Roko & Anica Koprivanac & Stephen Stojnik, Manuela Mimmo, Frank Carmen, Joe Gauci, Anthony & Santa Dalli, Corazon Jarina, Julius Canillo, Celia Villanueva, George Montebello, Maria Neide Nascimento, Tony Cordina, Vincenzo & Rosa Andrecichio, Benito Diaz, Brian, Leo, Bernadene Laughlin, Diya Eldho, Lourdes de Belen, Lai Nhi Jin, Yuk Ing Yong, Lai Kung Vung, Andre Da Costa Joazinho, Antonio Bianco, Simoa Filomena Ribiero Belo, Muscat Joe, Mariano B Carlos, Mary Camilleri, Michael Caruana, Madalena & Philip, Lily Catuacan, Pietro Giacobbe, Emilia Lobo & Mary Lobo, Mary Chircop, Ursula Yu, Giovanna Galea, Kuriakose, Maria Rosa Lezama de Bozzachi, Raul Roberto Rodriguez, Charlie Agius, Venerando Briones, Jackson Chiday, George Selvarajah, Marco Rodriguez Sosa, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Leonard Smith, Liduvina Peraza, John Stanley, Louis Sultana, Maria Ngat & Maria Vuong, John Evangelista Schembri

SPECIAL INTENTION: Veronica & Kane, Zamm-Abby, Tita Caliza, Peng Uy, Amelia & Steve McGregor, Susan, Jona Rose dela Rosa, Ivan, Jasmin, Ann, Diya Eldho, Jeanne

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Arlyn, Charlie & Helen, Aquilina, Marie E, John Debrincat, Hilda D Souza, Gauci & Plesli family, Elsa Berro, Reynaldo Salvador, Kay Cee family

THANKSGIVING: Rafaela, George, Rosa, Anusha, Christine Dela Cruz, Paul Joseph Dela Cruz, Maria Victoria & Cesario

THIS WEEK: 26 October 2025 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Carina F	Alister R	Rose B	Eva O	Diana T	Perly C
1st Reader	Gregg S	Glenda A	Wynna D	Maria Mizzi	Tami M	Gloria T
2nd Reader	Maria Miletic	Susan C	Mario N	Teresa Tan	RJ Baculo	Vernon A
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Charmaine R, Roland D, George E, Antonietta C	Richelle M, Stefan P	Rukmal M, Thi Pham, Joyce B, Ronald D	Nonie G, Ferdinand T, Don C, Dulce T	Ian H, Jacqueline R, Candida D S, Emman C	Teo C, Oliver, Joe C, Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S, Arelle Mary Ann	Jejicho, Jude Jerzielle
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	Butch Eleazar	CFCA	Exxemoz	MWF with LIHM Sisters

NEXT WEEK: 2 November 2025 - Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Delia J	RJ Baculo	Dulce T	Julie Ann M	Gloria T	Diana T
1st Reader	Gynn D	Deepak J	Kathryn T	Nelissa D	Toniette S	Vernon A
2nd Reader	Rency C	Alister R	Kumudu M	Nonie G	Arlene P	Mario N
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	George E, Anna C, Charmaine R, Antonietta C	Alister R, Richelle M	Ferdinand T, Rukmal M, Ronald D, Wynna D	Eva O, Froilan M, Rukmal M, Candida D S, Emman C	Rafael V, Jacqueline R, Candida D S, Emman C	Maria Sulfaro, Ric M, Joe C, Michael D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A, Lolrenz N	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S, Arelle Mary Ann	Jejicho, Jude Jerzielle
Choirs	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Butch Eleazar	Mt Horeb	Emmaus	CFCA	Sampan DV Choir

Ave Maria. Come and Join.
Culmination of the Month of the Holy Rosary Friday, 31 October 2025
6:15 PM - Holy Rosary (Marian garden)
7:00 PM - Mass with Coronation of Our Lady and floral offering.
 Fellowship and light refreshments to follow at the foyer after the mass.
 Please bring a plate to share.

SPC Primary School "Fete" - Car Park is unavailable on Thursday, 30 October From 6pm and all day on Friday, 31 October until 5pm. Thank you.

EFTPOS facility available in the foyer the church for those who wish to generously donate to the church. We thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you and your family.

SPC Sunday School

2 November. You are invited to join The All Saint's family festival at the Hall from 11am to 1pm.

Contact: Sr Lawrence LIHM 0405190286

Healing Mass. Sunday, 2 November.

Praise and Worship at 2.30 pm

Followed by Healing Mass at 3:00pm

All welcome. Contact Hilda 0450 006 316

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025

30 November- 2 December 2025. Please

contact the Parish office if interested

93633132 email: deerpark@cam.org.au

LIHM Sisters, and the SPC youth group

Leaders will be accompanying

the participants from our Parish

Next Week 2 November 2025

Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

A VOCATION VIEW

If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.