

The Living Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

18 October 2026

First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)

- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing
you grace and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for
love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when
we brought the Good News to you, it came
to you not only as words, but as power and
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!**



Gospel Mt 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 18th October 2026

Pray the Rosary with us

On this Sunday 18th October, after the 10.45am Mass at St Patrick's Church, there will be group of parishioners praying three Rosaries. This Prayer Service, will be held to pray for Peace in the World and for Pope Leo. All are welcome to join!

Message regarding St Patrick's Church

It has been noticed that items in St Patrick's Church are being either removed or moved around without permission. Please be aware that there must be nothing moved or removed from the Church, Altar, or Sanctuary without the permission of the Parish Administrator or parish office. Thank you

St Patrick's Parish Cemetery Working Bee

The parish's Spring working bee to clean up the cemetery will be held Saturday 31st October 9am-12 noon. Plenty of whipper-snipping to be done. An opportunity for families to tidy up graves prior to All Souls Day. Morning tea will be provided. Further information - Brian Clancy 0429186830

Looking for flexible work & a chance to support persecuted Christians?

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities.

If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you.

For details: www.aidtochurch.org/work

Discipleship Internship

Are you a university student studying and living in the Archdiocese of Melbourne who wants to live out their faith in a different way? Apply to be a Discipleship Intern in 2027! Be formed as a disciple of Jesus and use your gifts to walk with other young people in faith. Applications close 9 November.



Anchored - Loving Smarter: Keys to Relationship Success

Tuesday 27 October 2026, 7.30pm, Online

Join Drs Byron and Francine Pirola, founders of SmartLoving, as they share practical insights into what makes relationships flourish. During this online webinar, you will discover how understanding your spouse's unique needs can strengthen communication, deepen emotional connection and help you avoid common relationship pitfalls. Register now via QR code.



CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians,
Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

Sunday Masses

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

Weekday Masses

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms,
Wednesday Mass will be at
Kilmore)

Confession

9.30 am, Thursday morning during
Adoration

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to
each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary
after each weekday Mass, and
Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am
(Kilmore)

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**St. Patrick's Parish is committed to
safeguarding the safety, wellbeing,
and dignity of children, young
people, and adults.**

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 17 Oct: ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 18 Oct: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 19 Oct: WEEKDAY, 29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass
2 pm Safeguarding Committee Meeting, Parish Office

Tue, 20 Oct: WEEKDAY, 29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 21 Oct: WEEKDAY, 29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
11am Funeral of Ida Zimbardi, St. Patrick's Church
7.15 pm RCIA Session, St. Patrick's Parish Centre

Thu, 22 Oct: WEEKDAY, 29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 23 Oct: WEEKDAY, 29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Eucharist Program Lesson 2, St Patrick's
Parish Office

Sat, 24 Oct: WEEKDAY, 29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 25 Oct: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the Christmas edition. They are also very keen to find some family photos of Christmas celebrations that they could add to the cover of the Christmas edition which is currently being worked on. Please (with permissions of those in the photos!) send us any photos of family celebrations.

Please email articles to: stpatssparishmagazine@gmail.com

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:

Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, Michelle Ramsay and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit).

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***St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment.
All children are to be supervised by a
parent/guardian at all times.***

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>17/18 OCT</u>	<u>24/25 OCT</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	17 Oct	24 Oct
Reader	P. Fleming	A. Leahy
EMHC	A. Leahy	P. Fleming
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	17 Oct	24 Oct
Reader	M. Fleischmann	R. Emmanuel
EMHC	TBA	C. Clancy
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	18 Oct	25 Oct
Reader	T. Cooney	R. Quinn
EMHC	TBA	C. Banon
EMHC	A. Moore	G. Pannuzzo
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	18 Oct	25 Oct
Reader	G. Campbell	A. Reggie
EMHC	C. Chandy	K. Archer
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	P. Duff	C. Eid
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	H. Clancy	J. Dixon
	P. Duff	M. Donovan
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	L. Beaumont &	G. Kim
	C. Eid	

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased
Ida Zimbardi

Anniversaries
Zack Shane Mallia, Catherine (Rena) Hanna, George & Mario Oudin, Joyce Kennedy, Elias Kanidiadis, John Vincent Leahy, Charles Robert Coustley, Janet Heywood, Bernard Gerard Donahoo, David Camilleri, Brendan Coustley, Giovanna Borg and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick
Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michael Bourne, Faye Vandenberg, Kylie Alexander, Paul Borg and all people who are in need of our prayers.

Synod Corner:

Synodality and young people
Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.



A Short Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church. Grant him strength, healing, and peace as he faces illness, and guide the hands of those caring for him. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Source: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-pope-leo-xiv>.)