

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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THE GOD OF SURPRISES

In a time of rapid change in the Church one of our community members lamented the fact that 'Just as I got it all worked out, they changed what it was!' Often the word of God has a way of turning our world and expectations upside down. After the exile, the hope for a king from the line of David was rekindled. Zechariah agrees with this hope but his vision of the kingdom that God will establish would have come as a surprise to his contemporaries. Peace will come, but not through the force of arms.

Jesus' own life and message were no less paradoxical. Those who would have been expected to understand were left floundering and confused by his message. On the other hand, those open to the surprising ways of God find in Jesus the one who will gently carry their burdens if they will take on the task of becoming disciples.

Much of Paul's energy was devoted to the formation of Christian communities and it was not uncommon for them to become discouraged when they failed to live up to the demands of the gospel. In the coming weeks, the readings taken from Romans 8 show how Paul both challenges and revitalises the Christian community of Rome. He calls them to live spiritual lives, while also making sure they hear his message of encouragement. There is a firm basis for hope since the Spirit is in us, empowering, enlivening, and transforming us.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

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

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God. (*or Alleluia!*)

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

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of
the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ The word of the Lord.

Welcome to
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14th Sunday in Ordinary time

Reflection:

Today's gospel passage calls us to another kind of wisdom than what mere information and learning give. The wisdom Jesus offers is not merely a series of teachings, or book knowledge, but a Person – himself. We get that wisdom by following and staying close to him; observing his actions; listening to his words; imitating him and seeing the world from his perspective.

So we ask ourselves:

- What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
- Where do you go for wisdom and what difference does it make in your life?

Senior's Group

Tuesday 11 July, 10am-12 noon at
St Dominic's Church hall.

Tuesday 25th July for Christmas- Lunch, 11-30am
at the Odin Tavern, Balcatta, Cost \$35pp.
Booking Essential. Contact Wyn 0407261500.

Safeguarding Officers

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MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sat 8 July 6pm St Dom
Sun 9 July 8am OLGC
Sun 9 July 9.30am Lydia Maria St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 11 July 7pm St Dom
Wed 12 July 9am St Dom
Thurs 13 July 9am Communion Service OLGC
Fri 14 July 9am St Dom
Fri 14 July 11am Chrystal Halliday
Sat 15 July 9am Communion Service OLGC

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 15 July 6pm St Dom
Sun 16 July 8am OLGC
Sun 16 July 9.30am St Dom

Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal has started and runs until the end of August. We welcome support from the Parish Community in any of the following ways. Non perishable food items can be left in the Vinnies basket at the rear of either Church. Envelopes are in the Church foyer for donations. Unwanted blankets can also be left in the rear of the Church for collection. Thank you to everyone for supporting people in need through our Winter Appeal. All enquiries to Barbara, M 0488100799.

Pilgrimage with Fr Bernard

Walk in the Footsteps of St Francis in Assisi on this pilgrimage to Spectacular Italy. Pray at Shrine of Padre Pio at San Giovanni Rotondo. Be awed by the Sistine Chapel and spectacular Vatican City and magnificent sights of Rome. From 11th to 25th April 2024. Expressions of interest to Fr by end of July. 9245 3899 or bernard.lanarolle@perthcatholic.org.au

Rosters this weekend	8 July 6pm St Dom	9 July 8am OLGC	9 July 9.30am St Dom
Readers	Youth Group	E Gomm	C Nevin
Acolyte	W Italiano		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		M Scaffidi D D'Souza	
Altar Society		M Farmer	

Rosters next weekend	15 July 6pm St Dom	16 July 8am OLGC	16 July 9.30am St Dom
Readers	T Dabbs	D D'Souza	L Marciano
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		D Ee
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society		I Rodriguez	

Permanent Part Time Employment Opportunity: Parish Secretary

The Catholic Parish of Innaloo/Karrinyup has a vacancy for a permanent part time Parish Secretary, 8 hours per week (days negotiable). Applicants must have proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook, the ability to upload Parish Website content, strong organisational and time management skills, attention to detail, accuracy in data entry, & excellent verbal and written skills. Familiarity with MYOB accounting software would be highly advantageous. An understanding of parish life and support of the ethos and values of the Catholic Church is expected. Applications close 28 July 2023. A job description is available on request. Please submit your application via email to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au.