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Mass Times

9am Friday and 8am Sunday

Reconciliation - By appointment

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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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30th October 2022

FIRST READING [Wis 11:22 – 12:2](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(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 Thes 1:11 – 2:2](#)

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

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.

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!

Our newsletter looks a little different this week, however it will return to normal when our organist is returns.

GOSPEL [Lk 19:1-10](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.'



NOTICES

Dear friends,

There's an old saying about standing on the shoulders of giants. It is most popularly attributed to Sir Isaac Newton but it goes back further than that, to 12th century figure of Bernard of Chartres (some say it goes back to the 6th century). The dating is unimportant. Rather it is the sentiment that counts. Bernard compared the thinkers of his contemporary moment to "dwarfs perched on the shoulders of giants". He pointed out that we see more and farther than our predecessors, not because we have keener vision or greater height, but because we are lifted up and borne aloft on their considerable intellect.

Zacchaeus is small in stature which prevents him from seeing Jesus, whom he was anxious to see. No one lifts Zacchaeus aloft but he decides to climb up a tree by himself. The crowd actually obstruct his view rather than bear him on their shoulders. His anxiety drives him higher but straight into the eye-line of Jesus.

Bernard of Chartres wasn't belittling his contemporaries. He was acknowledging that human advancement and progress isn't the result of our own super-achievements but is built upon generations of common endeavour. If we didn't have foundations to draw upon, and thereby lift a new generation, we wouldn't see a thing.

For Zacchaeus, the crowd were a hindrance and not a help. Zac-

FEAST DAYS

- Tue-** All Saints
- Wed-** All Souls Day
- Thu -** St Martin de Porres
- Fri -** St Charles Borromeo

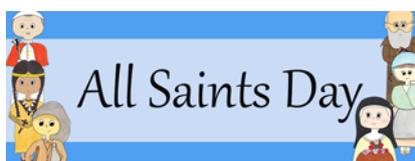
chaeus, the tax collector, was seen as traitor and therefore no one was willing to lift him up; he had to climb up by himself.

Too often we can be like the crowd and block the eyeline of others. We can prevent others from seeing Jesus through our selfishness, or our nastiness, or our judgements, or our sourness. If we were truly in the practice of lifting one another high than people like Zacchaeus shouldn't need to climb a tree to see Jesus. Standing on the shoulders of others is the best way to see further.

Fr Anthony

Masses at St Luke's this week:

- Tues- ALL SAINTS - 9am**
 - Wed - ALL SOULS DAY - 9am**
 - Fri - ANOINTING MASS - 9am**
- We hope you can join us.
All welcome.*



HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE MASS to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon, on Friday, 4th November at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the principal celebrant. For more details, contact Len lenpatairey@gmail.com or 0421 977 849.

CONTAINERS OF CASH Please continue to support this initiative. Bring along your containers and remember to check for the 10c refund mark on them. Money raised to date will go to Catholic Mission. We will soon be able to let you know how much has been raised to date. Thank you.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

Information Day for prospective guides and welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The guides and welcomers' group at The Cathedral of St. Stephen warmly invites you to attend an Information Day on becoming a tour guide and/or a welcomer at the Cathedral. When: Saturday 19th November 10am to 2pm. Refreshments provided.

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St. Stephen, Elizabeth St.

Come and listen to the guest speakers, be taken on a tour with experienced guides, and ask questions about anything you wish to know.

Heart of the Disciple is a 28-day reflection resource for Advent or any time during the 2022-2023 liturgical year. It is now available at church this weekend for \$5-00.



Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars are available in the church this weekend.
Calendar - \$12.50
Cards - \$3 per pack

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