

## Parish News

**November is a special time to pray for the dead.** A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions. (Norms 15,7)

**Family Mass : 9 am. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Anointing Mass : 9.30am. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.** A Big Thank you to the school children for their involvement and enthusiasm at these Masses held throughout this year.

**A Concert at 7pm. Wednesday, 9th November, in the Quad area of school:** Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children.

Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Weekly Diary : 31<sup>st</sup> October—05<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> : 08.00 am. Mass followed by Novena to our Lady.

**Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> : 08.00 am Solemnity of All Saints followed by Rosary**  
: 5.30 pm. Solemnity of All Saints.

**Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> : 9.30 am. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Mass,**  
followed by Prayer at Columbarium.  
: 5.30 pm. Memorial Mass for all the deceased parishioners in 2016.

Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Christ's Catholic Community Prayer.

**First Friday 04<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, bishop, followed by Rosary.**  
: 7.00 pm. Stations of the Cross and Confession  
: 7.30 pm Mass followed by overnight Adoration

Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

**Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> : 5.30 pm. Mass — 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. + 5.30 pm. Mass — 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Sunday Mass of December will be on the 04<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm. : 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent A.**

## Our Parish will Conduct the Catholic Mission Appeal this Weekend



In the context of the Catholic Mission appeal, which takes place this weekend (Oct 29/30), Steven Dude – the face on our appeal poster and envelope - is a modern-day equivalent of Zacchaeus. Steven displays the same conviction as the tax collector: not that he has "robbed" his fellow Papuans, but he does want to see right relationships restored, within families and between couples and he wants this to happen because of what he has learned from the Sisters of Mercy, about Jesus. On behalf of all the people of PNG who will benefit because you have provided Steven with a "glimpse" of Jesus, through the Sisters of Mercy, and on behalf of all missionaries around the world, who are supported by our parent body, the Pontifical Mission Societies, thank you, in anticipation, for kindness and contributions.

**David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese**

### Mass Duty Roster : 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Sr Jill Jean Di Benedetto	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Clive Broughton Rachelle Broughton, Jean Di Benedetto	Ryan Hurley
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Gloria Butt John Carter	Rose Hessen, Danielle Carter, Colleen McCormack Celine Lobb, Margaret McNamara	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Children to read	Michael Laidler, Marie Roberts, Pam Nelson Kathy Fuller, Denise Moar	John & Matthew Healey



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31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016—Issue No. 188

## Jesus and a Man Named Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-10)

Today's Gospel speaks to us of a meeting between Jesus and a man named Zacchaeus, in Jericho. In passing through the city (Lk 19:1) Jesus showed his will to draw near to Zacchaeus personally.

An amazing encounter then took place, with Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, a sinner. His encounter with Jesus changed his life, just as it has changed, and can daily still change, each of our lives.

**But Zacchaeus had to face a number of obstacles** in order to meet Jesus. At least three of these can also say something to us.

*The first obstacle is smallness of stature.* Zacchaeus couldn't see the Lord because he was little. Even today we can risk not getting close to Jesus because we don't feel big enough, because we don't think ourselves worthy. This is a great temptation of not to recognize our real "stature," our spiritual and deepest identity: We are God's beloved children, **always.**

As far as Jesus is concerned, no one is unworthy of, or far from, his thoughts. No one is insignificant. He loves all of us with a special love. For him all of us are important! God counts on you for what you are, not for what you possess. He loves you the way you are. No sin, no fault, no mistake of yours makes him change his mind. In his eyes, you are precious, and your value is inestimable. Let us be mindful of this at the dawn of each new day. It will do us good to pray every morning: "*Lord, I thank you for loving me; help me to be in love with my own life!*" Not with my faults, that need to be corrected, but with life itself, which is a great gift, for it is a time to love and to be loved.

*The paralysis of shame was the second obstacle.* As a public figure, a man of power, Zacchaeus knew that, in trying to climb that tree, he would have become a laughingstock to all. Yet he mastered his shame, because the attraction of Jesus was more powerful. Jesus was so important that he would do anything for him, since Jesus alone could pull him out of the mire of sin and discontent. He "*ran ahead,*" "*climbed*" the tree, and then, when Jesus called him, he "*hurried down.*" (Lk 19: 4.6) He took a risk, he put his life on the line.

For us too, this is the secret of joy! When it comes to Jesus, we cannot sit around waiting with arms folded; he offers us life. Don't be ashamed to bring everything to the Lord in confession, especially your weaknesses, your struggles and your sins. He will surprise you with his forgiveness and his peace. Don't be afraid to say "yes" to him with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow him! Don't let your soul grow numb, but aim for the goal of a beautiful love.

*The third obstacle that Zacchaeus had to face was* the grumbling of the crowd, who first blocked him and then criticized him: How could Jesus have entered his house, the house of a sinner! They looked him over, up and down.

But Jesus did otherwise: he gazed up at him. Jesus looks beyond the faults and sees the person. He does not halt before bygone evil, but sees future good. His gaze remains constant, even when it is not met; it seeks the way of unity and communion. In no case does it halt at appearances, but looks to the heart.

**Finally let us listen to the words that Jesus spoke to Zacchaeus:** "*Come down, for I must stay at your house today.*" (Lk 19:5) Jesus extends the same invitation to you: "*I must stay at your house today.*" We can say that Sunday Mass begins here now and

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at  
7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month.

continues afterwards, in your homes, since that is where Jesus wants to meet you from now on. The Lord doesn't want to remain in this church. He wants to enter your homes, to dwell in your daily lives: in your studies, in your work, your friendships and affections, your hopes and dreams. How greatly he desires that you bring all these to him in prayer! How much he wants his word to be able to speak to you day after day, so that you can make his Gospel your own, so that it can serve as a compass for you on the highways of life!

In silence, let us remember this encounter and listen once more to the voice of Jesus as he calls us by name. So let us now pray silently, remembering and thanking the Lord wanted us to be here and has come here to meet us.

Fr. John Khoái

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Wisdom 11:22-12:2 *You are merciful to all, for you love all things that exist.*

The whole world before you, O Lord, is like a speck that tips the scales, and like a drop of morning dew that falls on the ground. But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things, and you overlook people's sins, so that they may repent. Lord, you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it. How would anything have endured if you had not willed it? Or how would anything not called forth by you have been preserved? You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living. For your immortal spirit is in all things. Therefore you correct little by little those who trespass, and you remind and warn them of the things through which they sin, so that they may be freed from wickedness and put their trust in you, O Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13cd-14 R. **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. **R.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. **R.**

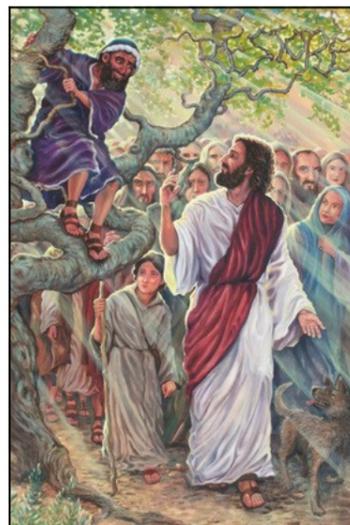
### SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 *May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in you, and you in him.*

We always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 3:16 Alleluia. Alleluia! God loved he world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10 *The Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So Zacchaeus hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said of him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because Zacchaeus too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 15:11: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

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**SICK LIST:** Madeline Hodgetts, Mary Patricia Hurley, Nicole Ashdown, Babara Paton, Tony Collett, Scott Kuhnemann, Nancy Kelly, Raiden Reid-Rickard, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Judy Hughes, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, Stephanie James, Edda Pronard, Stephen Deshaies, Cathy Hewitt, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler, David Shinnors **Any updates please advise the parish office.**

### PRAYER:

O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones,  
Bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones,  
Pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones,  
And all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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# **The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issues instruction on cremation, affirms Church's strong preference for burial**

**The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith** has released *Ad resurgendum cum Christo* [To Rise with Christ], an instruction on the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation. The instruction, approved by Pope Francis on March 18 and dated August 15, was made public on October 25. Its twofold purpose is to emphasize “the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation.”

Since the Church first permitted cremation in 1963, “the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries, but simultaneously new ideas contrary to the Church’s faith have also become widespread,” the Congregation noted.

“Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places,” the Congregation stated. “In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body.”

## **The Congregation continued:**

By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity. She cannot, therefore, condone attitudes or permit rites that involve erroneous ideas about death, such as considering death as the definitive annihilation of the person, or the moment of fusion with Mother Nature or the universe, or as a stage in the cycle of regeneration, or as the definitive liberation from the “prison” of the body ...

The burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead, while at the same time fostering the veneration of martyrs and saints.

## **Turning to cremation, the Congregation established:**

- “In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful.”

