



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first" they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27 September 2020

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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**NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by
appointment only. Contact the Parish Office
for details.**

We Remember: We pray for the sick (Moya Rowan) and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

We remember our deceased family and friends; and Gaetano Isgro whose anniversary occurs at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord.

Mass Changes: Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. However, Mass online will be broadcast each weekend from one of our affiliated churches of St Bridget, St Bede, St Anne or St Joachim. On-Line Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au or www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au and follow the prompts. For this week the link is:-
<https://youtu.be/dM-001jCKGI>

Stay in touch Stay Connected: Tune in with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by connecting via zoom to:

- ❖ Friday night Prayer and Chat – 5pm each Friday via zoom – connection details are sent on Thursday;
- ❖ Meditation Group – 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.
- ❖ Scripture Reflection – 11.00am each Sunday (whilst in lockdown) via zoom – contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.

Christmas Cards: Majellan Christmas Cards will this year be sold on a pre ordered basis only. No stocks will be held at the piety stall, so if you would like Majellan Christmas Cards please advise the Parish Office on greythorn@cam.org.au by 25 October. Cards are sold in packs of 10 only @ \$8-00 each pack.

Columban Art Calendars will be available in January 2021.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: This year World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated today – 27 September.

The theme for this year's message – the 106th the Catholic Church has marked – is "Forced Like Jesus Christ to Flee".

That said the understandable focus on the COVID-19 pandemic must not distract us from another ongoing crisis of many displaced migrants and refugees throughout the world.

Pope Francis recently wrote "Global migration is a major challenge for much of today's world and a priority for the Catholic Church."

In words and deeds, Pope Francis repeatedly shows his deep compassion for all who are displaced. Witness his encounters with migrants and refugees on the islands of Lampedusa and Lesbos. Witness his call for their full embrace: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate migrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking.

Those four verbs – welcome, protect, promote and integrate – have been a constant refrain for the past three years, after they formed the basis of Pope Francis' 2018 message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

We remember in our prayers those migrants and refugees struggling to support one another; that Governments and countries throughout the world will use their resources more equitably to welcome, support and integrate them into the community.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation: Is available via Zoom from Catholic Theological College. A free information session for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation will be held on 13 October at 7.30pm.

This session will outline the requirements and outcomes of the course, which provides the skills for teaching meditation and prayer in a variety of parish situations. For further information and to receive a zoom link email Jenny Delahunt on jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

Parish Collections: As we begin to contemplate the celebrating the Eucharist at Mass together again in the months ahead, we also need to think about how we can do things more efficiently and in a safe manner. We need to consider the cash handling process of our counters. Cash in our collections is always welcome, but there are other adaptable ways of giving to consider. On line giving is easy, fast and convenient. The preferred methods of giving are by Credit Card or Direct Debit (contact the parish office to set these up) or electronic funds transfer direct to the Church or Presbytery accounts. Rest assured that giving by card at the church level is safe and secure. Details for giving direct to the church accounts are:-

- St Bridget's Church Account (Church donations and/or envelope givers) at NAB, BSB 083-347, Account #64 341 3829
- St Bridget's Presbytery Account Offering (for support of the Parish Priest) at NAB, BSB 083-347, Account # 64 341 5066

Please ensure that you include your name and envelope number when giving by these methods.

Engaging Your Catholic Faith: Presented by Catholic Theological College, *Engaging Your Catholic Faith* is a series of 12 short sessions of 90 minutes, offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion.

All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running September to 31 October.

For further information and registration go to www.ctc.edu.au

Prayer Requests: Parishioners are encouraged to submit their prayer requests for those in need/sick, deceased family or friend or anniversary, Please submit these to the Parish Office by Wednesday, for inclusion in the Prayers of the Faithful at greythorn@cam.org.au

Local parish to host webinar exploring 2020 Social Justice Statement: The challenges of mental health call for an increased response from all, from governments to local faith communities and families. St Dominic's Camberwell is hosting a webinar on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm to explore the 2020 Social Justice Statement on mental health, *To live life to the full*, and what parishes might implement at the local level. Guest speakers include Bishop Terry Brady, Dr Caroline Johnson and Trish Mowbray OAM. To register and obtain a zoom pass go to www.trybooking.com.au.