

# SUNDAY MASS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 53:10-11.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 33.

## RESPONSE:

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

1. For the word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth. **R**
2. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord. **R**

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 4:14-16.

## GOSEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia.

**GOSEL:** Mark 10:35-45.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

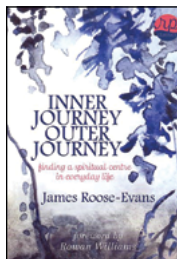
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

### Mon 18 Oct ST LUKE, E

2 Timothy 4:10-17; Psalm 145; Luke 10:1-9  
Perhaps today's Gospel teaches us that we shouldn't expect a life of faith to be easy, and ultimately we should strive to rely more on God rather than ourselves, even in the most practical of matters.

### Tue 19 Oct (St Paul of the Cross, Pr)

Romans 5:12,15,17-21; Psalm 40; Luke 12:35-38  
Jesus encourages to be vigilant, i.e. to be alert and attentive. For what? For the master (himself) who is coming. Not only at the end of time, but now, today, in many different ways. Be attentive to those ways.

### Wed 20 Oct (Bl Daudi Okelo & Jildo Irwa, Ms)

Romans 6:12-18; Psalm 124; Luke 12:39-48  
How might our lives be different if we lived with awareness of the reality that, at every moment, our loving God is truly in our midst, right here, right now? Look a little closer and you will find God everywhere.

### Thu 21 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 6:19-23; Psalm 1; Luke 12:49-53  
Approach God in prayer with confidence. We have received God's love and mercy freely, without any strings attached. Take advantage of this and don't be afraid to use it. God is dying to hear from you.

### Fri 22 Oct (St John Paul II, P)

Romans 7:18-25; Psalm 119; Luke 12:54-59  
Western culture is obsessed with the notion of winning at all costs. Today's Gospel asks us to sacrifice being 'right' in favour of being loving. Our biggest and most important victory in life is the battle over self.

### Sat 23 Oct (St John of Capistrano, Pr)

Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 24; Luke 13:1-9  
Do you seek true happiness? "The journey to happiness involves finding the courage to go down into ourselves and take responsibility for what's there; all of it." (Fr Richard Rohr, OFM)

### Sun 24 Oct 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Mark 10:46-52  
It is often the small things that add up to make the whole person. We have choices. We grow into Christ through a multitude of small choices: every day, every way. *Lord, help me to grow into you.*

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; **FEAST**; **Memorial**; (Optional **Memorial**)  
E=Evangelist; Pr=Priest; M=Martyr; P=Pope; Pr=Priest

# Catholic Link

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B  
Divine Office: Week 1 • 17 October 2021

# War and the Death Penalty

Pope Francis is not without his critics. In *Fratelli Tutti*, among some of the contentious topics, two have elicited considerable reaction. The opening paragraph names them:

There are two extreme situations that may be seen as solutions in especially dramatic circumstances, without realizing that they are false answers that do not resolve the problems they are meant to solve, and ultimately do no more than introduce new elements of destruction in the fabric of national and global society.

These are war and the death penalty.

In *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis carefully situates himself within the Catholic tradition and development of doctrine. The Church's thinking has changed since World War II with its Holocaust; with Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Pope John XXIII gave us *Pacem in Terris* (on peace in the world). Pope Paul VI gave us *Populorum Progressio*, and appealed to the United Nations: "No more war!" Pope John Paul II issued many teachings on the evils of war and the death penalty.

Pope Francis has said on more than one occasion that the world as we know it is actually in a constant state of war. Nothing surprising there, but he calls it a "World War in Instalments", or, in *Fratelli Tutti*, "a world war fought piecemeal, since the destinies of countries are closely interconnected on the global scene."

Pope Francis' arguments against war are clear. Space does not allow for a comprehensive presentation, but, as *Catholic Link* has mentioned before, the full text of *Fratelli Tutti* can be found online. Ever true to his love for

Scripture, the pope situates his thinking within the Bible. He opens the section on war with this quote: "Deceit is in the mind of those who plan evil, but those who counsel peace have joy" (Proverbs 12:20).

He then goes on to show how much deception there is in leaders calling for war. It recalls the wisdom that the first casualty of war is the truth.

Like his predecessor Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Francis gives much attention to the means of warfare available today, things like nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and the enormous

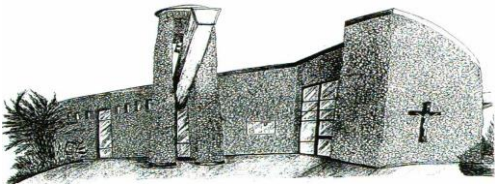
possibilities offered by new technologies. "These have granted war an uncontrollable destructive power over great numbers of innocent civilians", he says. This fact alone has forced the Church to re-consider her teaching on a just war, where one of the criteria allowing for war is moderation of means used. This simply no longer pertains in the 21st Century.

Pope Francis doesn't just state the problem of war; he offers a solution: "With the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, let us establish a global fund that can put an end to hunger and favour development in the most impoverished countries, so that their citizens will not resort to violent or illusory solutions."

On the death penalty, *Fratelli Tutti* leans on Pope Saint John Paul II who stated clearly and firmly that the death penalty is "inadequate from a moral standpoint", especially as the motive is too often governed by a spirit of vengeance. Justice can be served by incarceration. Pope Francis declares: "Today we state clearly that the death penalty is inadmissible, and the Church is firmly committed to calling for its abolition worldwide."



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to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ,  
reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.*

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### REPOSITORY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

See notice on door for contact numbers for items urgently required.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### The seriously sick:

Anthony Norris, Brian Fuller, Judy Willman, Scarlett Wright, Patrick Marx, Andre Herder, Michael Tunley, Jerelene Naidoo-Chetty, Lyn Rossell & Dale Smith.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Even though the change of the national response to Covid pandemic is now down to Level One, the daily public Mass limited attendance will remain **125** persons in our parish, so as to assure proper social distancing.

**ONLINE MASSES:** The **9.00am** Sunday Mass will continue to be available online, live-streamed on Facebook.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### Sat 16 Oct 5.00pm

Brianne Frankson's Special Intentions [Family]

Kayla Dunn's Birthday [Family]

Tessa Dunn's Birthday [Family]

#### Sun 17 Oct 7.00am

Elizabeth Oberholzer's Birthday [Betty]

The SFX Community & their Families

[Pottier Family]

Gregory Magiera R.I.P. [Family]

#### Sun 17 Oct 9.00am

Nascimento De Gouveia R.I.P. [John De Gouveia]

Roslyn & Cale's Special Intentions [Hudson Family]

Tyrell & Tarin Goodman's Thanksgiving for

Blessings Received

#### Mon 18 Oct 8.00am ST LUKE

Desmond Pierce R.I.P. [Emmanuel Family]

Melissa Davids R.I.P. [Sheenage Jooman]

#### Tue 19 Oct 5.30pm

Zayn & Sheenage Jooman's 19<sup>th</sup> Wedding

Anniversary [Zimara & Raheem]

Frankson Family's Special Intention

Marillier Family's Special Intention

#### Wed 20 Oct 8.00am

All Parishioners

#### Thu 21 Oct 5.30pm

Alain Firmin's Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

[Firmin Family]

Lucy Lawlor's Special Intention [CWL Prayer Partner]

#### Fri 22 Oct 8.00am St John Paul II

Holy Souls & Deceased Members of FOSS [Gaë]

Deacon Malcolm & Sharon [Dean & Estelle]

Meth Family's Thanksgiving

#### Sat 23 Oct 5.00pm WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

All Souls in Purgatory [Thompson Family]

Jarryd Welcome's Birthday [Family]

Dorothea Johns R.I.P. [Family]

#### Sun 24 Oct 7.00am WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

All Parishioners

### MASS INTENTIONS:.....

#### Sun 24 Oct 9.00am WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Melvyn Bredenkamp R.I.P. [Thompson Family]

Elizabeth Setebe's Special Intentions

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH:

We say thank you once again to the parishioners who have been supportive in many ways, and especially financially, during this ongoing COVID pandemic. May God continue to bless you and keep you and your family safe and well. For those parishioners who don't have the parish banking details, and would like to make a contribution, the parish banking information is as follows-

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### MISSION SUNDAY – 24 OCTOBER 2021: NEXT

WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For those who wish to make a financial Donation directly to help the Missions – use the direct banking information or scan the QR Code below.

**ABSA Bank Name: Pontifical Mission Societies**

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### SPECIAL PARISH MASS FOR MATRICULANTS:

All our young parishioners preparing to write Matric / Varsity or Tertiary College exams this year, are invited to attend a **Special Mass on Thursday 21 October at 5.30pm**, where you will receive a Blessing.

### SYNOD PREPARATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### OF DURBAN: *Pray this opening prayer every day.*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;

do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time,

in communion of the Father

### Daily Readings to reflect on during this week.:

Sunday: 17 October: Mark 10:35-45

Monday: Mark 1:14-21

Tuesday: Mark 10:21

Wednesday: Matthew 28:16-20

Thursday: Luke 9:1-6

Friday: Luke 10:1-3, 17

Saturday: John 17:17-23

### Prayer for this week:

Heavenly Father, You choose us and called us to be your adopted sons and daughters. Out of your infinite love you sent your only beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to save and redeem us. Through the Holy Spirit you empowered us to proclaim your message to the ends of the world. As we journey as members of the Body of Christ, may the same Spirit refresh us in the presence of your love and compassion as we persevere in announcing the gospel, trusting always in your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

• YEAR B •

17 OCTOBER 2021

DIVINE OFFICE: WEEK I

DAILY MASS READINGS: YEAR I

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Psalm 17:6-8**

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FIRST READING:

**Isaiah 53:10-11**

It was the will of the Lord to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand; he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities.

***The word of the Lord.***



PSALM:

**Psalm 33:4-5. 18-20. 22**

**R. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, And his merciful love fills the earth. ...**R**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to keep them alive in famine. ...**R**

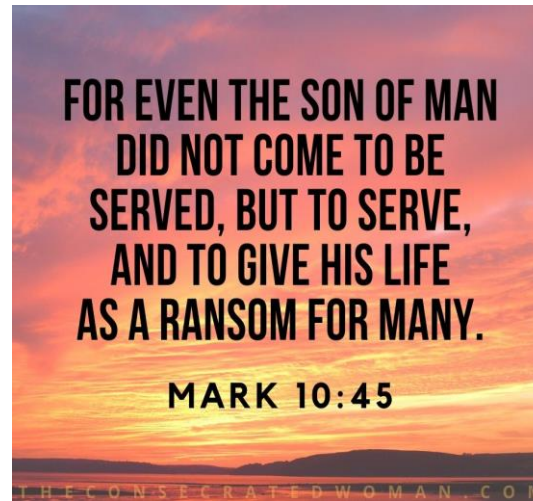
Our soul is waiting for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord. ...**R**

SECOND READING:

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

Brethren: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***The word of the Lord.***



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Mark 10:45**

**R. Alleluia.**

The Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**R. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL:

**Mark 10:35-45**

At that time: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the chalice that I drink, or to be baptised with the baptism with which I am baptised?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The chalice that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism I am baptised,

you will be baptised; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Psalm 33:18-19**

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

