

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 126.

RESPONSE:

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3. Bring back our exiles, O Lord, as streams in the south, those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves. **R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-6.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help, and exult in the name of our God.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 25 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 68; Luke 13:10-17
As children we learn how to do things when someone else has done those things for us, but our ability to imitate God takes a lot more. It takes trust – trust that we are wanted, loved and held as God's children.

Tue 26 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 126; Luke 13:18-21
If we love selflessly and unconditionally (in any relationship), respect flows freely, which generates more love, which generates more respect and so on. This results in an endless cycle of reciprocity and ease.

Wed 27 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 8:26-30; Psalm 13; Luke 13:22-30
"You can choose to live your losses as passages to anger, blame, hatred, depression and resentment, or you choose to let these losses be passages to something new, something wider, and deeper." (Henri Nouwen)

Thu 28 Oct SS SIMON & JUDE, A

Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19; Luke 6:12-19
Jesus... spent the night in prayer to God. "Contemplation is nothing else but a secret, peaceful, and loving infusion of God, which, if admitted, will set the soul on fire with the Spirit of love." (St John of the Cross)

Fri 29 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 9:1-5; Psalm 147; Luke 14:1-6
Be patient. It takes time for awareness of God to grow in us. And it does grow when we come to God often in silent, persistent and hopeful prayer. Lord, help me to be more aware of your presence within me.

Sat 30 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 11:1-2.11-12.25-29; Psalm 94; Luke 14:1.7-11
Our faith is not merely lived interiorly. It must be expressed exteriorly – often in small ways – like kindness, honesty, compassion, forgiveness and patience. We do this because we are followers of Jesus. Can others tell?

Sun 31 Oct 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 18; Mark 12:28-34
The gospels remind us time and again that the primary purpose of healing is that God is glorified. When asking God for any kind of personal healing let us remember this.

(KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) A=Apostle)

Catholic Link

BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B
Divine Office: Week II • 24 October 2021

Religion at the Service of Fraternity

It is public knowledge that Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, in the lead-up to the conclave that eventually elected him pope, offered a powerful metaphor of the current state of the Church. He recalled the famous painting of Jesus standing at a door knocking and waiting to be let in. Today, however, said the soon-to-be Pope Francis, Jesus is on the inside knocking to be let out.

This is precisely the challenge he puts to us in the final sections of *Fratelli Tutti*. Naturally he has in mind the Church's task of evangelisation and service to humanity, but Pope Francis adds something else – inspired by the vision of Vatican Council II – that while going out we also need to grasp the hands of other faiths in a common quest to bring people together to build global community. If religions cannot meet each other in mutual respect and fraternity, then how can they expect humanity to do so? The means to this which Pope Francis recommends brings us back to his watchword: dialogue!

Dialogue between the followers of different religions does not take place simply for the sake of diplomacy or tolerance.

In the words of the Bishops of India, "the goal of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace and harmony, and to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love".

The religions of the world, says Pope Francis, have a unique and urgent task: to remind humanity of transcendent truth. Without a sense of God there is no sure principle for just relations between people. We would fall deeper

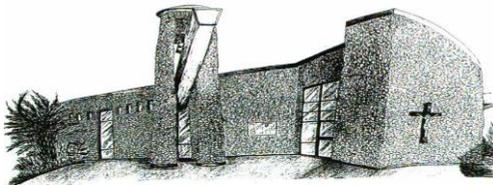
into the original sin of humanity – in the figures of Adam and Eve – who tried to "play God". Says the pope, "If one does not acknowledge transcendent truth, then the force of power takes over, and each person imposes their own interests or opinion, with no regard for the rights of others." This leads to the idolatry of the self and the idolatry of the powerful.

In a word, the Church needs to go out to the world in all its ambiguities and tilted structures. It cannot restrict its mission to the private sphere. It cannot remain on the sidelines. And it must not fail to "reawaken the spiritual energy", as Pope Francis puts it, that can contribute to the betterment of society. This is not party politics. It is the Church's prophetic mission to draw constant attention to "the common good", that is, to integral human development. In doing so, the Church does not align herself with earthly powers, but she must take the hands of people of other faiths in a common quest to reawaken the sense of the transcendent, without which global fraternity would be impossible.

Using the metaphor mentioned above, Pope Francis concludes: "The

Church is a home with open doors, because she is a mother. And in imitation of Mary, the mother of Jesus, we want to be a Church that serves, that leaves home and goes forth from its places of worship, goes forth from its sacristies, in order to accompany life, to sustain hope, to be the sign of unity, to build bridges, to break down walls, to sow seeds of reconciliation".





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reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.*

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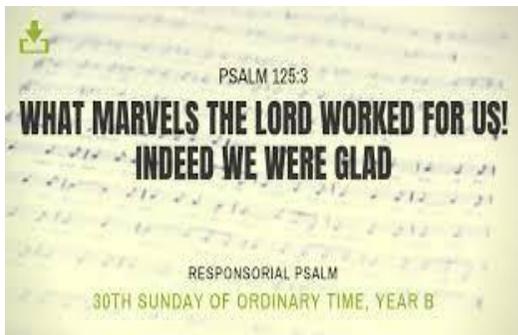
REPOSITORY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

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.



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 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

Sun 24 Oct 9.00am WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Melvyn Bredenkamp R.I.P. [Thompson Family]
Elizabeth Setebe's Special Intentions

Mon 25 Oct 8.00am

Deceased Oblate of Mary Immaculate [Fr Mike]

Tue 26 Oct 5.30pm

Gabriella Abrahams' Birthday's [Family]
Patrick Regnard's Birthday [Firmin Family]
Adele Colbeck R.I.P. [Family]

Wed 27 Oct 8.00am

Julian Thompson's Birthday [Family]
Joan Haines R.I.P. [Betty]

Thu 28 Oct 5.30pm ST SIMON & ST JUDE

Maria Caetano's Thanksgiving to St Jude Thaddeus

Fri 29 Oct 8.00am

Pat Vickers [Julian & Veronica Thompson]
Yvonne Soudom's Birthday [Meth Family]
Tommy & Michele's Thanksgiving for Blessings
Received

Sat 30 Oct 5.00pm

Ivan & Quintin Plowman R.I.P. [Sheila]
Carmel & Gerrard Thompson R.I.P. [Pottier Family]
Garreth Knibbs & Brendan Dunn's Birthdays [Family]

Sun 31 Oct 7.00am

Erica Meyer's Birthday [Family]
Estelle Firmin's Birthday [Family]

Sun 31 Oct 9.00am

Manuel & Lucy De Gouveia R.I.P. [John De Gouveia]

Barry & Elizabeth's Thanksgiving
Evelyn Friel R.I.P. [Friel Family]

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-

NAME: Bluff Catholic Church
BANK: First National Bank
BRANCH: Durban Main
BRANCH CODE: 25 06 55 (Generic)
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A/C NO.: 508 444 959 17

If you are a current Dedicated Giving parishioner who usually uses the envelope system and would like to make an EFT deposit, please **ONLY use your Unique Number as your Beneficiary reference**. If you usually contribute anonymously via the collection basket, and wish to remain anonymous, please use the word **DONATION** as your Beneficiary reference.

MISSION SUNDAY – 24 OCTOBER 2021:

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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NAPIER CENTRE 4 HEALING: OPEN VACANCY FOR HOUSE FATHER. Please see advert on outside noticeboard.

ST DOMINIC'S ONE DAY RETREAT/WORKSHOP:

Saturday 20th November, 2021 9am to 5pm

Theme: PRAYER *MEETING GOD IN HIS WORD*

Please see outside noticeboard, or take a flier for further information.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LISTS:

– It is customary to remember our deceased relatives and friends in the Masses during the month of November. **Pious Lists envelopes are available at the back of the church.** Complete and bring with you to the All Souls' Mass on Tuesday 2 November, or deliver to the parish office, or place in the collection basket next weekend, together with your donation, in the envelope provided. Your contributions will be given to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

SYNOD PREPARATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DURBAN:

Daily Readings to reflect on during this week.:

Sunday: 24 October: Galatians 5:6

Monday: Romans 10:13-17

Tuesday: John 10:27

Wednesday: Acts 2:41-42

Thursday: Isaiah 6:8

Friday: Matthew 24:14

Saturday: Proverbs 10:17

Prayer for this week:

God our Father, You sent Your only Son into the world to save humanity and serve through love. In following His example, may our faith come alive through attentive listening and actions of love. Amen
Come, Holy Spirit of love, open our hearts to listen.
Come, Spirit of holiness, renew the holy faithful People of God. Come, creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth! (*Pope Francis*)

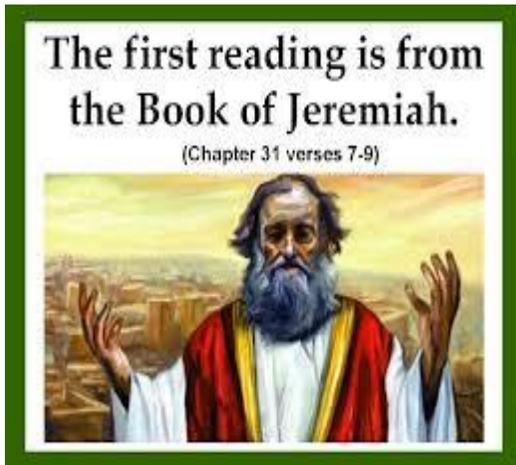
FAREWELL: It is with sadness that we bid farewell to the Pottier Family (Gevase, Theres, Kelin and Kaylee). Over the years of their sojourn here they have made an enormous contribution to our parish community with their time, talents and dedication. Among others who will also be relocating shortly, we wish Tommy and Michele Atkins, and Jim Friel well in their new locations and parishes, and may God bless them all abundantly.

30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
• YEAR B •
24 OCTOBER 2021
DIVINE OFFICE: WEEK II
DAILY MASS READINGS: YEAR I

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Psalm 105:3-4

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FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together, a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations

I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born."

The word of the Lord.

PSALM:

Psalm 126:1-6

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SECOND READING:

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as those of the people. And one does not take the honour upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

2 Timothy 1:10

R. Alleluia.

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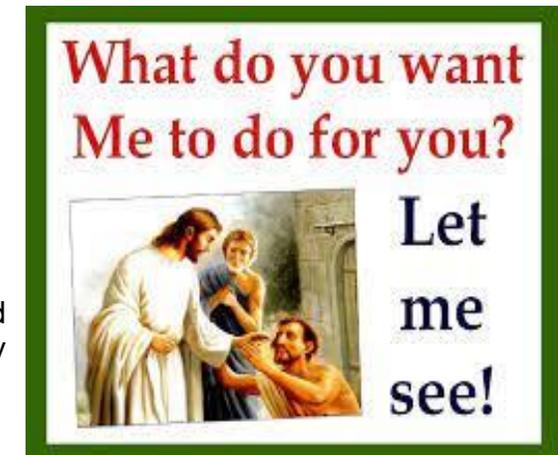
GOSPEL:

Mark 10:46-52

At that time: As Jesus was leaving for Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, and son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David,

have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" and Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Psalm 20:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help,
and exult in the name of our God.