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at a  
glance

#### Today's Readings

*Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19* The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.  
*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18* All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.  
*Luke 18:9-14* The publican returned to his home justified: the pharisee did not.



**30th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time,  
Year C, 26th/27th  
October, 2019**

#### In a nutshell

The Pharisee prides himself on being virtuous, comparing himself favourably with the publican, whom he despises.

He says his prayer 'to himself' not to God, for in reality he himself is his God.

Focusing on externals, he is blind to his own sin while certain that he knows the publican's failings.

The publican knows truthfully who he is before God.

Living in truth brings harmony within and between us.

***"The person who humbles oneself, will be exalted"***

Today's readings offer valuable lessons concerning trust and humility, both of which serve as important criteria for Christians in developing healthy prayer practices and a deeper relationship with God.

The first reading from the book of Sirach says God hears and responds to our prayers lovingly. God regards our loyalty to him regardless of our journey or identity in life. When we come to the Lord simply, and hand our needs and struggles over to him with complete confidence, we know God will act and answer our prayers.

Yet, as Saint Luke reminds us in his account of Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, we must always be grateful for God's gift appreciating our blessings, but never celebrating them boastfully or excessively. God, in the end, will honour our choice to live a humble life. As evidenced by the tax collector, it is through acknowledging our flaws and asking God for mercy that we experience healing and encouragement.

So as we seek to grow closer to God in our daily living, may we strive to practise greater trust in his way and humble ourselves before him. In displaying boundless faith in God while living meekly, we open ourselves more fully to being raised in God's unconditional love.

*Living in Christ (Canada), 2019*


#### Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:	Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.
Response to the psalm:	The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Gospel acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil October 26th</b>	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Year 3 Families	<b>Saturday Vigil October</b>	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Sr Gabriel, Michael Zador
<b>Sunday 7.00 am October</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George & Nick Attard	<b>Sunday 7.00 am October:</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson Gary Keating
<b>Sunday 9.30 am October 27th:</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) John Rouen, Therese Compton	<b>Sunday 9.30 am October:</b>	Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty.
<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Paula O'Connor, Denise Haylen
<b>Church Cleaners</b> Paula O'Connor, Siobhan Scott and other volunteers.		<b>Sacristy &amp; Altar</b> Carol Miller & Pilar Ovelar	
<b>Money Counters—Parish Office</b>		<b>Altar Flowers</b> Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
<b>October 27th:</b>	Group 1	<b>November 3rd:</b>	Group 2
<b>November 10th:</b>	Group 3	<b>November 17th:</b>	Group 4
		<b>Piety Stall</b> (Vigil & 9.30 Masses): Siobhan Scott	

<b>Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> October 26th: Year 3 Families	<b>Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am</b> October 27th: Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh
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<b>Mass Offerings:</b>	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	<b>Matthäus Wieder (Austria)</b> , Manfred Bart, Brenda Dore, Mark Stewart, Brian Stewart, Lawrence Cregan, Robert Kemp, Jeff Sayle, Vincent Schembri,
<b>Other Deceased:</b>	Paul McMahon, Desmond and Alice Ryan, Noel & Paul Hudson, Kit & Bill Sanders, Fitzpatrick Family, Tony Cunningham.
<b>Sick:</b>	<b>Fr Paul Jennings msc, Fr Terry Naughton msc, Fr Paul Stenhouse msc, Paula Hudson</b> , Carmel Kearney (Fr Terry's sister), Robyn Hutton, Maureen O'Connor, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Roslyn Powell, Jake Hudson, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Richard Healy, Joan Edwards, Jim Kavanagh, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Paul Evans, Elizabeth Khoury, Alex Campbell, Todd Hudson, Maximilian Naum, Geoffrey Karpin, Chris Schneider.

	<b>Baptism</b> - We congratulate Elise Moustacas, daughter of Anthony and Claire, received into our Parish Community during 9.30am Family Mass.
	<b>RCIA program</b> - The RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation Adults) has now commenced and is on Tuesdays <b>at 6pm</b> , and will run until Easter next year (with a break over Xmas and January). If you are interested please contact either Fr Phil or Anne-Marie in the Parish Office, 9315 7562.

<b>St Brigid's Parish Information</b>	
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm</b>
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Most Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sacrament of Anointing</b>	During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, usually during 9.30am Family Mass
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
<b>Parish Office (phone 9315 7562):</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday: 9am to 3pm.</b> <b>(Fr Phil—pastoral emergencies only: 0420 329 731)</b>

### St Brigid's this week and beyond

**Saturday 26th October 5pm Vigil Mass** - Welcome to St Brigid's Year 3 families

**Thank You** to all who contributed last weekend to the **Catholic Mission Appeal**. Envelopes can still be placed on any collection this weekend; we will publish the total contributed in the next weekend Bridie.

**Friday 1st November** - Mass at 9.30am for the **Feast of All Saints**. (All Souls Day—Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed will be incorporated into next weekend Masses)

**Saturday 2nd & 9th November 2019** - Cemetery Mass for the deceased will be celebrated at the Ascension of Jesus Christ Mausoleum, Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium Botany at 11am.

**Saturday 2nd & 3rd November 2019 - Charitable Works Funds (CWF) Pastoral Appeal.**

**Monday 4th November** - PPC meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

**November Masses** It is a strong Catholic tradition to pray for all our deceased family and friends during the month of November; and Masses are offered each day for your intentions. Please write names in the Memorial Book in the Church Foyer. November Mass envelopes are also provided, and any donations received in these envelopes are sent to assist overseas MSC missionaries, who also offer Masses for your intentions.

**HSC** - As students prepare and study for their remaining HSC exams we encourage you to continue to pray for them at this time.

**Life in the Spirit Prayer Day—Come and encounter God's Grace and embrace God's Unconditional Love** with Sr Margaret Scully RSC, Fr Tony Alex MGL and Vince Fitzwilliam (NSW CCR). Saturday, 02 November at Ventnor House - 193 Avoca Street, Randwick. Time: 8.45am - 4.00pm. Cost by donation.

Please bring a plate to share for lunch. For enquiries please contact OLSH Holy Spirit Prayer Group - Andrew 0412 479 680, Paula 0401 877 976, Maggie 0416 091 330. Limited parking, carpool recommended or on street parking.

*Fr Phil*



*Thank you to this amazing team that cooked and served lunch to 180 recipients at St Canice's Kitchen on last Sunday.*



### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police,

**St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.**





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