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at a  
glance



#### Today's Readings

*Wisdom 11:22-12:2*

*2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2*

*Luke 19:1-10*

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost



**31st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time,  
Year C, 2nd/3rd  
November, 2019**

#### In a nutshell

**Zacchaeus was determined to see Jesus even if it meant looking silly!**

**Already he was being drawn to the Lord.**

**His lifestyle was at odds with Jesus' teaching and the people knew him as a sinner, yet Jesus responded to his heartfelt desire and chose to stay at his house.**

**This prompted Zacchaeus to admit his sins and promise restitution.**

**Thus salvation dawned for him! Jesus invites us, too.**

#### *"Today salvation has come to this house"*

St Teresa of Kolkata, more commonly known as Mother Teresa, was once selecting children for a new orphanage of the Missionaries of Charity in East Africa. She could not take every orphaned child and a journalist spoke up, "What are you going to do for the rest?" Mother Teresa looked him straight in the eye and replied, "What are you going to do?" The journalist was so touched by these words that he returned home, gave up his job and started to raise funds for another orphanage in that part of Africa.

Zacchaeus, in today's Gospel, was a senior tax collector. Such people were despised in the own communities. First of all, they were collaborators with the occupying forces of Rome. They made their living by collecting taxes from the local people, in order to support the oppressive structure of imperial Rome. But there was more; they made themselves rich by adding a premium to what they had to deliver to the Romans in order to cover their own expensive lifestyle. If they were going to unpopular in any case, they might as well do it in comfort. Clearly, Zacchaeus was not happy with his way of life. He saw something in Jesus that was different. He wanted to know what it was, and so he climbed a sycamore tree that was along the way Jesus would pass, so that could get a good view and maybe learn his secret.

The point of today's Gospel reading is to show us that the answer to our inner longings is not to acquire more things for ourselves, but rather to build relationships of love and compassion with others who are on the same journey, with Jesus as our leader and guide. He brought salvation to Zacchaeus and his house. He did not condemn what he had been doing, or even ask him to change. Simply by inviting himself into his home, Jesus helped Zacchaeus to make new and better choices for his life. And for those who considered that they were already doing the right thing by ostracising the tax collector, Jesus invited them to broaden their vision of whom God wanted to save: all the family of Abraham, especially those who were lost.

What about us today? Jesus offers us choices. Like Mother Teresa, he asks us, "What are you going to do?" Will you try to find fulfilment in the enjoyment of what the world has to offer in power, pleasure and possessions? Or will you join Jesus on the way of love and compassion in the family of his faithful disciples?

*The Living Word, 2019*

#### **Raise your voices**

**Entrance antiphon:**

Do not abandon me, Lord. My God, do not go away from me!  
Hurry to help me, Lord, my Saviour.

**Response to the psalm:**

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.


**Gospel acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil November 2nd</b>	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil	<b>Saturday Vigil November</b>	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Sr Gabriel, Michael Zador
<b>Sunday 7.00 am November</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker	<b>Sunday 7.00 am November:</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gerry Walker, Charlie Robinson Gary Keating
<b>Sunday 9.30 am November 3rd:</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Gian Cornale	<b>Sunday 9.30 am November:</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>November 24th:</b> Group 1 <b>November 3rd:</b> Group 2 <b>November 10th:</b> Group 3 <b>November 17th:</b> Group 4		<b>Altar Flowers</b> Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
		<b>Piety Stall</b> (Vigil & 9.30 Masses): Siobhan Scott	

<b>Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> November 2nd: Volunteers please	<b>Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am</b> November 3rd: Pam & John McCarthy
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<b>Mass Offerings:</b>	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	<b>Helen Ford</b> , Matthäus Wieder (Austria), Manfred Bart, Brenda Dore, Mark Stewart, Brian Stewart, Lawrence Cregan, Robert Kemp.
<b>Other Deceased:</b>	Negus and Ferguson Families.
<b>Anniversary:</b>	<b>Eufemia Benussi</b>
<b>Sick:</b>	<b>Jim Rigby, 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> <i>We congratulate Koda Heath, son of Tory and Christopher, and Hugo Ryan, son of Kelly and David, both received into our Parish Community during our 9.30am Family Mass today.</i>
<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 still 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, <i>usually during 9.30am Family Mass</i>
<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 2nd & 3rd November 2019 - Charitable Works Funds (CWF)**  
Pastoral Appeal. The CWF is a centralized fund that supports the Charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

**Thank You** to all who contributed to the “**Catholic Mission Appeal**”; you generously donated \$1825.

**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.

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

**Saturday 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.

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

**Carpark & Children** - Please be aware that the car-park is a **shared zone** with cars and pedestrians. Parents are asked to keep their children with them at all times, and not run around through the parked vehicles. Those parked in the car-park are to park in the designated car spots and to be aware of pedestrians.

**Blessed Meals** - Many families in our community have appreciated the beautiful home cooked meals that you have generously donated; if you have any time and would like to make a meal please call the parish office.

*Fr Phil*



### Gingerbread Night - Wednesday 4th December - in the Parish hall at 6-8pm

Please join us for this fun festive event - Gingerbread house kit includes lollies and wrapping - \$35 per house. Children welcome. Please contact the parish office for more details.

### ***Mary McKillop Parish Day Trip***

*Museum Tour, Lunch and Mass*

*Day - Wednesday 11th December*

*Time - A bus will pick us up from church car park at 9am—Return— 2.30pm (approx.)*

*Please contact the parish office, 9315 7562 for more details, costs tbc.*

*We hope that you can you join us for this parish outing.*

### **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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