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Thirty-first Sunday in Ord Time Yr C – 30th October 2022

First Reading Wis 11:22 – 12:2 *A reading from the book of Wisdom*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

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

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| 1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.) | 3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.) |
| 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.) | 4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.) |

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2 *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

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!

Gospel Lk 19:1-10 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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Gospel Reflection

Through nine or ten chapters of the gospel of Luke and over several months we have been following the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. In today's gospel, Jesus has drawn very near to Jerusalem – Jericho is just a short distance from Jerusalem – and Jesus is moving steadily closer to the Passion of his final days.

Zacchaeus is as keen as the rest of Jericho to see Jesus as he passes through the town. However, because he is so short he can't see past the crowd and because he is a despised tax collector, no one was going to make room for him to see. He goes to the extreme length of climbing a tree just to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Like other characters in the gospel, his determination to simply catch sight of Jesus is an indication of his readiness to accept the message of Jesus. Because of his evident willingness to welcome the message of Jesus into his life, Jesus prompts Zacchaeus to welcome Jesus into his home. The readiness of Jesus to enter into the house of someone regarded as a sinner causes great scandal among the onlookers. What's more, Jesus is prepared to eat with this man as well – a sign of complete acceptance. The welcome of Zacchaeus meets the welcome of God.

Jesus declares that salvation has come to Zacchaeus' house and that he is a son of Abraham – one of the faithful. His words are directed to the crowd, not Zacchaeus. They are so determined to draw lines between those who are acceptable and those who are not that they have failed to notice what Jesus has taught all along – that faith can flourish in all people and is not determined by their social status.



All Saints Day (Tues. 1st Nov) Mass 7:00am
All Souls Day (Wed 2nd Nov) Mass 6:00pm

Important Notice: *There will be no Masses at St Brigid's from Mon. 7th November to Fri. 11th November inclusive. Masses will commence again Saturday, 12th November at 9:00am.*
The Pauline Fathers & Brothers will be attending a meeting in Sydney during this time.

CHURCHES St Brigid's Church 39-49 McLaren Rd Nerang Q 4211 St John's Church Windabout Rd Beechmont Q 4211	MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH <u>Week Day Mass</u>		
	Monday, Thursday, and Friday Wednesday Saturday Morning	7.00 am 6.00 pm 9.00 am	
SCHOOL St Brigid's Primary McLaren Road Nerang Q 4211 Phone: 5596 4188	<u>Sunday Mass</u> Saturday Vigil Sunday		6.00 pm 8.30 am sometimes live streamed
	<u>St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont</u> Next Mass at St John's		1st Sunday of each month - 9.00am 6th November 2022
WEB PAGE: www.sb.qld.edu.au MATTHEW VINE Principal	<u>Rosary</u> Monday, Thursday, Friday at 6.30 am Saturday at 8.30am. Sunday 8.00am		
	<u>Divine Mercy Prayer</u> Thursday 7.30 am <u>Adoration</u> in Church Wednesday 5.30pm followed by 6.00pm Mass		
	<u>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</u> Saturday 9.30 am		
	<u>Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church</u> Saturdays 8:15am & 5:15 pm and Wednesday 5:15 pm		
	<u>Mass at Earle Haven</u> - Next Mass 4th November 2022 9:15am		

We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus
We pray for the recently deceased :
We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Best
We also remember their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.
We pray for those who are sick or in hospital: John Carney, Tony Ciriello, Pam Hudson, Mary Topui
Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.



THE SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
MARIAN VALLEY MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass is at 9.00 am Monday to Friday
 Saturday Mass time is 11.00am Sunday Mass times 11.00am and 4.00pm



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 University & Gold Coast PrivHosp-Southport Parish 5510 2222

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley Church for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.11.2022. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am at the Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters. The Cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573,. All are welcome.

Tap & Go
 You will notice a new Tap & Go machine at the church entrance. This is a very handy method of giving to St. Brigid's. The machine has been pre-set so that One tap equals \$10, two taps equals \$20 and multiples thereof. This takes care of the problem of being caught without cash and is a great benefit to our parish. *Please use before or after Mass, not during.*

Let us work together to rebuild, restore & revitalize our beautiful parish.

All Souls Day Service
Sunday 6th Nov. 11:00am Allambie Gardens
All Souls Day Service & Stations of the Cross
Everyone Welcome
Refreshments Following

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." LUKE 19:8
 We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial possessions and resources? <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

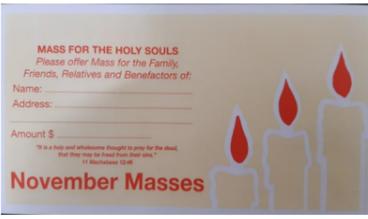
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HISTORICAL
CONTEXT

Tax Collectors

Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income.

Mass for the Holy Souls



“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins.” *11 Machabees 12:46*

Please take an envelope, complete the details and return in time for inclusion in the November Masses