

want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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GREATNESS THROUGH SERVICE

James and John were two especially privileged disciples. Called on the first day of Jesus' ministry with Peter and Andrew, they were special witnesses to the raising of Jairus' daughter and to the Transfiguration. While the other disciples knew this, they were not prepared for their audacious and ambitious request to share in Jesus' reign. Jesus had no sooner predicted, for the second time, the fate that awaited him in Jerusalem than they revealed their complete failure to comprehend Jesus' message. Their request unmasked their ambition and desire for power. Service and giving oneself for others are to be the hallmark of the Christian community, and the manner in which greatness is to be expressed. Like the suffering servant of Isaiah who takes on the punishment which is due to others Jesus will give his life so that others might live. This is what is required of those who would be leaders in the Christian community.

In speaking of Jesus as the great and eternal high priest there was the danger that early Christians would then feel in some way distant from the one who had saved them. The letter to the Hebrews makes the point that even though Jesus' death and resurrection have brought him into the highest heaven he has not lost sight of the people. That Jesus was without sin does not mean that he does not understand our human situation. He has shared our human experience and is therefore able to mediate on our behalf with mercy and grace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord, is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. R.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. R.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. R.

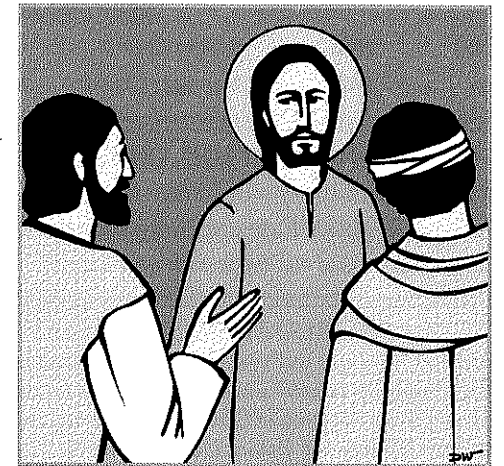
SECOND READING

Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to



the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mk 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we

MASSES — OCTOBER 2021

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday	19th	Narrogin Church	Communion Service (Rosary 9:00am)	9:30am
Wednesday	20th	Narrogin Church	Communion Service (Rosary 4:30pm)	5:00pm
Thursday	21st	Narrogin Church	Communion Service (Rosary 9:00am)	9:30am
Friday	22nd	Narrogin Church	Adoration Mass	4:30—5:00pm 5:00pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	23rd	Wagin Church	Mass	6:00pm
Sunday	24th	Narrogin Church	Mass	9:30 am

MRS DEBORAH ROBERTSON, DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC MISSION

The Parish community would like to welcome Mrs Deborah Robertson to our Parish, to talk about Extraordinary month of Mission— *“For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard”*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—17TH OCTOBER 2021

This weekend Narrogin and Wagin parishes are holding their annual Mission Appeal. Each year Catholic Mission in Australia has a focus project for our prayer, advocacy and fundraising. Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai* who, having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Learn more about the work at catholicmission.org.au or contact Deborah at 0474 928 765 Email bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au



"What a week it has been! Videos from the past week, coverage from various media and the fruits of the Assembly will be available via www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Assembly 1 saw a year's delay and technological hiccups — all in the midst of a pandemic. It all culminated in this unique and fruitful experience, where we chose to listen and discern and pray together, even and especially with our different perspectives and coming from the different corners of Australia. We come out of it with an overwhelming sense of joy and hope, knowing we are guided by the Holy Spirit and driven by such love for God and the Catholic Church in Australia.

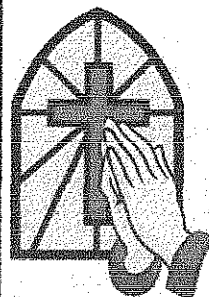
We thank everyone who has made this week possible, from contributing to Listening and Dialogue to following Assembly 1 online. Please continue to pray for Plenary Council as the journey continues!"



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Our Christian language often speaks of “conversion.” The incident we are considering points to the fact that true conversion is much more than a reform of personal morals. It is a revolution in our understanding of what our life “in Christ” means; it is the starting point of true discipleship. Jesus now urges the twelve to be converted, to broaden their vision, change their values – by identifying with the paradoxical ways of God that are the subject of his reflections as he journeys to Jerusalem. If they are to be leaders and guides in the community of disciples, their exercise in authority must be more than the realisation of their ambitions for a place of prestige and power. If they want to be truly great, they must make themselves “servants” – even “slaves” – of all.

- From a homily on the Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm



ALL SOULS DAY – CEMETERY MASS

November is fast approaching It is a tradition in the Catholic Church to celebrate Mass on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed—more commonly known as All Souls Day—in the local cemetery. In keeping with this tradition, Mass will be celebrated at Narrogin Cemetery on TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER at 5:30pm at the new Gazebo at the bottom of the cemetery (on Grainger Street). Blessings of the graves will be before and after the Mass. All parishioners are warmly invited to this special celebration of Mass.

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH MINISTRIES

	<u>This Sun: 17th October</u> 9:30am	<u>Next Sun: 24 October</u> 9:30am
Welcomer	George Family	Batt Family
Liturgy Co-ordinator	Sr Idaya	T Wardell-Johnson
Reader	C Quartermaine	J Pamugas
Extraordinary Minister-Host	Sr Zita	C Quartermaine
Others	Sr Idaya	Sr Zita
Altar Servers	Z George & P Dawid	C Batt & K Shepherd
Music	Sr Anitta	R Pamugas
Morning Tea	T Stott & J George	Lansdell & Batt family
Counters	R Hoskin & D Wilkie	T Lockwood & G Henry
Flowers	M Silverster	Sr Zita & Sr Anitta

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The Safeguarding Officer for St Matthew's Parish is:

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SAVE THE DATE!!

St Matthew's Catholic Church will host a visiting speaker – Mr Steve Klomp, president of the "Right to Life Association" – on Sunday 7 November at and after the 10.15am Mass. Steve will speak to us during Mass, unveil a special plaque in our foyer, and continue his presentation over a light 'finger lunch' in the Parish Centre after Mass. More details will follow in the coming weeks, but **PLEASE save the date** in your diaries/calendars.

2021 CONFIRMATION

Please join us next Sunday 24th of November at 9:30am to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Gerard Holohan will be here to confirm the candidates and to celebrate the Mass.



Bishop's canonical visitation

Saturday 23rd October at 2pm with parish canonical bodies

- Meeting with the Narrogin Parish Pastoral Council
- Meeting with the Narrogin Parish Finance Committee.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRED IN OCTOBER

We pray for our departed sisters and brothers especially:

*Kathy Lewandowski, Ronald Hesford, John Walker,
Anthony Song, Joseph Teo, Teo Sing Chiu, Alice Ong,
Annie Yong, Phyllis Wiese, Alfred Russell, Earl Hart,
Marian Sutarz, Brendon Martin, Patricia Roberts,
Doris Carmody, Vivienne Stott, Maurice Dawson,
Marija Szewczyk, Mary Edwards, Jan Miskiewicz,
Joseph Kickett & Vin McKenzie*



May they be joyful in the knowledge that they are purified by the Spirit and share in eternal life.