

Date:	19th Oct/20th Oct 2024		Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Mass Time:	Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
Vigil: 5:00 PM	Ian Miles	Colleen Baker	Felix Kobus	No One
8:00 AM	Randall Noney	Tanya Graham	Tom Horsfall	
9:30 AM	Bernard Ellis	Matt Aldous	Peta Sparkes	Chris Wilson
Morning Tea:	Disciples of Jesus			

Date:	26th Oct/27th Oct 2024		Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Mass Time:	Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
Vigil: 5:00 PM	Ed Junis	Margaret Smith	Anne Maureen Scarff	Chris Wilson
8:00 AM	Marek Grus	Ros Comfort	Vicky Walker	
9:30 AM	John Belfanti	Katherine Mahns	Phillip Saville	Streeters

KID'S CORNER

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Isaiah 53  
Word-Find



Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading.  
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASED to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin, he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE, and the will of the Lord will be accomplished through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS; through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall JUSTIFY many, and their GUILT he shall bear.

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**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 9:30 am  
**Weekday Mass:** Monday - Saturday 9:30 am  
**Adoration:** Monday - Saturday from 8:15 am - 9:15 am  
**First Friday Adoration:** Every first Friday of the month 7:00 pm  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday after 9:30 am Mass and 4:00-5:00 pm before the Vigil Mass  
**Children's Liturgy:** 3rd Sunday of every month, 9:30 am  
**Baptisms:** 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 11:00 am and by appointment  
**Weddings:** By appointment  
**Funerals:** Please Contact the Parish Office



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*We respect the Darug people and their elders both past and present, as the traditional custodians of this land on which we celebrate the Eucharist.*

Pope Francis Angelus Address: 17 October 2021: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Buongiorno! The Gospel of today's Liturgy (Mk 10:35-45) narrates that two disciples, James and John, ask the Lord to one day sit beside him in glory, as if they were "prime ministers", or something like that. But the other disciples hear this, and become indignant. At that point, Jesus patiently offers them a great teaching: true glory is not obtained by rising over others, but by experiencing the same baptism that He would receive just a little later in Jerusalem, that is, the cross. What does this mean? The word "baptism" means "immersion": through his Passion, Jesus immersed himself into death, offering his life to save us. Therefore, his glory, the glory of God, is love that becomes service, not power that seeks to dominate. Not power that seeks to dominate, no! But love that becomes service. Thus, Jesus ends by saying to his disciples and to us as well: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (v. 43). In order to become great, you will have to take the path of service, serving others.

We are in front of two different types of logic: the disciples want to rise up and Jesus wants to immerse Himself. Let us pause on these two verbs. The first is to rise up. It expresses that worldly mentality to which we are always tempted: to experience everything, including relationships, in order to feed our ambition, to climb the ladder of success, to reach important positions. The quest for personal prestige can become a spiritual malady masquerading itself even behind good intentions: for example, when behind the good that we do and preach, we are only seeking ourselves and our own affirmation, that is, getting ahead and climbing up. And we see this even in the Church. How many times, we Christians, who should be servants, try to climb up, to get ahead. We should thus, always evaluate our heart's real intentions, asking ourselves: "Why am I carrying out this work, this responsibility? To offer service or rather to be recognised, praised and to receive compliments"? Jesus contrasts this worldly logic with his own: instead of exalting yourself over others, getting off the pedestal to serve them; instead of rising above others, immersing one's self in the lives of others. I was watching on the program "A Sua Immagine" (in His image), on the service provided by Caritas to ensure that no one be without food: being concerned about the hunger of others, being concerned about the needs of others. Today, there are many, many people in need, and after the pandemic there are many more. Looking and lowering ourselves in service and not seeking to climb up for one's own glory.

Here then is the second verb: to be immersed. Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet. There, [on that programme], we were watching hunger but do we think compassionately about the hunger of so many people? When we have a meal before us, which is a grace from God that we can eat, there are many people who work and are unable to have enough food. Do we think about this? Immersing ourselves with compassion, having compassion. It is not a fact from an encyclopedia... No! They are people. And do I have compassion on people? Compassion for the lives of those we meet, like Jesus did with me, with you, with all of us, he drew near with compassion.

Let us look at the Crucified Lord, completely immersed in our wounded history, and we will discover God's way of doing things. We see that he did not remain above in heaven to look down on us from up there, but he lowered himself to wash our feet. God is love and love is humble, it does not exalt itself, but comes down like the rain that falls to earth and brings life. But how can we adopt the same direction as Jesus, going from raising ourselves up to immersing ourselves, from the mentality of prestige, worldly prestige, to that of service, Christian service? Dedication is needed, but that is not enough. It is difficult alone, but not impossible, for we have a strength within that helps us. It is the strength of Baptism, of that immersion in Jesus that all of us have already received through grace that directs us, moving us to follow him instead of seeking our interests, but to put ourselves at the service of others. It is a grace, a fire that the Spirit has kindled in us that needs to be nurtured. Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of Baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.

And let us pray to Our Lady: even though she was the greatest, she did not seek to rise up, but was the humble servant of the Lord, and is completely immersed in our service to help us encounter Jesus.



**Second Reading** [Hebrews 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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** [Mark 10:45](#)

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

**Gospel** [Mark 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 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

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon** [Cf Psalm 32:18-19](#)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

**Entrance Antiphon** [Cf Psalm 16:6,8](#)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**First Reading** [Isaiah 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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial 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.

- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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.)



**Recently Deceased:** Veronica Duane, Mario Charles Mifsud, Odette Harb

**Sick:** John Fisher, John Hunia, Eva Fitzgerald, Philip Coggan, James Connor, Richard Ford, Julie Somerville, Fr Bob Bossini, Dane San Pedro, Marama Watson, Margaret Munro, **and all Private Intentions.** *Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family.*  
**Thank you.**

**PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS**

**FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND ITS WORKS:**

Please support our Parish and its projects.

- Direct Debit:** Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

- Direct Deposit:** Details are as follows:  
Bank Account Name: Springwood; BSB: 067-950  
Bank Account Number: 00000560  
Reference: Your name in full.



**FIRST COLLECTION: This goes to the Board of Management.**

The fund supports the living expenses of the priests within our Diocese.

**SECOND COLLECTION: This goes to our Parish of St Thomas Aquinas**

—directly funding operational costs, pastoral activities and various programs that enrich our community.

**MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES** are also available which can be used to express your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you.

**2024 First Holy Communion Sacramental Program**

*A reminder that the Second Parent Information Session is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm, STA Parish*



**Children and Parent Sessions:**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am, STA Parish  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am, STA Parish  
(and practice)

**First Holy Communion will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2024, Saturday, 5pm Vigil Mass at STA Church**

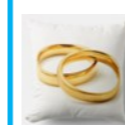


**3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY NIGHT VIGIL MUSICIANS REQUIRED:**

We currently have no musicians for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. If you are able to provide and lead music for this Mass, please email the parish office: [springwood@parracatholic.org](mailto:springwood@parracatholic.org)

This is such a wonderful ministry which inspires all people in the faith while also enriching your own.

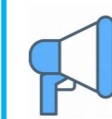
Members of the Springwood St. Vincent de Paul conference will be inviting parishioners to contribute to their Christmas Hamper Appeal, by offering to supply either a hamper or cash so we can purchase fruit and vegetable or fresh food vouchers, at all Masses on the weekends of 9th /10th and 16th /17th November. Donations towards this appeal will be accepted by conference members on the weekend of 14th /15th December. All cash donations placed in the Poor Box, near the Sacred Heart of Jesus' statue, from 9th November will go towards supporting the 45 local families we are supplying with hampers this Christmas.



**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 27 OCTOBER**

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sun 27 Oct at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall.

All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting [parracatholic.org/weddingmass](http://parracatholic.org/weddingmass) or phone 0488 000 211 by 20th Oct. Family and friends are welcome.



**GREAT SAINTS OF ITALY 2024 OCTOBER PILGRIMAGE**

with Fr Chris del Rosario starts on the 21st Oct 2024. Please pray for him and all the pilgrims. May every step of this pilgrimage be guided by the Lord's light and grace.

Help us welcome Fr Jack Elkazzi, Fr Paul Roberts, Fr Jobi Payyappilly and Fr Sheldon Burke, who will celebrate the Masses. Mass Schedule is available on the Parish Notice Board.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

The PPC recently asked for as many parishioners as possible to read the Diocese of Parramatta's Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024 – 2028. Available to download on: [Behold-I-Am-With-You-Always-Pastoral-Plan-for-a-Synodal-Church2024-2028-WEBv.pdf](http://Behold-I-Am-With-You-Always-Pastoral-Plan-for-a-Synodal-Church2024-2028-WEBv.pdf) ([parracatholic.org](http://parracatholic.org)). We have limited copies available at the back of the church. The PPC will be meeting in a few weeks and would appreciate your feedback from this document so we can work together and prioritise what items have been identified as significant to Springwood Parish.

Please continue to pray for our students taking the HSC Exams.

*Prayer for Our Students Taking HSC Exams*

*Almighty Father, as our students embark on their HSC exams, grant them wisdom to understand, retain, and recall the knowledge they have acquired. May Your light guide them through the challenges they face.*

*Bless these students with calm minds and focused hearts. Help them approach their exams with confidence, knowing that with Your strength, all things are possible.*

*Instil in these students a spirit of perseverance and resilience. May they overcome any anxiety or fear, trusting in Your plan for their success.*

*We ask these through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**UPCOMING MASSES in our CHURCH**

*"May Perpetual light shine upon them."*

Mass Schedules: All Saints' Day, 1st November Friday 9:30am  
All Souls' Day, 2nd November Saturday 9:30am

November is a time where the Church remembers all those who have died, specifically those souls in Purgatory, waiting for the day when they will be joyfully welcomed into eternal bliss with God and all the Saints.

November 1 is All Saints Day, a tribute to all saints, while November 2 is All Souls Day, dedicated to praying for those who have died. During this time, we continue to pray for those who have gone before us in faith and that they will be embraced by God.

If you would like to place the name of your loved one into the **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**, please print their name clearly on to an envelope and place into the collection box at the back of the church.

**Catholic Women's League Deceased Members Annual Mass:** The STA Ladies Fellowship (previously Catholic's Women's League) will be holding a Mass for the Catholic Women's League Deceased Members on [Friday 15th November 9.30am](#). Everyone is welcome.



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

*Levi Daniel Brown and David Daniel Parkinson*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We invite children aged 4-12 to attend our children's liturgy this Sunday 20th Oct at 9:30am Mass. They are called forward & sent with a blessing over to our parish room for a Gospel lesson. The children will return to their families in church after the Creed.