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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

12 October 2025

First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,

for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is one of the stories unique to the gospel of Luke. At the same time, it is a commonly known story that is often cited to demonstrate the value of saying thank you. However, as usual, there's more to this story than initially meets the eye. One of the recurrent themes of the gospel is at play here: the message of salvation that Jesus brings is available to all, not just the Jews.

The first reading is an interesting link with the gospel of Luke. In chapter 4 of the gospel, when Jesus visits Nazareth and preaches in the synagogue, he later tells a story about the prophets Elijah and Elisha responding to the needs of Gentiles rather than Jews. He tells the story to make the point that the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews. The incident involving Elisha that Jesus refers to in chapter 4 is the one we hear in today's first reading.

Whilst both the first reading and the gospel tell stories about the healing of those with skin diseases, the common factor is actually about their expressions of gratitude and conversion of heart. In the gospel, all ten men are healed but it is only the stranger; the foreigner; the Samaritan, who comes back to give thanks and to praise God. The others – Jewish men, presumably – are only concerned about themselves and have no time to acknowledge the graciousness of God that they have experienced. The gospel writer has Jesus emphasise the point that it is the Samaritan – the outsider – who has recognised God's activity in his cure and come back to give praise and thanks. It is only he who has experienced the change of heart; the conversion of faith.

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am



Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am & Sunday 5.30pm

St Mary's Dookie, Sunday 10 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and

Fridays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years.

We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

Readers & Commentators Oct 18 & 19, 2025

6pm	Chris Segrave	Julie Kelly
8am	Berni Sullivan	Les Billings
11am	Loretta Richardson	Paul Richardson

Recently Deceased: Grant Fenn

Anniversaries: Matteo Donato Sfirro, Greg Appleton, Len O'Sullivan

CHURCH CLOSED DURING DAY FOR RECORDING

Every week ICON Ministry streams an online Mass. Most weeks it reaches 10,000 viewers.

Fr Rob is the main celebrant and guest priests also feature, Fr Adi for example. Each week there are musicians from around the world that send in songs. Recording of such will be occurring from **11.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday, October 11.**

We will need to CLOSE the CHURCH during these hours.

Sorry if this may cause any inconvenience and thanks for your patience and understanding!

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

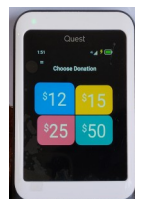


Blessing for Married Couples

This weekend, October 11 & 12, during all Masses, we will invite married couples to come forward for a special blessing.

Tap Go Contribution

Thank you to everyone who contributed through Tap N Go during the month of September. Your generosity helped raise \$1,581.



St Brendan's Parish Trivia Night

Friday, October 17

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Sacred Heart Hall,
Notre Dame College

Entry: \$10 per person
(cash only)

6–8 people per table

Come dressed in your most creative costume —
the best themed table will win a prize!

BYO drinks and nibbles

Don't forget coins for extra games and challenges!

All proceeds will go towards supporting
our parish youth programs.

For further details, keep an eye on our
Facebook page or contact the Parish Office:

5821 2633 between the hours of 9am and 2pm or email,
shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Men's Group

The Men's Group will gather for a
special Mass before breakfast on
Saturday, October 18, at 7:30am

in the Marian Chapel.

We will celebrate the
Canonisation of St Mary of the
Cross MacKillop.

St Mary is such an inspiration to us all,
and we like to celebrate her faith and trust in God on
these special dates.

All are welcome to join us.

— Anthony



St Brendan's Parish Melbourne Cup Sweep Fundraiser 2025

Purchase tickets throughout October to
go in the draw.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Tickets can be purchased:

-Before, during or after each
Mass

-Sold at the Parish Office

-EFT Transfer:

St Brendan's Parish

BSB: 083 543

Account Number:

48359-3006

Reference: CUP (Name)

Funds raised go towards cleaning the high arches
and fans in the Church.



1st Place = \$300.00

2nd Place = \$125.00

3rd Place = \$50.00

Last Place = \$25.00

Please Note:

There will be no refunds for scratching's.

Remember to write your name and number only on
both sides of the ticket.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP LUNCH



Sunday, October 19

12:30 PM

**Aussie Hotel
73 Fryers Street**

All welcome!

Please contact Pat Simpson
0423 343 711 (leave a message)

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is
back this weekend,

October 12,
at the 11am Mass.



World Mission Sunday – October 19

During the weekend Masses
on October 18 & 19,
the second collection will be
taken up for World Mission Sunday.

A special video will also be
shown during Masses.



Reach out. Give life.

JUBILEE OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY

The Jubilee of Marian Spirituality recognises the ways that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary can strengthen the faith life of individuals and, in turn, the Church.



PRAYER

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call.

Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him

and to believe in his love,

especially at times of trial,

beneath the shadow of the cross,

when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path.

And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

(Source from Lumen Fidei, n.60, 2013)

Our first RCIA enquiry night this week saw ten amazingly brave people arrive in the parish centre to begin the enquiry period. We reflected on Jesus's mercy towards the ten lepers, mirroring the mercy God offers us all. We then shared our thoughts on who God is for each of us; everyone shared some powerful stories of God's action in their lives. We are very blessed to have this opportunity to share the gift of faith we have been given.

Please keep Tyler, Nathan, Daryl, Ebony, Penny, Rosy, Kelly, Leigh, Jason, and Shana in your prayers, asking the Lord God to open their minds and hearts to his love for each of them.



Please join us on
Thursdays after
Mass in the Pastoral
Centre for a cuppa
and a chat.
All welcome!



Blessing of the birthday celebrants

Beginning October, 2025,
all birthday celebrants of the
month will be given a special
blessing during the
weekend Masses.



National Carers' Week runs from October 12 to 15 in 2025.

It's a time to recognise, celebrate and raise awareness of the people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental health issues, drug issues or a chronic condition.

About 39% of Victorian carers report living with a disability themselves.

Over three quarters of a million Victorians are unpaid carers.

They are the social glue that binds family members and service providers.

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