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PARISH BULLETIN

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 18th October 2026 (Year A)

"THE PHARISEES WENT OFF AND PLOTTED HOW THEY MIGHT ENTRAP HIM IN SPEECH." MATTHEW 22:15

Reflect today on the unity to which you are called. Do you form alliances based on personal ambition or on wholehearted worship of God? Reflect especially upon your involvement within the Church and consider whether, even unintentionally, you act more like a politician or lobbyist than a true disciple of Christ. Commit yourself not to an agenda, but to Jesus. Worship Him, surrender your life to Him, and allow Him to unite you with other members of His Body, the Church. Such unity is the only unity that endures all things and bears lasting fruit.

Proper of today's Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1,4–6

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15–21

Feasts of the week

Monday — Paul of the Cross, priest (1694 – 1775)

Born in Italy, he devoted himself to the service of the poor and the sick. He founded the Passionist order.

Thursday — St John Paul II (1920 - 2005)

Born in Poland, he was pope for 27 years. He was famous for his global pastoral travels, and influence in the defeat of Soviet communism, but most importantly his emphasis on the Universal Call to Holiness, and the scriptural mantra "Be not afraid!"

Friday — John of Capistrano (1386 – 1456)

Born in Italy, he became a Franciscan and preached throughout Eastern Europe. He gathered a strong army which defeated the Turks in the Battle of Belgrade.

Children's liturgy

The next children's liturgy will be held at the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 1 November.

Reminder — Mass time changes during Fr Tony's Annual Leave

During October, the Monday 5.30pm Mass will be replaced by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration. There is no morning Mass on Thursdays until Fr Tony returns. Weekend Masses and Friday morning Mass will continue as normal, with Fr John Khoai presiding.

Mass and Prayer Times

Monday 5.30pm Mass (during this month of October this will be replaced by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration)

Thursday 7.00am Mass (Not held during October due to Fr Tony's absence)

Friday 9.00am with Confession before Mass and Adoration after Mass.

Second Friday of every month is **Anointing Mass**.

Saturday 9.00–10.00 am Adoration with Rosary and Divine Mercy

First Saturday every month; Communion service and morning tea

Saturday (vigil Mass) 5.00pm and **Sunday 8.30am** Mass

We pray for: Andy Walton, Patsy Gandini, Michelle Muir, Margaret Lawson, June Meacham, Patrick King, David Carr, Don Morrison, Keiren Calder, Susie and Tom, Fr Aidan Carvill, Jan Lidstone, Sharon Bell, Ian Tyson, Peter Shafton, Yvonne Auer, Luke Barden, Killian Maguire, Kathleen Isepy and Fr Pat Doran.

Prayers for the recently deceased.

We pray for all who have died including Joy Girvan, Fr Michael Mullane and Mary Mullane, Stephen Anning, Patricia David (Dinah), Kathleen Mitchell, Tracy Kelly, Alan Williams, Rose Graham, Phoebe Semple, Romilia Ventura, and Delma Schmidt, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

FIRST COMMUNION — SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Our First Communion program has commenced and the sacrament will be celebrated at the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 15 November. Please pray for all our candidates — Hayden, Margot, Edie, Darcy, Fleur, Josef and Michael.

Sincere thanks from the Walton Family

As many will know, our Andy was taken ill the night of the Parish celebration of St Michael the Archangel. On behalf of Andy and the family, I would like to thank the Parish for the support and prayers provided while Andy was in hospital. He is home now and on the way to a full recovery. God bless. Noreen

Church Flowers Donations — Please place a coin or two in the box at the back table to help our volunteers who make beautiful flower arrangements on the sanctuary. Funds are needed especially in the leadup to Christmas.

You can help with pastoral care in hospitals

Centacare is seeking people interested in volunteering once each week to provide pastoral and spiritual care to Catholic patients in our public hospitals within our strongly established teams. The people we are seeking must have a qualification or significant background in a human service discipline, and some level of formal theological training. If you are retired, or semi-retired from such a career, in good health and have one morning per week available for a most rewarding volunteer role in the spirit of the Gospel, please call Judy on 0428669572 for an obligation-free discussion, or email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL — 17/18 OCTOBER 2026

This weekend is the 100th anniversary of Catholic Mission Sunday, and special ambassador Xavier Mape is speaking at both our parish Masses.

Catholic Mission works to support Church-run mission programs around the world. This year, Pope Leo XIV calls on us to be “One in Christ, United in Mission” and be missionary disciplines to support Children in Malawi. Through the works of Fr Matthew Semba they hope to build a new school, provide nutritious meals for students and purchase essentials like books, pencils and uniforms so that children can learn with confidence. Please welcome Xavier, and take an Appeal Envelope which contains the full details and return at the following week’s Mass collection. Thank you kindly. Parish Finance Council.

The Secret Catholic by Peter Pellicaan

A Book Meant to Be Shared

Archdiocesan Ministries Executive Director Deacon Peter Pellicaan has a new book, *The Secret Catholic*. It is now available to order.

For many, curiosity about faith begins quietly. *The Secret Catholic* is written especially for the average person who is just a little bit curious about the Catholic faith, or for someone who knows a person who occasionally asks questions about Catholicism. It is the kind of book you might leave nearby, on a coffee table or a shelf, in the hope that it will be picked up, read, and perhaps even spark a journey toward becoming Catholic.

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