



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Year C

October 15th/16th, 2022

How Prayer Changes Things

Jesus uses this parable to teach his disciples never to give up. He shows them the importance of persistence and resilience. He knows that life involves disappointment, loss, injustice, and persecution - all very good reasons to give up and lose hope! But a life attuned to God's presence, justice, and goodness is a life that can endure. The widow in this parable functions as a model for discipleship with respect to persistent prayer. She goes before the unjust judge with her petition over and over, not taking no for an answer. She was resilient and she was faithful to what she believed in. She was persistent in her pursuit of justice.

The woman in this parable represents what it means to be a positive example of the persistence required of believers in prayer. Some of us may have experiences of the justice system analogous to the persistent widow. Recent events have shone an even brighter light on the disparities in experience of law enforcement and the justice system that flow along racialized lines. Thus, many do not trust in the justice system to provide the justice we seek. But, ultimately, this parable reminds us we must trust that God will bring about God's justice on the earth.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't pursue justice diligently as God's ambassadors of mercy and peace. To the contrary! This parable is about those characteristics of resilience that develop when we decide never to give up, even in face of the insurmountable obstacles before us. Resilience is the strength of character to keep going even when we encounter challenges. It can be grown or developed, like a muscle.

Resilience manifests itself individually and collectively. When we talk about being resilient and having the strength of character not to give up, being resilient can be done individually by encouraging yourself. This is why Jesus tells the story "to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Prayer cultivates perseverance.

Resilience can also be experienced in the community. It's the idea that those who are on your side and know your story can come to support you through prayer, words of encouragement, and by physically coming to your aid to help with your needs.

The judge in the parable does not represent God. The judge is unjust and doesn't care about what this widow needs. Jesus tells this parable to his disciples to help them understand that if this judge who is unjust finally listens to the woman's request and grants her justice, how much more will a loving and just God answer the petitions of his own children who cry out for help.

This widow's persistence illustrates our need to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer changes us more than it changes the people around us. It deepens our faith and trust in God and empowers us to wait with hope for God to act. This gospel passage thus challenges us not just to pray but to trust in God. Even when the justice that we seek does not come immediately, will we have enough faith to endure until change happens?

(FaithWard)

Readings: 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

1st Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke: 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Parish Diary

Monday, October 17th

Mass 8:00am
St Agnes'

Wednesday, October 19th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, October 20th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, October 21st

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Saturday, October 22nd

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

30th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Saturday, October 22nd

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, October 23rd

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



**PRAY
DISCERN
LIVE**



Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Giuseppe Stagnitti. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Timms and Watson and the Conroy families as they celebrate the baptism of Sullivan and Patrick in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, October 19th.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, October 18th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING MASSES – OCTOBER 22nd/23rd

There will be hospitality after the 6:00pm Saturday evening mass and the 9:00am mass next weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLOW will be held next Sunday, October 23rd at the 9:00am mass at St Agnes'. All parents are very welcome however it is asked that children under the age of 5 are accompanied by a parent.

The Sacrament of Penance

The parish would like to invite all children in year 5 and above who have received their First Holy Communion to join us in preparing for the Sacrament of Penance.

Where: St Agnes' church

When: Saturday 29 October

9.30am - 11.00am OR 11.30am - 1.00pm

**Children only need to attend one session*

This program is for children/candidates only. Parents are not required to attend.

Please **RSVP ASAP** to secure your place.

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ST JOACHIM'S CHURCH UPDATE

We are pleased to advise that St Joachim's Church will be finished by Wednesday and it will be ready for Masses next weekend, October 22nd/23rd.

Mass with Blessing of Pets

After a wet start to the day the skies cleared and we had the perfect weather for our outdoor mass last Sunday evening which included a blessing for the family pet. There was approx 80 people in attendance along with quite a number of dogs and a couple of birds. Thank you to everyone who supported this mass, especially those who did bring their pets. Below are a selection of photos from the evening. We will print some more next week.





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... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

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