

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 October 2016

YEAR C



Jubilee Year
of Mercy
2015/16

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

2nd Reading: Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

RESPONSE

*If today you hear
his voice, harden
not your hearts.*

ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word
given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!*



"Lord, increase our faith!"

How strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, undefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way.

When God reveals himself to us he gives us the "assurance" and "conviction" that his power and presence and glory is just as real, and even more real, than our experience of the natural physical world around us (Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3). Things around us change, but God never changes. He is constant, ever true to his word, and always faithful to his promises (Psalm 145:13, Hebrews 10:23). That is why we can have the greatest assurance of his unconditional love for us and why we can hope with utter conviction that he will give us everything he has promised. Jesus is God's visible proof that his word is reliable and true - his love is unfailing and unconditional - and his power is immeasurably great and unlimited.

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your consuming love and set my heart free to love generously and to serve selflessly. Fill me with gratitude for all you have done for me, and increase my faith and loyalty to you who are My All, My Strength, and My Life"

Resources: www.dailyscripture.net; image by www.ocarm.org

When times are tough, pray



hard like Job, says Pope

Don't respond to grief or anguish with pills, alcohol or avoidance, Pope Francis said in a morning homily. Figure out what is going on inside your heart, then turn to God and beg him for help, he said 27 September during an early morning Mass in Domus Sanctae Marthae chapel.

Reflecting on the day's readings,

the pope looked at the 'spiritual desolation' experience by Job and the responsorial psalm, 'Let my prayer come before you, Lord.'

Everyone has experienced some degree of despair that 'makes us feel as if our soul were crushed,' unable to breathe and perhaps even eager for death, the pope said. 'We have to understand when our spirit is in this state of extended sadness, where there is almost no air. This happens to all of us' to some degree, he said.

In times of hopeless, spiritual despair, he said, the answer is to pray hard, just like Job, who cried out day and night for God to listen. He said Psalm 88 and its response — 'Let my prayer come before you, Lord' — 'is a prayer of

knocking at (God's) door, but hard. 'Lord my soul is surfeited with troubles and my life draws near to the nether world. I am numbered with those who go down into the pit; I am a man without strength.'

This is praying with genuine candour and honesty, he said, because it is the way a child pours out his emotions to his father. And this is how 'we must pray in the most terrible, darkest, most desolate, crushing moments.'

Full text and video clips at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

THANKSGIVING

CHURCH: \$ 1,599.55
PRESBYTERY: \$1,055.00
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*There will be a rosary 20 minutes before the
Weekday and Sunday Masses for the
whole month of OCTOBER.
Everyone is invited to participate.*

HONOURING OUR SENIORS

Last Sunday, 25 September, we had a wonderful time with our Senior Parishioners. Everybody were happy seeing old familiar faces. It was a day full of fun and laughter, reminiscing all the happy days we have shared with our Seniors.



ELECTION TO THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

There will be three vacancies in our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) as the terms of Peter Lisle, Denny Lim and Roger Ratcliffe comes to an end this year. They are eligible for another term and have expressed their desire to continue in the PPC. But we need an election to be held which is open to all the parishioners.

Details will be given soon.

Parish Diary

9 October Baptism
12 October Finance Committee Meeting
23 October World Mission Sunday
28 October Confirmation



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

4 October - St. Francis of Assisi
7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary

LIFE, MARRIAGE, & FAMILY SUNDAY

9 OCTOBER 2016

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WALKING WITH FAMILIES



POPE FRANCIS
AND THE
ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Rob Wallace, Roy Nelson, Bert Kleverkamp, Jim De Angelis, Frank O' Farrell, Carmel Riley, Therese Brady, John McLoughlin

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Brian Taggart, Pauline Muscat, Marta Kristan, Kala Lindsay, Geoff Bell, Stan Piergrosse, Peter Himing