

## *We Respond*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) 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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 95)

**ANTIPHON:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

**RESPONSE: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

**LECTOR:** O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

**LECTOR:** The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: "God is king." He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) 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.

**Or**

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

**NEXT WEEK** (30th Sunday of Year A) Exodus 22:20-26; Ps 17; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

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your day with  
The Majellan*

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## Finding nourishment in exile



**18 October 2020 29th Sunday Year A**

It meant the loss of freedom, the loss of a beloved city, and leaving home.

Our experience of the pandemic of

COVID-19 has in some ways been a time of exile. We lost the freedom to move around our neighbourhood and to travel. We couldn't dine out or invite friends over for a meal. We lost the opportunity to participate in the eucharist with a gathered community, although we may have joined them online from our homes.

In a time of exile, we search for ways to be nourished both physically and spiritually.

Fortunately, we were able to shop for food.

Spiritually, we were called to be creative in

deepening our relationship with the Lord and

caring for one another. The self-isolation was

a time to draw deeply on the rich resources

of the scriptures, to renew personal and

family prayer, to practise meditation, and to

assess what we deemed valuable in life. It

was also a time to create networks of care by

communicating with family and friends using

modern technologies.

Perhaps, and hopefully, fasting from

eucharist can be an opportunity to value

it more deeply while at the same time

developing deeper spiritual resources to

nourish us on our life's journey in ways that

help us understand, as Jesus teaches in

today's gospel, what belongs to Caesar and

what belongs to God.

The Jewish people experienced two

major exiles. The first was the Assyrian

Exile beginning in the eighth century BCE

when the ten northern tribes were forced

into exile in Assyria. The second was the

Babylonian Exile in the sixth century BCE

when Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon,

twice attacked Jerusalem and on the second

occasion destroyed the city.

The Babylonian Exile lasted almost seventy

years until Cyrus, the King of Persia, who

defeated the Babylonians and issued an

edict that the Jewish people could return

to their homeland. The return home didn't

happen immediately, but over time a large

group of exiles returned to Jerusalem and

began to rebuild their shattered city.

The prophet Isaiah refers to Cyrus as

the "anointed" of the Lord, a title usually

ascribed to the Davidic king. Furthermore,

this Persian king's hand is grasped by

God, which signifies the conferral of royal

authority. Cyrus exercises legitimate

authority over the people of God, despite

the fact that he is a non-believer. God works

through this king and God's plan unfolds

through him even though he is not aware of

it.

The experience of exile must have been

devastating because, after being led out of

Egypt to the 'promised land', they were once

again captive and subject to non-believers.

# Sacred Heart Parish

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<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 6.00 pm Vigil	<b>29th SUNDAY of the YEAR</b>	18/10/2020: A
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Sunday</b> 7.30 am & 9.00am	<b>St. Paul of the Cross</b>	+1775AD
	Monday 9.00am	Week 29 in Ordinary Time	
	Tuesday 9.00am	7.30 pm then Rosary Week	29 in Ordinary Time
	Wednesday 7.30 pm	<b>St. JohnPaul II, Pope, +2005AD</b>	
	Thursday 9.00 am	Week 29 in Ordinary Time	
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	Saturday 9.00 am		

**Confessions** Saturday 10.30 am, 12.00-1.00pm, 5.00pm-5.30pm  
 (Confessions after Mass: see Fr.)  
**Parish Priest** Father C. Ashton  
**Presbytery/Church** 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt Ph: 9625-8847  
**Baptisms** By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.  
**Weddings** Six Months Notice - Marriage Preparation Course

**1st Reading:** Two voices speak: first Isaiah telling the Jews the Persian King Cyrus is chosen as God's agent to liberate them from Babylon. Then God says all is by his decree  
**2nd Reading:** Paul greets the Thessalonians in the first of all his letters, and commends them for their Faith. Their acceptance of the Gospel he taught them, will save them!

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
October 25	J. SALAZAR	A. WIGGINS	M. WONG
30th Sunday of the Year	M. FARQUHARSON	V. NAGARAJA	H. CRUZ
November 1	S. FERNANDEZ	J. MENDES	F. ANTOWN
31st Sunday of the Year	H. VILLARICA	A. APAP	M. ZORE

**PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady** will be at the home of the Zore family 45 Tidswell St. 96254591 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at 10.00 pm.!

**Local Foster Carers** are sought by the 'Family and Community Services' Department to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and youths 0-18 years, because they cannot live with their own families. Bringing strangers into the home can be a problem, and because of that can be a great act of charity, helping some young person who may never have a decent chance to make something of their lives and even learn about the True Faith of Christ. If interested call: 9354-1800 or email: [Carer.Support-NBM&WS@facns.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Carer.Support-NBM&WS@facns.nsw.gov.au)

**GIVE LORD ETHERNAL REST** to the souls of all the faithful departed especially **Mato PAVKOVIC** who died last week, **VALERIA** mother of Fr. Fabius who died in Uganda at 90 years, **Jeffrey McRAE**, **Agapito BUGAYONG**, **Malcomb FARQUHARSON**, **Vicenta PENALES**, **Maria LLAVE**, **John PORTELLI**, **Leota FALCONO**, **Shelly & Poonam MENEZES**, **Peter McNULTY**, **Romeo ADLAO**, **Philip & Maria D'ROZARIO**, **Dragan CUKAR**, **Agnes PUGH**, **Ana HEW**, **Ivan NOVAK**, **Whilemena & George LAVIS**, **Henry FARES**, **Soheir & Laura GENDY**, **Loretta LEGRAND**, **Owen DAVORAN**, **Anna & Vinko SMOJVER**, **Frank & Maricka ZORE**, **William & Edith HOLMES**, **Flora TOLEDO**, **Ray WIGGINS**, **Marciano & Macaria PAYONGAYONG**, **Apolonio DELACRUZ**, **KiongLoc & Sui TENG**, **Enchong UY**, **Francis DEMING**, **Takashi OGAWA**, **Robert COLIN**, **Catherine NARDELLA**, **Fabien SOTO**, **Patricia STRUTT**, **Edith LIVESAY**, **Lyn BURTON**, & **Donald YOUNG**. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory

### An 'AID to the CHURCH in NEED' SPEAKER

Miss Kylie Cullen is visiting us today to tell us some of the story and activities of the Catholic Church organisation known as "Aid to the Church in Need" (or just ACN). It is an organisation that has been around since the end of the last World War. We should know about it because it does such great work for the Church in our present world. Its purpose is most prominently to support any suffering, oppressed, and persecuted Christians anywhere in the world. In fact, it is the only international Catholic agency dedicated to this mission. It began at the end of World War II when a young Dutch priest, Fr. Wenefried VanStaatan, appalled by the destruction and misery of the war, appealed to the Catholic people of Belgium and Holland to move past their hatred of the Germans and understand that the ordinary German people were as much victims of the war and the Nazis who had started it as were everyone else. The Nazis had dominated them as much as they had tried to dominate the rest. He asked them to try and see the suffering Christ in the terrible suffering of most of humanity at that time.

His pleas were so effective that he became known as the 'Bacon Priest' because he accumulated tonnes of bacon for starving German families along with assisting so many others in need. Hence an organisation grew up around him which spread out to the whole world and would assist any Christians in need especially because they were being persecuted.

Fr. Werenfried called himself a "beggar for God's suffering children" and travelled the world begging to help those suffering. He led the ACN till his death in 2003 at the of 90 years. Pope JohnPaul II called him "an outstanding apostle of charity". In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI raised the Charity to the level of a Pontifical Foundation uniting it to the official structure of the Church.

Kylie Cullen will talk to us during the Mass about the sort of work ACN does today to assist persecuted Christians, its extension through the world, and some examples of its apostolate. She will be available after the Mass at the front door of the church with leaflets telling the story of ACN and its work for any who would like to speak with her. (We have no intention of taking up any collection for ACN now or later)

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER** is conducting some weekends in the near future to assist those contemplating Marriage with some insights. It is a chance to spend time together under the guidance of married couples who can enlighten them with many experiences of married life that they might not be aware of right now. Both the weekends will be held at St. Joseph's, Baulkham Hills. The first will be weekend 7-8 November 2020; the second will be 21-22 February 2021, at the same place. For info : [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au). (Leaflets are at the side door on the cabinet)

**HSC LIVESTREAM EVENT** is to take place this Sunday 18 October for Yera12 students and their families. It is intended for this Diocese of Parramatta. It will run for about 30 minutes and will feature Bishop Vincent. There will be a Blessing, some musical items, numerous messages of support from other students, from Catholic Youth administration of the Diocese, teachers and priests. To access this Event you must go to: [www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra](http://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra)

**The GREEN BOX** in the centre aisle for Holy Land offerings will finish this Sunday!