

# LIVING THE WORD

- ❖ Ezekiel is regarded as one of the 3 great prophets (after Isaiah and Jeremiah). Ezekiel is both a priest and a prophet and is speaking during a time of Exile away from Home. Without temple practices, faithfulness to the Laws of God kept Jewish identity and preserved unity. Ezekiel provides a powerful image of a 'watchman', standing, watching, 'looking out' for dangers that may be approaching your family. God's family. Have you had the courage to 'say anything and warn others'? What happens without 'watchmen'? Are you challenged into action knowing that your salvation is at stake? What do you feel needs to be spoken of in your family? Community? Parish?
- ❖ To love your neighbour as your own flesh is a striking challenge. Jewish interpretation wriggled around the challenge by regarding one's 'neighbour' as their fellow Jewish citizens. This allowed Jews not to care for 'outsiders'. Ponder the essential challenge of loving everyone as your own flesh. In what ways have you wriggled out of the challenge?
- ❖ Matthew 18 is dedicated to life inside the Christian community. How is the community of Jesus supposed to respond to hurts and arguments that come from living together? A pattern is developed to avoid hurting and shaming those involved. Private conversation, then semi-private conversation and only as a last resort a public church decision. Reconciliation is not 'brooding' in silence. Is there anyone you need to approach 'face to face'?
- ❖ Have you experienced the importance of a wise person to help ensure 'every fact is established on the testimony of two or three'. Anger and resentment cripple Christian hearts and disciples. Who are your 'two or three' guides to help your reconciliation journey?
- ❖ Treating a person like a Gentile or tax collector can be interpreted in two ways. If reconciliation does not show results, do we exclude or offer continued hopeful patience? What did Jesus do?
- ❖ The goal of Christian community is to witness to the world the love of Christ with each other. The authority to bind and loose is given by Jesus to the community in the context of prayer and agreement together. Is there need for prayer and discernment with a group about decisions you (or your ministry group, parish...) are making?
- ❖ Jesus makes a promise 'where two or more are in agreement in prayer it shall be granted to them'. What prayer request would you like to share with friends? Who could you invite into your prayer / voice to God?

## FABC50 Document (continued)

### E. From the Beaten Track to New Pastoral Priorities

At our FABC 50 Conference, we bishops made concrete decisions to move towards new priorities, as follows:

- We will work towards renewing our ministries in all our local churches in Asia towards mission, by nurturing our communities in the dynamics of communion and participation, truly living out our calling to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world". We hope to be able to reorient our ministries from merely serving the Church to serving the world, as part of the mission of a servant Church.
- We commit ourselves to transforming our parishes from maintenance to mission, by fostering Basic Ecclesial Communities that build Basic Human Communities. We will ensure that they are also welcoming towards the poor, especially migrants, itinerants and displaced peoples, and maintain an inclusive, gender-sensitive, and participatory atmosphere at all times.
- We will consistently heed the call to pastoral and ecological conversion, in the face of the present climate emergency, in a manner that is truly sensitive to both "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."
- We will serve as bridges and bridge-builders, and actively work for reconciliation in the midst of conflicts. We will consciously promote the well-being of all and consistently take part in building communities that are particularly mindful of the welfare of the most disadvantaged sectors in society.
- In collaboration with our brothers and sisters of Christian traditions and neighbour religions, we will help promote a culture of peace and harmony.
- We will work with all people of goodwill toward fostering a better and a more humane world, towards building a civilisation of justice, peace and love. Our mission is to contribute to a better Asia, to work for a better world.

***This finishes a six-week, summary look at this founding document for the Church in Asia. I offer this in the hope that it gives you a taste for the direction offered by this 2023 gathering of the Asian bishops. It is good we know what they share and that we reflect upon their shared wisdom. – John P Murray osa***



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

September 11  
*Weekday*  
Col 1:24-2:3  
Lk 6:6-11

### TUESDAY

September 12  
*Weekday*  
Col 2:6-15  
Lk 6:12-19

### WEDNESDAY

September 13  
*St. John  
Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*  
Col 3:1-11  
Lk 6:20-26

### THURSDAY

September 14  
*The Exaltation of  
the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b-9  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

### FRIDAY

September 15  
*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
Jn 19:25-27  
or Lk 2:33-35

### SATURDAY

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius,  
Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Tm 1:15-17  
Lk 6:43-49

### SUNDAY

September 17  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 27:30-28:7  
Rom 14:7-9  
Mt 18:21-35

## HOSPITALITY

### **Communion**

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

*John P. Murray osa  
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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.  
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by  
mass  
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.  
English 10:00 hrs.

#### **BAPTISM:**

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.  
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am  
mass.

#### **CONFESSION:**

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).  
English before 10:00 am mass.

#### **CATHOLIC CENTER:**

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite  
the entrance of the Cathedral.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.  
Sat, Sun : Closed  
& public holidays

# Dear Padre

September 10, 2023

**Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?**

"The laborer deserves his payment" from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being "in the know" (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can't pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

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**HOLY (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET PAGE 5)**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. **PLEASE KNEEL**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET PAGE 5)**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**GREAT AMEN (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET PAGE 6)**

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**COMMUNION RITE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

**LAMB OF GOD (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET PAGE 6)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION HYMN: WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED (No. 907)**

**FINAL HYMN: ONE LORD (No. 770) PLEASE STAND**

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

Sunday, 10 September 2023

**ENTRANCE HYMN: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (No. 633) PLEASE STAND**

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

**Priest:** I confess to almighty God,

**All:** and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

*– and, striking their breast, they say –*

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

**GLORY TO GOD (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET PAGE 3)**

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. (R)
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayers;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. (R)
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

**FIRST READING: Ez 33:7-9**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:**

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall

die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95: IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE**



1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. (R)
2. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. (R)
3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." (R)

**SECOND READING: Rom 13:8-10**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:**

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA (SMALL BLUE BOOKLET PAGE 4)**

**PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

**GOSPEL: Mt 18:15-20**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Good News according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or

three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

**Priest:** The Good News of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** I believe in God,

**All:** the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**"Praise be to you, O God!"**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: QUIETLY, PEACEFULLY (No. 713)**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**