

St Patrick's, Mackay † St Francis Xavier, West Mackay
St Mary's, South Mackay † St Michael's, Sarina
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
20th October 2024

FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN DID
NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO
SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A
RANSOM FOR MANY.”

- MARK 10:45

GOSPEL REFLECTION: When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness. © Dianne Bergant CSA

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We Remember in Prayer

Those who are sick: Joyce Raffaldi, Maria Zammit, Rick Crouse (USA), Debbie Kirkman, Ester Cabalfinllarenas (P'pines), Dan Vickers (Bris), Fr Peter Tonti, Julie Sammut, Rosa Menzies, Clyde Hoffman, Freddy Ahwang, Sue Christensen, Debbie Jones, John Bugeja jnr, Alison Bugeja, Jim Scriha, Debbie Hagger, Gavin Carter

The faithful recently departed: Jason Cooney, Robert Bryan, Judy Flynn, Sr Amabile Speranza RSM (R'ton), Aaron Azzopardi (Syd), Elrae Trueman, Angelina Grasso (Bris), Teresa Borg, Christopher Refalo, Peter Higgins (T'ville), Joan Luscombe, Julia Battaia, Frank McGuire, Rita Chetcuti, Silvio Giannangelo, Sr Mary Baptist RSM (R'ton)

Anniversaries of death: Rene O'Riely 15/10, Pat Connor 9/10, Doris McSherry 21/10, Charles Fenech 16/10, Stanley Paul 17/10, Peter Ribaldone 10/10, James Ranile 27/9, Vincente Ranile 1/10, Eduardo Ranile 5/10, John Thurling 26/10, Margaret Boyd 1/10, Emma Cittadella 8/10, Luigi Surian 31/10.

We remember those for whom Mass has been requested: Patrick Faust, Richard & Jean Sciberras, Ray Patroni, Domingo, Ciriaca & Lonting Samson, Robert Crosby, Carmel Welsh, Stephanie Maer, Margaret Barfield, Pat Holsworth, Diane Shore, Veronica McFadzen, Patrick Scriha, Bernard McGuire, Joachim, Tuoc & Hach Nguyen, Joe, Paul & Tona Bartolo, Joe, Grace & Jim Attard, Sr Betty Attard, Lucy & Vern Payne, Joseph Mifsud, John Bugeja, Trevor Lamb, Charlie, Angie & John Caruana, John Styles, Jan Webb, Bill & Carmel Daley, Jim, Frank & George Vella, Rita Steindl, Margaret Hackett, Michael Hackett, Cesare Del Dot, Grace & Joe Mifsud, Raymond Gunning, Jim, Anna & Joseph Rostirolla, Antonio, Maria & Vincenza Rostirolla, Francesco, Phillip Sanfilippo, Pietro & Prassede Raiteri, Kathleen Carroll, Marlene Comin, Peter & Francis Corby, Brian Hill, Ben Faa, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, Shelly Rutland, Teresita Muego. Deceased members of the Jao, Nayler, Caresosa, Ribaldone, Brignone, Patroni, Ahern, Forzatti, Sorbello, Mirabella, Muscat, Galea, Hackett & De Brincat families

****Please Note: Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list. Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will only remain in the bulletin for 30 days. There is no correlation between offering Mass Stipends and names of the sick or deceased being added to the bulletin****

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 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the journey through the richness and mysteries of our faith which the church has provided for anyone who wishes to be welcomed into the full life of the Church. This process is about to commence.

An adult is anyone over the age of 16.

If you know of someone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, please ask them to contact the Cluster Parish office
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Remembering our deceased relatives and friends and all who have gone before us in faith. November Mass envelopes are available in our Churches from this weekend.

Dates to remember:

Friday November 1st All Saints Day
 Saturday November 2nd All Souls Day.

Please Note: Commencing 6th of November, Wednesday 6.30am Mass at St Francis Xavier Church will be celebrated at 8.30am. This time change applies to the Wednesday morning Mass only.

Youth Mass St Mary's Church: The youth of our faith community invites you to join them for the celebration of the Eucharist at **5.00pm on Saturday 26th October**. All are welcome.

St Mary's Community Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 16th November**. This wonderful social event is an annual end of year celebration organised by St Mary's Catholic Primary School and St Mary's Parish.

We are currently seeking donations. Donations of goods, cash, or gift vouchers are very welcome and greatly appreciated. Donations can be taken to the school or dropped off at the Parish Office, Morley St, South Mackay.

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) for students in Year 3 or above. The cost of the program for the three Sacraments (Reconciliation in 2024 and Confirmation / Communion in 2025) is \$50 which can be paid at the first workshop. Copies of Baptism certificates are also required.

St Francis Xavier: Workshop 2 - Monday 21st October 3:15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 28th October 6:00pm

St Mary's: Workshop 2 - Thursday 24th October 3:15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 29th October 6:00pm



St Michael's: Workshop 2 - Sunday 20th October after 9.00am Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 27th October after 9.00am Mass

First Reconciliation St Patrick's: Preparation for first reconciliation at St Patrick's begins on Wednesday 23rd October. To enrol your child or for further information please contact me, Mary Anne Baillie – mabaillie.mab@gmail.com

	When	Where
Enrolment Mass	6pm Mass Sunday 20th October	St Patrick's Church
Session 1	Wednesday 23 rd October 4pm – 5pm	St Mary's Parish Office 3 Morley St South Mackay
Session 2	Wednesday 30 th October 4pm – 5pm	
Session 3	Wednesday 6 th November 4pm – 5pm	
First Reconciliation	Date to be announced	St Patrick's Church

Mackay Maltese Club - Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Tuesday 5th November, 11am. Boomerang Hotel. Order off the Menu. Sweeps on the day. Prize for Best Dressed. RSVP to Doris Gauci 0419 027 554, by Monday 28th Oct.

Week Day Masses (week commencing 21st October)

Monday
12.10pm St Patrick's

Tuesday
6.30am Francis of Assisi Chapel
8.00am St Mary's

Wednesday
6.30am St Francis Xavier
4.00pm Francis of Assisi

Thursday
9.00am St Michael's
5.30pm St Mary's

Friday
6.30am St Francis Xavier
12.10pm St Patrick's

Saturday
7.00am Francis of Assisi Chapel

Devotions - St Patrick's

Tuesday



6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Novena & Benediction

Friday

11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
12 noon Angelus

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Francis Xavier Church
Friday after 6.30am Mass

St Patrick's Church
Friday & Saturday
11.30am - 12.00 noon

Sunday Mass

30th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

Saturday 26th October

5.00pm St Mary's
6.00pm St Francis Xavier

Sunday 27th October

7.00am St Patrick's
7.30am St Therese's
9.00am St Francis Xavier
9.00am St Michael's
10.45am Francis of Assisi Chapel
6.00pm St Patrick's
(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

This Week's Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.



Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

Response: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)



Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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