

Holy Family  
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St. Anne's

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Carrum Downs  
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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

### REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the haemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays,

however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.



### **THE ALL-SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY**

**All Saints' Day Mass Friday, November 1st at 7:00pm.**

All Saints' Day, also known as the Feast of All Saints, is a day when we honour all the saints, known and unknown. It's a time to remember and celebrate the exemplary lives and devotion of these holy men and women who have lived throughout history. The saints serve as role models of faith and virtue for the Christian community.

**ALL SOULS' DAY MASS: SATURDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER AT 9:15AM**

All Souls' Day is a time to pray for the souls of the departed, particularly those who are believed to be in purgatory. It's a day of remembrance and reflection on the souls of deceased loved ones, and it's an opportunity to offer prayers and Mass for their souls. These Masses are important moments in the liturgical calendar, allowing the faithful to connect with the spiritual realm and to honour the saints who have been recognized by the Church, as well as to remember and pray for their departed relatives and friends on All Souls' Day.

We encourage you to bring the photos of your loved ones who have passed away this year.

**We are very grateful to all the parishioners for your continued support and donations.**

**THANKSGIVING OPTIONS**

*If you are able to send your thanksgiving offerings via direct debit to:  
St. Anne's Church*

**BSB Number: 083 347, Account No: 64340 4615.**

As reference please include your Thanksgiving Number if you have one and/or your full name.

Online direct contributions, either one-off or recurring, can be made through the QR code Or the below link

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/donate?id=0012w00000LOj6iAAD>

**Thanksgiving collection for the Weekend 20/10/2024 \$ 4198.00**



Scan this code with your smart phone camera APP & please follow the prompts.

**“Child Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility”**

Welcome to St Anne’s Parish, where we foster the well being and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, Please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish especially **Bernadette O’Shea, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Catherine Britt, Chelsea Borg, Ida Perry, Stanley Fernandez, Constance Anderson, Jean McGregor, Kate Knox, Jacqueline Ware, Alfred & Maryann Zammit, Allyson Joel.** We pray for all those whose anniversaries & remembrances occur at this time and for all those who have died recently **Sylvia Arendze, Ashwin Esa, Gladwin Kingsley, Rosita Lirazan, Barry Hill, Earl Wayne Peck, Noel Rodriguez, Etta Tuplano.**



***Congratulations to Jerry and Maye Lirazan***

**Who are celebrating their 14th Wedding Anniversary on the 27th October 2024 May the Lord see and bless you, on your anniversary day, may He always be your companion, and guide you on your way.**



***St. Anne’s Vinnies Christmas Hamper Sausage Sizzle***

**Can you help for an hour?**

**At Bunnings Carrum Downs  
Saturday November 9  
from 8am – 5 pm**

Everyone is invited to help raise money for our Christmas Hampers  
By cooking, serving, cashier, tin shaking, promoting  
Just one hour to enjoy the company of other helpers.

Donations of bread, sausages, onions greatly appreciated.

Please text your available time to Peter V on 0432 120 704 Or Email: [pgvyverberg@gmail.com](mailto:pgvyverberg@gmail.com)



**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND  
2nd & 3rd November**

**6:00pm Vigil Mass**

Readers: Peter. M / Liam. D

Eucharistic Minister: Amelia Hutchings

Altar Servers: Alden / Issac

**8:30am Mass**

Readers: Brett. H / Fina. A

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Luxton

Altar Servers: Fina / Jeanne

**10:00am Mass**

Readers: Grazinia. M / Steve. M

Eucharistic Minister: Jerome Hinog

Altar Servers: Shenoli / Eric

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY—Year B  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jer 31: 7 - 9  
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

2nd Reading: Heb 5: 1 - 6

Gospel: Mk 10: 46 - 52

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY—Year B  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Deut 6: 2 - 6  
Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: Heb 7: 23 - 28

Gospel: Mk 12: 28 - 34

**Dear Parishioners,**

## **INVITATION TO DRESS UP AS SAINTS ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT**

Dear Families,

We are excited to invite you to a special event this Halloween! Instead of the usual costumes, we encourage families and children to come dressed as their favourite saints. Let's make Halloween night a celebration of faith, joy, and inspiration, honouring those who have shown us the way to live lives of love, courage, and kindness.

Join us for a fun evening of treats, and an opportunity for everyone to share stories of the saints they admire. This is a wonderful chance for our children to learn about these incredible role models and for us to come together as a community.

**Date:** October 31<sup>st</sup> Friday 7 pm start followed by Mass.

Please bring your costumes, enthusiasm, and any story or symbol that highlights the life of your chosen saint! We can't wait to see the creativity and learn from the wonderful saints each family represents.

## **INVITATION TO LEAD RCIA SESSIONS**

We are reaching out to invite you to play a meaningful role in our parish by leading a session for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. As someone who exemplifies our faith in both words and

actions, your insights and experiences would be a tremendous gift to those exploring Catholicism and deepening their spiritual journey.

Our RCIA sessions cover foundational aspects of the Catholic faith, and we hope to provide a welcoming, engaging, and spiritually enriching experience for everyone involved. Each session is an opportunity to guide others, share knowledge, and create lasting connections within our parish community.

We will be starting these sessions soon for those seeking explore catholic faith.

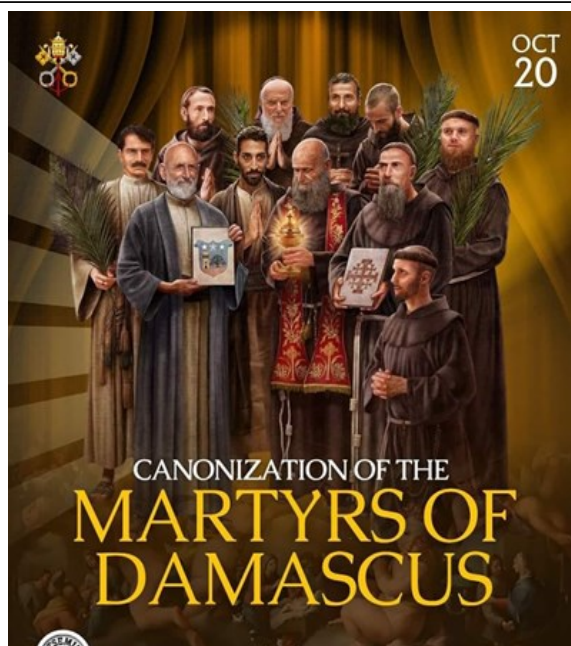
## **PIETY STALL**

We have new religious articles on sale now. Rosary, Cross, Picture, Statues, Stickers, Chains, Locketts, Prayer cards and more gift items for the Sacraments, Bible Diary, Candle stand, Sprinkler, Key chains, Pyx, Wrist bands.

**We need your help to buy and sponsor the church the following items from the piety stall - Stoles, Vestments, Veil, Corporal, finger towels, purificator etc. which will be available from next weekend.**

If you need anything that the piety stall does not have, please place any order and we will try to get it for you. **Stop by after Mass and have a look at the display of the items.**

**For more information please visit our web site.  
Rev Fr Martin Jeramias**



The Damascus Martyrs, were canonized last Sunday at the Vatican, are depicted in an official portrait that honours both the eight Franciscan martyrs of the Custody of the Holy Land and three Maronite lay brothers. This work was created by Andrea Pucci.

The Blessed Massabki brothers had a close relationship with the religious community. Francisco served as the convent's procurator, Mooti was an educator at the boys' school, and Rafael was always available to help with any needs.

Blessed Manuel Ruiz, the superior of the convent, is portrayed wearing a red stole and holding a pyx containing Holy Communion, which is the focal point of the composition. According to accounts of their martyrdom, the group gathered in the church on the night of July 9, 1860, to pray, confess, and receive communion, drawing strength from the Eucharist. When their assassins broke into the convent, Father Manuel Ruiz rushed to the Tabernacle to consume the remaining Eucharistic hosts. He was martyred for his faith at the foot of the altar.

Blessed Carmelo Bolta, the community's vicar, stands to the

right of Blessed Manuel Ruiz, displaying the Jerusalem cross, a symbol of the Custody of the Holy Land. Blessed Pedro Soler, one of the youngest brothers of the community, is shown kneeling.

On the left side of the composition are the three holy Massabki brothers. Francisco holds the shield of the Maronite Catholic Patriarchate, Blessed Mooti holds a palm, symbolizing martyrdom, and Blessed Rafael, the youngest, is depicted with his hands crossed, symbolizing his love for prayer.

Surrounding the main figures are the other Franciscan martyrs. Each has been depicted with a close resemblance to their actual features or to images of them created after their beatification in 1926. Their names are written in Latin, corresponding to each figure, adding both decoration and a liturgical feel, almost like a litany.

The background of the composition is sky-coloured, while the lower part, based on 19th-century photographs, shows Damascus, the city of their martyrdom, which the holy martyrs now protect.

## MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

**Tuesday 6:00 pm Mass**  
**Wednesday 9:15 am Mass**  
**Silent Adoration 5:30 pm - 6:30pm**  
**Thursday 6:00 pm Mass**  
**Friday Rosary 6:30 pm**  
**First Friday 7:00 pm Mass (All Saints Day)**  
**Saturday 9:15 am Mass (All Souls Day)**  
**5:25 pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**Vigil Mass 6:00pm**  
**Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am Mass**

## MASS OFFERING DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

As we are a few weeks away for the month of November, we encourage all parishioners who would like to offer Mass for their loved ones' to send us an email with all the names of the deceased.



This sheet will be printed and placed on the altar to be prayed for at all Masses during the month of November. The Remembrance Folder is kept in the foyer of the Church, names could be registered in the sheets as well. The names of the funerals held in our Church has already been registered in the folder. If you have entered the names last year the Mass will be offered this year as well.

## Gustavo Gutierrez, Father of Liberation Theology passes away

Once considered revolutionary, Gustavo Gutierrez's ideas of empathy and advocacy for the poor have become central to Catholic social teaching. Gutierrez, a Peruvian priest and scholar known as the



father of Latin American Liberation Theology—a movement born from solidarity with the poor and marginalized—passed away on Tuesday in Lima, Peru. Born on June 8, 1928, in the Montserrat Barrio of Lima, Gutierrez was of Hispanic and Quechua Indian descent. As a child, he suffered from polio, spending much of his adolescence bedridden. This early experience with disability led him to pursue medicine, graduating from Peru's National University in 1950. However, he eventually chose the priesthood instead.

Gutierrez studied philosophy, psychology, and theology at universities in Belgium, France, and Italy, earning a master's degree in Europe. Upon his return to the slums of Lima in the late 1950s, he realized that the dominant theology from the northern hemisphere did not address the realities of Latin America.

"The history of humanity is written with 'white hands' from the perspective of the powerful," Gutierrez observed, echoing the thoughts of his fellow Peruvian, José María Arguedas, and Brazilian priest Henrique Pereira Neto. In his groundbreaking book *A Theology of Liberation*, Gutierrez wrote: "Those who have lost their history have a different perspective." He argued that liberation theology, and the stories of "those without history," must begin with the questions asked by the world's poor and oppressed.

Gutierrez emphasized that theology must arise from the experiences of the marginalized, not imposed by academic institutions or the Church from the outside. This approach became the hallmark of liberation theology, with Gutierrez's commitment to the poor and oppressed at its center.

In his 1971 book *A Theology of Liberation* (first translated into English in 1973), Gutierrez affirmed that the God of the Jewish-Christian tradition is especially committed to the poor. His work anticipated movements in the United

States advocating for basic human rights, such as housing and healthcare, and continues to influence teachings in seminaries and universities today.

Gutierrez argued that the salvation of the poor is not only to be realized in the afterlife but also within human history. To truly know God, he insisted, people must work to eradicate poverty and injustice in the here and now. "The Church should focus on life in this world, not just the next," he wrote. For Gutierrez, poverty was not something to be idealized, but rather recognized as an evil to be fought and eradicated.

"We love God by loving our neighbour," Gutierrez asserted. "Only then will God be with us." Like Jesus, who lived among the outcasts, Gutierrez spent most of his life in Lima's Rimac Barrio, serving as a parish priest and director of the Bartolomé de las Casas Institute, ministering to the poor.

His work gained immediate influence among priests and ordinary people fighting against oppressive economic and political systems. His theology inspired many across Asia and Africa, though it also faced opposition. Critics from capitalist countries accused Gutierrez of using Marxist social analysis to expose unjust political systems, many of which were supported by first-world powers. Feminist scholars also critiqued his work for not explicitly addressing the sexual abuse of poor women in Latin America.

Despite the popularity of liberation theology following the Second Vatican Council, Gutierrez's ideas were subject to scrutiny from the Vatican for their perceived deviation from Catholic conservatism. Yet, his collaboration with Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who was assassinated in 1980 for speaking out against social injustice, and his contribution to the 1979 Latin American Episcopal Council in Puebla, Mexico, were foundational to the movement.

Ironically, despite his significant contributions, Gutierrez did not receive his doctorate in theology from the Catholic University of Lyon until 1985—more than 15 years after the publication of *A Theology of Liberation*. Pope Francis, the first Latin American pope, invited Gutierrez to the Vatican in 2013 and expressed support for his theology.

Though Gutierrez has passed away, his legacy as a prophet of the poor endures. His theology, which sides with the marginalized, will continue to challenge and inspire future generations. **REST IN PEACE.**