



Our Lady of Sorrows

Serving the communities of
Kyogle, Woodenbong and Urbenville

Jubilee Year of Hope, 2025



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

26 October 2025

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my
1. soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance
2. from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will
3. save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'



PARISH INFORMATION

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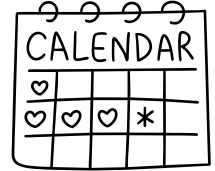
Tuesday 28th October: Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday 1st November: All Saints Day

Sunday 2nd November: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Tuesday 11th November: Women's Group Meeting at The Mitre 10 Garden Centre 12pm

Thursday 13th November: World Kindness Day



A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the dedicated volunteers who gave so generously of their time to be present in the hall for the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Hosting this exhibition, which included a first-class relic, was a truly significant and historic moment for Kyogle. We saw many new faces among the visitors, including local schools families, and even the Carmelite Missionary Nuns. This event was a wonderful celebration, successfully connecting our parish, our school, and our wider community.

The students, in particular, had a valuable opportunity to learn about St Carlo Acutis and the profound faith he shared. To everyone who helped set up, greet visitors, and share this experience: Thank you for making it such a success. God bless you all!

**Advent Reflection Program: "The Promise"**

Make time for hope and preparation this Advent! Our pocket-sized program, "The Promise," offers daily reflections from the start of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. It's designed to help you be still and focus on Jesus, the reason for our being. The cost is \$5.50. To get your copy, see Joan or James in the Piety Shop. To join a group or participate at home, please sign up on the sheet at the church entrance.

**New Network for RCIA/RRFC Ministry**

If you lead or assist the RCIA (for the unbaptized) or RRFC (for Christians entering full communion) processes in your parish, you're invited to join a new diocesan network. This initiative is supported by Bishop Greg Homeming.

Next Meeting: Weds 26th Nov 7-8 pm (Zoom). **To Register:** Email your name and parish to Deacon Anthony Gooley at agooley@lismore.catholic.org.au to receive the link.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick:

Peter Clark, Mark Hancock, Mary Dwyer, Nate Doolan, Dee James, Michael O'Reilly, Kevin Donaghy, Barbara Summers, Arthur Reynolds, Cecilia Dawson, Raphael Oaten.

Recently Deceased: Ted Nowlan

Anniversaries: Peter Studders

**October Prayer Intention**

For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



PLANNED GIVING

1st Collection: \$348.70 Supports the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

2nd Collection: \$415.00 Supports Parish ministries, maintenance, staff salaries & insurance.



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KYOGLE WEEKDAY LITURGY

Date	Service	Readers
Monday 27 th Oct	No Mass	-
Tuesday 28 th Oct	5:15pm Mass	J. Boyle
Wednesday 29 th Oct	9am Mass	D. Layton
Thursday 30 th Oct	9am Mass	B. FitzGerald
Friday 31 st Oct	12 noon Adoration 12:30pm Mass	- D. Layton

WOODENBONG MASS**All services start at 9am****Mass**is held every 3rd & 5th Saturday of the month**Communion Service**

all other Saturdays

**KYOGLE WEEKEND MASS**

Date	Service	Reader	Offertory	Morning Tea
Saturday 1 st Nov	6pm Mass	M & G Murray	M & G Murray	-
Sunday 2 nd Nov	9am Mass	P & J Kelly	T. Vidler & M. Farrell	T. Vidler & M. Farrell

**Sunday 2ND Nov Counters: M & P Constable****THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Friday's before Mass from 12 noon | Saturday's before Vigil Mass from 5:30pm

**NOTICEBOARD****WORLD MISSION SUNDAY****19th October 2025****HOPE**
among all peoples

World Mission Sunday Appeal: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the World Mission Month Appeal last Sunday. Your generous spirit ensures the Church can continue its global work, providing essential support in healthcare, education, and spiritual care to communities in great need around the world. If you wish to still participate, the appeal remains open until the end of October. Last year we raised \$401. Envelopes are at the church entrances, these can be placed on the collection plates.



Our Parish says thank you to our Parish community for supporting and promoting safeguarding



St Brigid's Socktober Challenge on Wednesday was full of energy, laughter, and purpose! From making soccer balls out of socks to a class favourite, The Chocolate Toss! There was fun for everyone, even the staff got involved! Crazy socks were everywhere, but the true highlight was seeing our young people connect with the bigger picture: supporting Catholic Mission's World Mission Month and the vital work being done in Mpika, Zambia, including the Maize Mill Project helping women and families thrive. Thank you to everyone who took part, donated generously, and made the day such a success. We'll be sharing the total funds raised next week.



Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use honeycombs.

**St. John Paul II**
Oct 22nd (FD)

The Pope "from a far country" learned courage through a life of suffering and loss. He was a tireless defender of human dignity and his defining

message remains: "Be not afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!"

**Did you know?**

Mass is celebrated every single day in thousands of churches around the world, meaning the sacrifice of the Eucharist is offered somewhere every hour of every day.

Did you know?

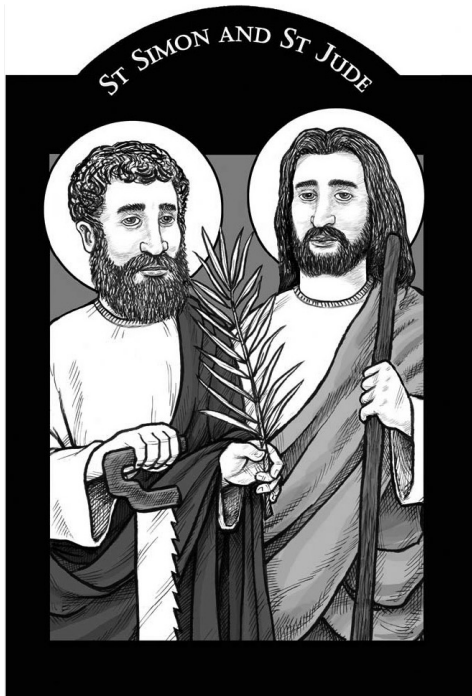
Australia has approximately 8 verified first-class relics of saints. We have been so fortunate to host the hair relic of St Carlo Acutis.



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"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)



St Simon and St Jude were two of Jesus' twelve apostles. St Simon was known as 'the Caneanite' or 'the Zealot' by other evangelists and St Jude was a blood relative of Jesus and known as one of the 'brethren of the Lord'. Little, however, is known about either of these apostles after the events at Pentecost. Western traditions suggest that St Simon preached in Egypt before joining St Jude in Persia, where they were both martyred. In recent times, St Jude has become popular as the patron of 'hopeless causes'. This probably originates from early Christians confusing St Jude with Judas, who betrayed Jesus. As a result people never prayed for his help and so devotion to St Jude became somewhat of a lost or hopeless cause.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

better greedy marriage sorry
dishonest heaven Pharisee tax
eating humble pleasing temple

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Match up the correct endings

Draw a line from the first half of each sentence to its correct ending.



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector went

you will be honoured.

The Pharisee prayed

"God, have pity on me! I am a sinner."

The Tax Collector prayed

you will be put down.

If you put yourself above others

to the temple to pray.

If you humble yourself

"God, I thank you that I am not greedy or dishonest."