29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C  
20th October 2013

**First Reading:**  
Exodus 17:8-13

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading:**  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
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The word of God is living and active;  
It probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.  
Alleluia!  

**Gospel:**  
Luke 18:1-8

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**PRAYER FOR MISSION**

“Everyone should be able to experience the joy of being loved by God, the joy of salvation. It is a gift that one cannot keep to oneself, but is to be shared. The proclamation of the Gospel is part of being Disciples of Christ and it is a constant commitment that animates the whole life of the Church.”  

Pope Francis, World Mission Day Message 2013

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**MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK**

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**Baptisms**

Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month.

**Marriages**

(6 months notice)  
Arranged by appointment.  
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

**Reconciliation**

Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick especially Evie Straughair and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, especially Margaret Falk and for all whose anniversaries are at this time and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
[This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.] $417

Church (envelopes) collection
[This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.] $1236

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES

These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

“Enjoy yourselves and be happy above all.” 1874

The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW

Even as a child you knew the importance of asking often for something you really wanted. Now again, in an adult way, ask God to show you His will. But, be ready to do it!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Yet, we must be persistent even when it is inconvenient. This persistence marks the true follower of Christ.
PARISH NEWS

- Columban calendars for 2014 are available for sale after the 10am Mass. Christmas Cards coming soon.
- Your new set of Thanksgiving envelopes are available in the church foyer. Please pick them up on your way out.
- The first planning meeting for the 2014 School & Parish Carnival will be held Tuesday 22nd October 2013 at 7.30pm in the school Staff Room. Put the carnival date in your diaries now. Everyone is warmly welcomed to these planning meetings.

CATHOLIC MISSION - I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

After decades of struggling in a communist ruled country, with no religious freedom, it is only recently that the people of Mongolia have had the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today we invite you to reach out and help the people of Mongolia to build their Church, so that more people can come to know the grace, joy, peace and hope of our loving God. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today or by becoming a ‘Friends in Faith Partner’ with a monthly gift, you will help build the Kingdom of God in Mongolia and throughout the world.

Freecall: 1800 257 296, catholicmission.org.au/buildmychurch

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY—

Wednesday 6 November, 4pm

Those interested in undertaking theology, spirituality and pastoral studies at Catholic Theological College (CTC) in 2014 are invited to attend the CTC Open Day. Meet faculty staff and hear about what CTC has in store for students in 2014. More info: www.ctc.edu.au RSVP: Friday 31 October 2013 Where: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002 Contact: Jenny Delahunty 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunty@ctc.edu.au

MACEDON RANGES EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY FORUM—Friday 25th Oct 2013, 6.30-9.30pm

This Forum is supported by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor, the Victorian Local Governance Association Timor-Leste Advisory Group and the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network. Come and share a Timorese meal, meet others interested in Timor-Leste, share experiences and hear about relationships and initiatives that others are involved in. The forum will feature special guest speaker Prof. Damien Kingsbury and Timorese food prepared by Carmelita Gomes. Attendance is free but RSVP essential by Tuesday 15 October. To RSVP or for more information please email mrfste@gmail.com or call Patrick Ryan 0400 010696 or Fran Wligy 0411 208448. Where: Norma Richardson Hall, Woodend

POSIIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:
- Pastoral Associate, St Joan of Arc Parish, Brighton
- Pastoral Associate, The Parish of Holy Family, Mount Waverley
- Administration and Domestic Support to Bishop Elliott, Ormond

Further details can be found at Archdiocese website www.cam.org.au/jobs

THE ST BRIGID’S PARISH, 2013 CAMINO WALK

The Cross to Cross Walk, Sunday 27 October

The walk will raise funds to support the work of the Malate Medical Centre in the Philippines. For more information contact Jayne O’Callaghan Mobile 0427 855 471

THE GISBORNE SINGERS

The Gisborne singers will present Mendelssohn’s Magnificent Romantic oratorio with full Symphony Orchestra and Soloists. Sunday November 24th, 2.30pm Where: St Ambrose Parish Hall.

For bookings www.gisbornesingers.org or call Corinne on 542 64 649.

Cost $30 full, $25 Conc, $20 students, under 12 free.

LOURDES DAY MASS 2013—Saturday 7 December, 10:30am

The Order of Malta Australia and the Development Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne invite you to the Lourdes Day Mass, a mass for the sick and fragile in our community. To be celebrated by Most Reverend Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Gift bags for all attendees including a bottle of Lourdes water, Rosary beads and more. Wheelchair access by the side door of Albert St – vehicles can approach this entrance. Where: St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne Contact: 9926 5730
First Reading  Ex 17:8-13
A reading from the book of Exodus
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage. The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.’ Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm  Ps 120. R. v.2
(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel’s guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading  2 Tm 3:14-4:2
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work. You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  Heb 4:12
Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel  Lk 18:1-8
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
God will see those who cry to him vindicated. Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. ‘There was a judge in a certain town’ he said ‘who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, “I want justice from you against my enemy!” For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, “Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.”’

And the Lord said, ‘You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God’s help. Jesus’ final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God’s action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God’s mercy and love and call out for it.
Cross out all letters that appear three times or more. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the name of the popular prayer below.

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Across
2: someone who passes judgement
3: keep safe from harm
6: selected
9: speak to God
10: worried
12: to be afraid of something is to have _ _ _

Down
1: rush
4: bent, not straight
5: to lend a hand
7: a person whose husband or wife has died
8: a tale
11: to look after something or someone