

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honours. But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks. The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (see Psalm 75:9; Jeremiah 25:15, 28; Isaiah 51:17). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare Luke 12:50). In this He will fulfil the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading. Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (see Leviticus 5:17-19). Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see Hebrews 9:12). And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death. He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm. We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see Colossians 1:24). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death (see Romans 6:3). In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood (see Mark 14:23-24) (Dr Scott Hahn).



"Sin is an offense against reason, truth and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbour caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as "an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law." CCC #1849

(Question) What is the difference between the Roman Catholic and the Catholic religion? I was brought up to believe that Roman Catholic was the stricter of the two. The Catholic religion is the religion of the Catholic Church—i.e., that group of churches in communion with the pope. If a group isn't in communion with the pope, it isn't part of the Catholic Church. Within the Catholic Church there are a number of individual churches, sometimes called *rites*. One of these is the Roman rite or Roman church. It includes most of the Catholics in the Western world. A Roman Catholic is a Catholic who is a member of the Roman rite. There are many Catholics in the East who are not Roman Catholics, such as Maronite Catholics, Ukrainian Catholics, and Chaldean Catholics. These are all in communion with the pope, but they are not Roman Catholics. The Roman rite is not stricter than these other rights. They are equal. They all teach the same faith; it is only local customs that are different among them.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
 Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am
 Wed: 6pm
 Fri: 9:15am
 Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15–5:45p: Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;
 Sun 4:00–4:30pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass
BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER (SAT. & SUN): 4:00 to 4:25pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

18th Oct 2015 (B)

29th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Isaiah 53:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

2ND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: St Mark 10:35-45

Internet resources:

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
 "Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
 Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim
 Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";
 "Catholic Answers", "Catholica"
www.vocationcentre.org.au
 GODGOSSIP

MASS INTENTIONS (Sat 17/10/15 to Fri 23/10/15)

Sat Vigil: †Marge Daily

Sun 8am: Pro Populo

Mon: Special Intention

OUR SICK: Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Greg Delprado and Southern Cross residents...

Happy Birthday to Patrick Ghazal (22nd), Josie Riccio (25th)

Congratulations and God's blessings on **Arnold Djohan and Marline Mora** who will celebrate their Convalidation of Marriage this Sunday.

Appeals: Thank you for your great generosity towards the following Appeals:

- 1) Priests' Retirement Foundation: \$1,735.90;
- 2) Little Sisters of the Poor: \$2,227.95.

Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: Fri 23rd Oct: Yr 1; Fri 30th Oct: Yr 2. 2) Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 1st lesson and Commitment Mass: Sat 17th Oct.

Congratulations to our following WYD pilgrims who will travel to Krakow, Poland next year: Natalie Chandra, Kristie Chandra, Miye Asayama, Marshiella Marshiella, Vanessa Low and Myrna Sarmiento.

"How Islam led me to Christ?"-Come listen to Charbel Raish and his inspiring testimony on **Sun 18th Oct at 7pm @ Holy Family Parish, Maroubra.**

FINAL NOTICE.....FINAL NOTICE.....FINAL NOTICE.....

A THANK YOU GET-TOGETHER, from Fr. Jerzy, for parishioners involved, throughout the year, especially in the following Ministries: **Acolytes, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Catechists, Children's Liturgy, Church Warders, Eucharistic Ministers, Gardeners, Ministers of the Sick, Music, Piety Stall, Readers and Singers**, will be held on **FRIDAY 6TH NOV**, in our Parish Hall, from **6pm to 9pm**. (Spouses and parents are also cordially invited). **If you are able to attend, would you please fill in the form on the table in the Church foyer.** This will help with the catering and gift presentation. Hope to see you all there.

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs one-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) P Tjugito, J Spora (R) G Hage, S Tjen (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) P Chen, L Hart (C) P Low (M)
9.30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) N Cook, KWong (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** G Hogan

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) F & G Hogan (R) M Butler, L Paquin (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) A Burke, G Pullela (C) P Low (M)
9.30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin (R) C Findlay, C Goncalves (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J Haggar, M Wells



Can we live as long as Abraham or other Patriarchs? University of Washington identified 238 genes that, when "turned off," increase the lifespan of yeast cells. The genes are frequently found in mammals, including humans. This implies that switching them off could dramatically increase lifespan. "This study looks at aging in the context of the whole genome and gives us a more complete picture of what aging is," lead author Dr Brian Kennedy says. "Almost half of the genes we found that affect aging are conserved in mammals." Our best results were single gene deletions that increased lifespan by around 60 percent compared to normal yeast. "Calorie restriction has been known to extend lifespan for a long time."

"God is love." Never was a more important declaration made than this—God is love. This is a profound statement. God doesn't just love; He is love. His nature and essence are love.

"This is what God built marriage for, that men and women should grow in holiness by loving and sacrificing for one another.

A Jubilee Year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The Catholic church has called jubilee years every 25 or 50 years since the year 1300 and has also called special jubilee years from time to time, known as extraordinary jubilee years. On Dec. 8 the Pope will open a special holy door of St. Peter's Basilica to mark the beginning of the Jubilee. He hopes that with its opening, the door "will become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope." To emphasize that the special year is just not for those able to come to Rome, the pontiff says he is going to ask every diocese to identify a similar "Door of Mercy" at a cathedral or other special church to be opened during the year. "Every Particular Church, therefore, will be directly involved in living out this Holy Year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal," writes the pope. Francis notes that the holy year will begin on the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. "With the Council, the Church entered a new phase of her history," writes Francis. "The Council Fathers strongly perceived, as a true breath of the Holy Spirit, a need to talk about God to men and women of their time in a more accessible way." "The walls which too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way," he continues. "It was a new phase of the same evangelization that had existed from the beginning. "Among other special initiatives for the holy year, Francis also announces that during the 2016 season of Lent he will be asking some priests to serve as special "Missionaries of Mercy. "The pontiff says he will ask those priests to go around the world to hear confessions and that he will grant them "the authority to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See." With that authority, the pope states, the priests will be "living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of his pardon." "I ask my brother Bishops to invite and welcome these Missionaries so that they can be, above all, persuasive preachers of mercy," writes Francis. The pontiff also says he is giving the holy year a motto taken from Luke's Gospel: **"Merciful like the Father."**