



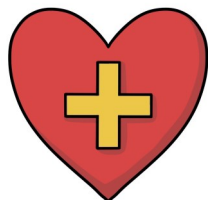
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time—19th October 2025

This Sunday's Gospel is introduced by Jesus as a reminder of the importance of prayer. It can be wearisome and it can be discouraging to be the disciples of Jesus in a hostile world, a world filled with heartache and suffering. At times, it might seem that our prayers are not being heeded, let alone answered. In short, it's not easy to be a Christian. It calls for endurance. That's the situation in which we find ourselves.

The widow in the parable represents us, crying out in persistent prayer until, eventually, she is answered. She acts as a reminder that we should not despair in the midst of hardships. Rather, we must keep our faith in God's mercy and kindness and care. Keep on turning to Him in prayer, even when it looks like He's not listening. Especially then. "Call on me in the day of trouble," the Lord says. "I will deliver you, and you will glorify me." This is God's promise to His people, and He is persistently faithful to his promises.

So even in the midst of difficulties and heart-rending adversities, we call on God in prayer. We know he hears us and cares for us and will do the right thing for us. For we know, in the end, at Christ's return, all things will be set right. Creation will be restored, new and vibrant and perfect. Our bodies will be raised, glorious, transformed, no longer subject to death. Blessings will abound on every hand. This is what we should remember.

A huge thank you for all of your generous donations to both our harvest and shoebox appeals. It shows that even in difficult times, we come together as a community to help those in need. Truly working together to do our best for Jesus.



October is the month of the Holy Rosary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou amongst
women and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our
death. Amen.



In addition, this week let us pray for:



- ♦ our leaders, that the Lord will illuminate them in the peace and wellbeing of the world;
- ♦ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning;
- ♦ those who are in need of support and assistance.



The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. 2 Timothy 3