

# 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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## UPDATE ON CHURCH RE-OPENING.

First of all I just want to say that I hope you are all doing well and that the blessings of God continue to be upon you.

It has been a long time since we have been able to celebrate Mass in our church and now we are getting closer to be able to resume again the worship of our God and to experience the love of the community.

So with this, we want to let you all know what's going to happen. Even though the 70% double dose gives us the opportunity to say Mass, the Archbishop has decided to wait until we reach 80% fully vaccinated, before reopening our churches to everybody. Also the priests have to be fully vaccinated and Fr Roberto will be receiving his second dose in a couple of week's times. So when all the above occurs, we will re-commence our celebrations at the usual times and the usual days with the following restrictions:

- 4 square metre rule will apply and allow us to bring into our church **85 people**.
- Masks **MUST** be worn unless you have a medical exception.
- People who attend the church should ensure they are healthy and well.
- Social distancing both before and after Mass is essential.
- QR codes are still mandated and essential to enter the church.

Everyone will be welcome whether you have the vaccines or not. But if any of you feel anxious, you are most welcome to delay your return to Mass until you feel safe or until the 1<sup>st</sup> of December when 90% of the population will be vaccinated and masks won't be required. *(Although masks will always be an option for added protection.)*

This is our plan, but please remember that anything can happen and all this can change if necessary.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 53:10-11**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

***If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.***

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,

he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life

and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over

he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,

taking their faults on himself.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22**

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

The word of the Lord is faithful

and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right

and fills the earth with his love.

**Response.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,

on those who hope in his love,

to rescue their souls from death,

to keep them alive in famine.

**Response.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,

as we place all our hope in you.

**Response.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

***Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.***

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Mark 10:45**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**GOSPEL:**

**Mark 10:35-45**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

***The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.***

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**