Gospel Reflection **Lk 18:9-14**

Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

This week’s gospel passage flows on directly from last week’s gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner,’ who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God’s mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God’s forgiveness and mercy.

The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God’s loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God’s mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man’s attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own ‘goodness’ by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.

**Closure Days:**
- Melbourne Cup Long Weekend: Monday October 31 and Tuesday November 1. No students
- Closure Day: Monday December 5. No students
Staffing 2017
Recently we completed interviews for 4 teaching positions at St. Therese. We are pleased to announce the following Classroom Teaching appointments:
Patrick Delahunty who is currently teaching at St. Brendan's in Shepparton
Marty Umanski from Christ The King Catholic School in Braybrook
Georgia Hutchins who has been replacing Chelsea Macpherson in grade 1/2 red at St Therese and
Leigh Kentish who will be teaching PE to all grades. We are in the process of finalising all of our staffing for 2017, and will advise this as soon as possible.

Farewell Julie Nicholson
Next week we farewell Julie Nicholson, who is currently teaching grade 3/4 Red. Julie will leave us as she prepares for the birth of her first child later in the year.
Julie has been a valued member of St Therese School Community for the past three and a half years. Having been part of her classroom, I have observed her teaching style that was relational and focused on highly effective learning and teaching. Julie cares deeply about the students in her class. We thank Julie for her contribution to the life and growth of St. Therese School. Nicky Aitken will replace Julie in 3/4Red. Nicky is familiar with the class and the school, having worked throughout the school in all grades this year.

Parish Office Relocation:
Due to strong winds on Sunday 9 October, major damage was caused to the roof of the Parish Office in Grovedale. We are waiting on the full assessment of the damage from the Insurance Company and an approximate time line on the repairs.

In the meantime, we have now relocated the office to the Meeting Room at the rear of St Therese Church, 43a Surfcoast Highway, Torquay.
New phone number - 5261 5318
Office hours will remain the same:- Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm.

Outside of these hours, please leave a message on the answering machine and one of the staff will contact you when they are next in the office.

If you have an urgent pastoral need you are able to contact Fr Linh at the Presbytery on 5244 1986.

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School Board AGM:
Thursday November 10 at 7.00pm: All Welcome
The Annual General Meeting for the school Board will be held on Thursday November 10. Nominations are called for 2 vacant positions. If you are interested in nominating, please fill out the form below and return it to the office.

The terms of Board appointments are for 2 years.

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Please note: Current Board Members and Nominees vote on vacant positions. Nomination forms are also available from the office.

Scholastic Book Fair arrives in Week 7: Tuesday, November 15-Friday, November 18 (8.30-9.30am, lunch, 3-4pm daily)

“Scholastic Book Fairs is the nation's leader in quality Book Fairs, with an exciting range of recently published children's books and educational products from Australia and around the world.”

We look forward to seeing you there and would like to offer a special welcome to our visiting Grandparents on Thursday 17, Grandparents day.

Thank you from the Library and the Grade 6 Book Fair Team.

Parking:
Please don't park on the grass verge in Illawong Drive. It is a No Standing Zone and you may be fined.

Missing:
A homemade skate ramp has gone missing after the recent Mission Day activities. Could you please contact the office if you have this.

3/4 RF Investigations:
A number of Year 3/4 students are collecting clean blankets to support the Homeless and small christmas gifts (toys, hygiene products or things for school) for the girls in Kon Tum. If you would like to donate please place these items in the boxes provided in the front office.
3/4 Production:

We have been practicing every second Friday for our performance of Dahl’s Dilemmas. It has been fun watching other kids perform and being part of the production. Some kids have been making things for the play. It is our job to advertise the performance and to choose the posters other kids have made. We invite you to come and watch on the November 25. We are going to invite the Kinder Kids and the workers from the Men’s Shed and parents. Our parents have been helping us to get our clothes ready.

From the Media Team – Ava Taylor and Scarlett Mathews

Performance times are as follows
9:30am school students and Kinder Kids
1:45pm parents
Any parent who cannot make it to the afternoon performance is more than welcome to join us for the morning session.
Looking forward to the big day!
Thanks from the 3/4 Specialist Team

Photos from our Photographic Team – Cameron Frame and Stevie Weldon
Transition for 2017:
We welcomed our Foundation students for 2017 on Wednesday. It was terrific to have the opportunity to meet our new St. Therese students. There will be a further three transition mornings over the next month.

Our current year prep students had their first transition experience into year 1/2 while our new students for 2017 were welcomed to St. Therese. They worked alongside the current year 1/2 students and were actively involved in learning.
Learning & Teaching
The 3/4 students held a learning expo last week. Many thanks to the many parents who came along to view the showcase of the learning that had been taking place. A focus on the development of the use of materials and children raising their own hypotheses, led to rich student learning.
P&F News

St Therese Parents & Friends Committee

Important Dates for 2016

Thursday November 17 – Grandparents’ Day
Thursday December 1 – Whole School Christmas Picnic

With the end of the year fast approaching we are preparing for the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. We welcome all parents to attend and it is a great time to put your hand up if you are interested in joining the committee, or as a general member. The meeting will be held at the school on Tuesday November 22 at 2.15pm in the meeting room behind the hall.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me directly at kenlynheaney@gmail.com.

Kenlyn Heaney
President of Parents and Friends Committee

Grandparents’ Day Book Fair Week
When: Thursday 17 November @ 2:00pm
Where: St Therese Hall
Grandparents or Special Persons are welcome to join students for a prayer in the hall followed by a classroom tour of our wonderful learning areas.
Parents & Friends will provide an afternoon tea back in the hall so grandparents/special person can enjoy a wander through the *Book Fair* with their grandchild(ren).
Christmas will be just around the corner and this will be a great gift opportunity and support on raising funds for our school library.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
We are currently looking for donations of summer items, particularly summer dresses and boy’s shorts. If are doing a clean out before the end of year these items would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be left at the front reception or dropped off to the Uniform Shop.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is run by a parent every Wednesday if you need assistance, otherwise you are welcome to help yourself. Thank you for your constant support with the honesty system. Prices are listed on the shelves and we just ask that you put the money in the envelopes provided there and put the envelope in the P&F mail box at front reception. Also it is much appreciated by the next person coming along, if you could replace clothes back neatly in the correct size boxes. For all enquiries please contact Kristin at kristind71@yahoo.com.

Hot Dog Day
Don’t forget HOT DOG DAY is held every second Wednesday. Each child is to bring correct money to their respective classroom and fill in the forms located in their class.
The next Hot Dog Day will be held on Wednesday November 9.
Prices: Hot dogs $2.50 Fruit Juice $1 Wonka Raspberry Twister 50c each

Munch Day Lunch Orders
Tuesday orders must be in by mid-night Sunday prior. Thursday orders must be in by mid-night Tuesday prior.
You can order ahead for the whole week and even a few weeks in advance by putting in the correct dates per order. The link below is how and where to order. Happy Munching! https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/
Join in the fun at St Therese Primary School Before and After School Care!

There’s lots to see and do in OSHC – from fun outdoor games and activities, to arts and crafts, silly science, gardening and cooking, building and construction activities and much more! There’s also a quiet area to catch-up on some reading, finish off homework or relax. With a healthy morning or afternoon snack in every session.

Meet Seravina - The OSHC program Coordinator

Fun Facts about Seravina:

- She holds a Bachelor degree in Teaching.
- She loves travelling and being outdoors.
- Cooking is one of her favourite pastimes. She loves spoiling her family and friends with delicious treats!
- Seravina has a daughter named Violet.
- Her favourite season is summer.
Program Details

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The information outlined above covers the most common program times and fees. For a full listing of all program details and fees for the service, please visit our website. We have over 150 Holiday Clubs. Please use the Holiday Club finder on our website to find the most convenient service for you.

Join in the fun
To register and book, visit us at www.campaustralia.com.au and use the school finder on our homepage to search for St Therese Primary School - Torquay.

*Save 50% or more with government rebates.

The Australian Government has two payments to assist families with the cost of child care:
- The Child Care Rebate (CCR): is NOT income tested. It pays up to 50% of your out of pocket costs of up to $7,500 per child, each year.
- The Child Care Benefit (CCB): is income tested and scaled, resulting in payments of between 0% and 85% of Camp Australia fees.
Nearly all families are eligible for government rebates.

Visits Welcome!
Please feel free to stop by the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.

From all of the team at Camp Australia we look forward to seeing you and your family in the program soon.
Community News:

St Joseph’s College Geelong Annual Remembrance Mass:
The Annual Mass for deceased students, staff and benefactors of St Joseph’s College Geelong will be held at 2pm on Sunday November 13 in the College Chapel. All are welcome.

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