

**November 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 20:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

<p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</p>
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We see in this week’s gospel the Sadducees set out to trick Jesus yet again. Jesus encounters opposition many times during his ministry. Jesus is in Jerusalem knowing that he is about to be arrested and condemned by the leaders of his own people and abandoned by his closest associates, but is still self possessed and trusting. In his encounter with the Sadducees he is not merely teaching but bearing witness to his own faith in the resurrection. When asked “whose wife will she be?” Jesus replies “she was never just ‘somebody’s wife”, she was a person in her own right. When we die we are who we are when we lived first of all, sons and daughters of God. Even if we have failed in this life or did not receive due recognition from our fellow human beings but continued to live – true to the best of ourselves, we are alive in the eyes of God. Who are the people in our lives who have helped us by word and example to understand these things?

**Prayer:**

**Thank you Lord** for sending us men and women like Jesus who challenge us to be children of the resurrection, to know that we cannot die once we are concerned to be alive to you

**Forgive us Lord** for worrying about our projects, big numbers and feeling superior to others instead of realising the only important thing in this life is to be judged worthy in your sight.

**Help us Lord** to listen to Your word as we learn how You do not merely teach but bear witness to Your own faith in the resurrection.

