

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 18:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li><li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</li><li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</li></ul> |
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In this Sunday’s gospel we read about the Pharisee and the tax collector. Verse 14 Jesus says the tax collector went home again at rights with God, the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted. This saying occurs twice in the St. Luke’s gospel which indicates that it is a favourite saying of Jesus or of the early Church. We could interpret this parable as journey from sin to grace. We have all acted as the Pharisee and the tax collector at different times in our lives. Who are the people in our lives who have brought us to a state of humility by their words and actions?

**Prayer:**

**Thank you Lord** for the people like Jesus who remind us that we can never pride ourselves for being virtuous and that we cannot afford to despise anyone.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times that we are like the Pharisee, proud that we are virtuous and despising all others because of their faults and failings instead of remembering that we too are sinners with the great need of God’s mercy and love.

**Help us Lord** at all times to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8).

