

## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Luke 14:1,7-14

Luke 14:11

**Everyone who raises himself up will be humbled,  
and the one who humbles himself will be raised up.**



**Homily – Fr Callistus Khathali – Sunday 28th August 2022**

Our first reading and the **gospel focus on the issue of humility**. It is seen as the key to finding God's favour. The same thought is found in the gospel where there is a promise by the Lord of exalting the humble.

**Humility on its own is not a desirable reality.** Our greatness forms part of our God's given gift of human dignity which originates from our image and likeness to God. This cannot be taken away from any human being.

**Humility in biblical terms is an invitation.** The one who accepts this invitation **makes a choice**. In fact that is the way God relates to us, he invites us to many life giving realities. **He calls and urges us to accept the invitation by choosing what he sets before us.**

**The reward in the first reading is God's favour.** We encounter God's favour in Mary's visitation by the angel Gabriel: **"rejoice you who enjoys God's favour"** (Luke 1:28). The angel continues to say, **"Mary do not be afraid you have won God's favour."** (Luke 1:30)

**Mary in her song of praise, the Magnificat, acknowledges God's favour as a result of her humility, "he has looked upon the humility of her servant. Yes, from now all generations will call me blessed."**(Luke 1:48)

Mary continues in the Magnificat to state how the **Lord shames those who are proud hearted, puts down those who are mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.**

**Humility is the gateway to allowing God to make us great. Without God we are nothing, we can never be great.** Even if we do achieve some greatness, it will be very much short-lived. The greatness God gives is a lasting legacy.

**Let us therefore humble ourselves before God whose will is to make us great, even much greater than we may appear to be at this point in time.**

*May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

I will meditate on the Glorious Mysteries today as I pray for your personal intentions.  
Have a wonderful Sunday!

Fr Callistus