

Jubilee Catholic Parish

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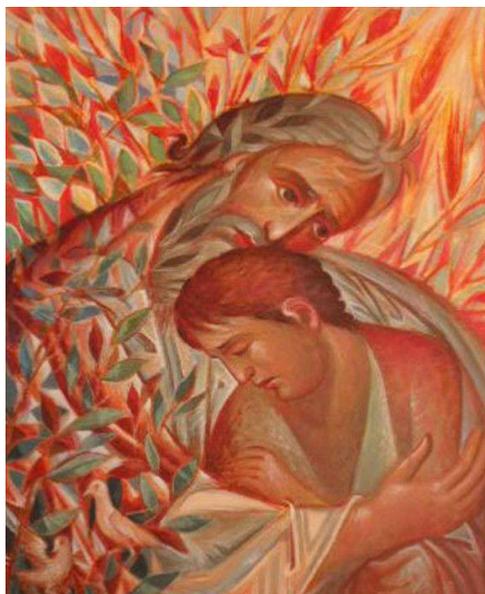
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Way of Discipleship: In 2014, I went on a four-hour hike with my friends in the Philippines. That was the first time I had climbed a mountain. Crossing rivers and braving the mountains was quite an uphill battle. Slowly losing breath, I frustratingly asked myself, "Why am I doing this?" I grew up a city boy, and never had a thought that experience would bring me to a winding, challenging, and muddy road. Nevertheless, I managed to reach the summit with the assistance of my friends. Indeed, this experience taught me the value of support.

Our first reading tells us how realistic Jeremiah's lament to God was. He felt

tricked, duped, and helpless against God's call for him to become a prophet. Being a prophet in those times was challenging. God's message is not always easy to fathom, more so when it challenges our way of life. Yet, no matter how Jeremiah resisted, he admitted that God's Word was like a fire burning in his heart, in his bones, and in his being to the point that it had taken over him.

We have heard in today's Gospel what true discipleship is. Jesus reveals the suffering and death he must take in Jerusalem, as the consequence of his unyielding obedience to the Father. Bear in mind his obedience to his Father does not mean he was not afraid. At the Garden of Gethsemane, he asked his Father to take away the suffering, if possible. Yet, he trusted his Father's will. The disciples did not yet understand all of it. Peter, wanting to forbid it to happen, is rebuked by Jesus calling him Satan, or a stumbling stone.

Sometimes, we do not easily comprehend what God wants for us especially when life gets tough. Like Peter we want to avoid it as much as we can. Our readings remind us that the way of true discipleship is by letting God take over our whole being. May we learn the way of discipleship: an unyielding and relentless commitment to God. **-Louie**

Taking up my cross: It is spring and time for Fr Gerry's holidays. Where would you prefer to go: Morocco or Moreton? Both are off the tour list. At the time of writing the actual destination remains unknown. Somewhere between now and Monday a decision will be made. I will be following the protocol: "Queensland is good to go". I'll be back 22 September unless I fall off the end of the known Covid-safe world!!!

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30 AUGUST 2020 (YEAR A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 **Second Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the mental health of many members of our communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Our parishes can be places of acceptance care and healing, not places of rejection, judgment or stigma.

In the Social Justice Statement *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia today*, the Bishops welcome the deinstitutionalisation of mental health care in Australia. However, without adequately funded community mental health services, there is a gap in the system through which people continue to fall. Social determinants including poverty, living conditions, and personal security are significant contributors to mental ill-health.

People living with mental ill-health are part of the Body of Christ – ‘us’ and not ‘them’ – and share equally in Jesus’ promise of the fullness of life (Jn 10:10).

The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

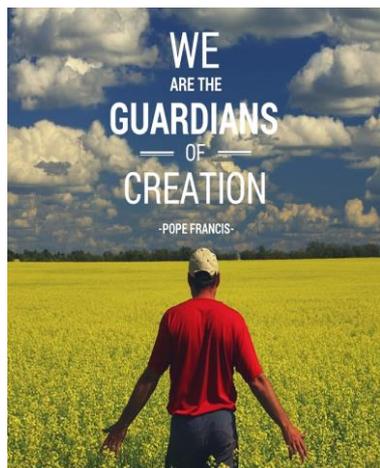
Masks: No not the masked singer! Face masks are available for the greeters at mass. As the Chief Medical Officer Jeanette Young has said they are a way of added protection in crowded areas. The parish is very grateful to our greeters who check in people coming to mass. We want them to remain helpful and healthy. They appreciate your maintaining the 1.5meter distance protocol as well.

Face shields: This happy snap is of a very good friend of mine: Fr John Murray OSA. (That is what he has atop his face shield.)



He is ministering in Bangkok. He has had to wear a face shield when presiding at mass for some months. Such a happy chappy keeping germs to himself and protected from aerosol of others. Face shields are also being provided to our greeters. We will see if they get creative with their headbands!

Spray bottles: As we are going to be living with Covid for a long haul we need your help. Rather than throwing out those spray bottles for surface cleaners, spot cleaning washing and ironing – RECYCLE! Bring them along to your church and we can use them for the detergent we spray the pews with. They will be more durable than what we have. It will also be an economically and healthy planet way to keep the germs at bay!



September 1 World Day of Prayer for Creation.

This day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to “reaffirm (our) personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful creation which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” Pope Francis has issued a new statement for the day of prayer, calling for a “renewed and sound relationship between humanity and creation”.

PARISH DIARY



Monday
Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

Tuesday
Mass (Newmarket) 9:00am

Wednesday
Mass (Rosalie) 6:30am

Thursday
Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am
Mass (Ashgrove) 9:00am

Friday
Mass (Rosalie) 9:00am
Anointing Mass

Rosary (Rosalie) Midday

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time – 30 August 2020

Saturday Vigil
Mass (Rosalie) 4:30pm
Mass (Ashgrove) 6:00pm

Sunday
Mass (Herston) 7:30am
Mass (Bardon) 8:00am
Mass (Ashgrove) 8:30am
Mass (Newmarket) 9:30am
Mass (Red Hill) 10:00am
Mass (Rosalie) 5:30pm



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Rite: The first Rite of Reconciliation is available by appointment. Please email one of the priests, or phone the office and ask for Fr Rony or Fr Gerry. We will organize a time, place and ensure all health protocols are followed.



“We are deeply saddened that over 3,000 people are lost to suicide each year and that young people aged 15 to 24 years of age are most vulnerable. This is a growing problem. It accounts for around one third of deaths among people in this age group, with around 90 per cent of victims experiencing mental ill-health.” Productivity Commission, 2019, 14; *Raising the bar for youth suicide prevention*, Victoria: The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health, 2016,

Episcopal Council Zoom: Due to the current uncertainty with the COVID-19 situation in Brisbane, the Episcopal Council have decided to alter the plan for the Central Deanery Forum which was to be held on Saturday 29th August.

The plan now is a modified, shortened version of this event via zoom to be held on Tuesday 1st September at 5pm. They will share some of the feedback and insights they gained through the process. There will also be an opportunity for questions at the end. Fr Rony will provide a report in next weekend’s newsletter.

Anointing Mass at Rosalie: Friday 4th September we will have First Friday Anointing Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie at 9 am. The sacrament of anointing will be celebrated during Mass. Those who are vulnerable and unwell are encouraged to stay at home. There will be no morning tea following. *Fr Rony*

To Live Life to the Full. “I feel that it is very important for people to be heard. I do not feel that people suffering with a mental illness should identify themselves by their mental illness. If the wider community could see the person suffering mental illness as a whole person, rather than just as their illness, perhaps those who are ill would not encounter so much stigma in their everyday lives.” Sandra – Mental Health Commission of NSW.



Liturgy Meeting: Liturgy meeting will be held on Saturday, 5th September at 10am at the Parish office. *Fr Rony*

Healing Mass at St Mary Magdalene Church - ARE YOU IN NEED OF HEALING? DO YOU NEED PRAYER? Come to a healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s Church, Cecil Road, Bardon on Friday, 4th September 2020, at 7.30pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Neville Yun. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. Enquiries : Len 0421977849.

The Knights of the Southern Cross The 14th Prayer Crusade will be held during September, October and November. Participants in the Crusade are asked to pray the Crusade Prayer once a day for 7 days. For more information contact Stuart Beavis, Chairman Branch 1 Knights of the Southern Cross, Queensland. H (07) 3366 4103

Crusade Prayer “Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.”



To Live Life to the Full: “Intimate connection with the heart of God may require us to embrace and find meaning in the vulnerability and suffering that comes with loving. It will draw us to work to eliminate that suffering which cuts people off from God, each other, and the rest of creation – suffering that denies people and communities participation in the fullness of life.”

Ember Days mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. In Australia the Church Observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring as special days of prayer and penance, Focusing on the environment, the seasons and God’s providence.



Thanks to the generous donor of the hand sanitizer units at our churches. Smart way to clean hands!

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

St Finbarr's School, Ashgrove~St Joseph's School, Bardon ~St Ambrose's School Newmarket



This week Yr 3 celebrated their year level mass with Fr Gerry. The Preps and Yr 1 class celebrated a Liturgy of the Word with Louie in our gorgeous nature play area – Rosewood Reserve. The children really enjoyed and participated joyously in all these celebrations. Thank you, Fr Gerry and Louie, for leading us in prayer.

This week is wellbeing week for staff and students. Each class commits to a particular aspect of wellbeing within their own class. Our whole school focus is on 'getting along' and growing empathy. Each student at St Joseph's has a wellbeing journal that teachers and students work with throughout the year. We also have teachers who are trained in 'play in the way' – a fun program that teaches students through games about social emotional skills. We have many ways to grow our students' personal and social capabilities as it is greatly valued. Staff have also been treated with some lovely lunches and morning teas provided by our wonderful Mrs D from tuckshop. Staff participated in Christian meditation during our staff meeting this week as a way to remind us all to stop and breath.

Yr 2 Joey's student, Cillian, as part of the Young Einstein Club initiated by QAST was invited to speak for three minutes on the topic: "What do you think are our greatest scientific challenges for the future?". This speech was amazing and a great way for Cillian to participate in Science Week on a much bigger platform. We are so very Joey's proud of you Cillian.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



Living and Learning in Faith and Love

This week our Prep Love children and their buddies, Year 6 Love celebrated their first buddy mass. The Prep children began the mass by leading their buddies in the song, 'Gather Together.' This song is well known for Prep Love as they also sing it when they have their class Birthday Blessings. The students did a great job and had all their buddies joining in singing and dancing. It was a lovely way to start our mass.

The theme for the buddy mass was; 'Love one another as I have loved you.' This theme is well demonstrated by the relationship and thoughtfulness we witness each day between the buddies. The special connection allows for more than a friendship, it is like siblings caring for each other. The excitement the prep children demonstrate when they see or do anything with their buddies is infectious. I am always so impressed by how well our Year 6 students take on this role. This is another perfect example of 'A Connected Community'.



Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
(all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.



St Ambrose's Sprints Carnival

Take your mark, get set, GO!!!
Last Tuesday, all students from St Ambrose's had the opportunity to take part in the athletics sprint races at Corbie Park.

There was a buzz of excitement in the air as students walked across to the start line, as things did look a little different to our usual carnival days. A runway was designed to give students space to run their 60m, 80m or 90m races with students competing in heats containing 3-4 runners.

We had some very impressive, super-fast run times, congratulations all.

A special moment must be mentioned that shows the true spirit of St Ambrose students. Heat 3 of the prep boys were lined up at the start line. It was a close race until one student tumbled, his friend who was having a great race immediately stop to help him to his feet.

The two friends ran together to the finish line where the boy who had stopped quite gallantly let his friend finish just in front of him to claim 3rd place. Wow!!!

Between them the children showed that we all need a little perseverance and determination to finish what we start, even when things don't quite go to plan and also that even in competition, we can show sportsmanship and kindness to others. Amazing!

In Transition

As a parish family pray for Joan Long whose 1st anniversary falls at this time.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.