

Jubilee Catholic Parish

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Understanding God's context: I went to Vietnam earlier this year. My time there brought on a kind of language paralysis. There were moments when I wanted to express myself through the local language, but could not do so because of a lack of translation. The only way I could survive in a conversation was to pick up essential words here and there, and guess what the speaker might be saying. It was risky. If I couldn't get the context right, I could look foolish and funny.

Learning a language requires context. We may know the literal meaning of words, but without context, we risk misunderstanding the person or, worse still, fail to understand at all.

In the First Reading for this Sunday, Ezekiel points out how the people of Israel keep missing God's point. God speaks about justice in simple language, yet it seems that Israel can't keep up with God's context. If we try to look at Israel's history, we can see its failure in getting the message of God right. In the Second Reading, St Paul explains that God emptied himself in Jesus so that he could speak our language. In Jesus, God met us in our humanity and in the context of our sinfulness.

The Gospel tells of the "experts" of the law - chief priests and Pharisees - who are expected to get the message of God right. Yet these people are still lost in the context of their sanctimony - thinking that they are better than the others. By telling today's parable, Jesus reveals to them that their perspective differs from God's view.

The parable today tells of two sons who receive the same instruction. The first son fails to get the 'right word' but responds to it eventually. The second son knows the right word, but he suffers from a kind of paralysis of understanding. Sinners like tax collectors and prostitutes, as mentioned by Jesus in the Gospel, may have fallen short of hitting God's mark. Jesus then reveals God's context to them so that they can understand how our God is a God of mercy and compassion. This parable shows us that those most hated and rejected by society were the ones most open to the word of God and willing to do God's will.

Let us open our mind and heart to God's grace so that we may understand His message.
Louie Jimenez

Rested and Refreshed. I'm back from a three-week holiday. Yes, it did go very quickly. A road trip to Cooktown, Cobbold Gorge and Charters Towers. Some of the magnificent creation that God has graciously gifted us with. We are blest in many ways.

I am also grateful to the parish staff and parishioners who kept everything humming along so smoothly. Thank you!

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27 SEPTEMBER 2020 (YEAR A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-5

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

"If we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us." Pope Francis

On Sunday, September 27, 2020 we celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee," is to focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people. The tragedy of migrants and refugees is one of the challenges of our time.

Pope Francis's message for World day of Migrants and Refugees originated in the experience of Jesus and his parents as displaced persons and refugees. "Jesus is present in each of them, who are forced, as in Herod's time, to flee to save their life. In their faces, we are called to recognize the face of Christ." This truth is all the greater during the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Taking the pandemic's devastating effects into account, the Pope's reflections center on **six pairs of verbs**: *to know in order to understand, to draw near so as to serve, to listen in order to reconcile, to share and thus to grow, to involve in order to promote, to collaborate and therefore to build.*

In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who pleads with us to help (cf. Mt 25:31-46). If we can recognize him in those faces, we will be the ones to thank him for having been able to meet, love and serve him in them. *Fr Rony*

National Police Remembrance Day

I write this having the privilege of being a police chaplain. 29th September each year marks the day the Queensland Police Service joins other Australasian police jurisdictions to pause and honour fallen officers. It recognises the unique nature of police service and the dangers police face in their daily pursuits. We pray for all police and emergency responders. We pause to pray for and honour those who gave everything. We pray for their loved ones. **May God bless them all** *Peter Devenish-Meares*



Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement: Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism and is held on the tenth day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar, this year from sunset on 27 September to nightfall on 28 September.

"On the 10th day of the 7th month you shall deny yourselves and shall do no work because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you." (Leviticus 16:29-30)

According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year into the Book of Life and waits until Yom Kippur to "seal" the verdict.

Five prayer services that include private and public confessions of sins are held during Yom Kippur.

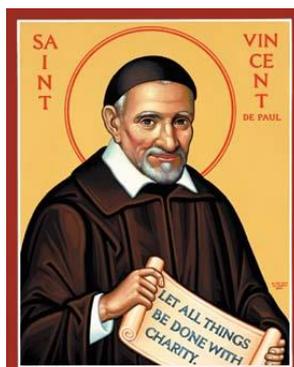
Many Jewish businesses and schools are closed on this holiday and some Jewish Australians will take time off work.

It is customary to wear white on Yom Kippur as a symbol of purity. Many Jewish men wear a *kittel* - a simple white robe also used as a shroud, and a *tallit* - prayer shawl.

In common we can pray today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 24 "Remember your mercies, O Lord." *Elizabeth Harrington*

Feast of St Vincent de Paul: 27th September is the feast of Saint Vincent de Paul, a French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. St Vincent urged his followers to bring God's justice and love to people who were most vulnerable and unable to live a full life. He walked the streets to seek out and help people experiencing extreme hardship. This is the spirit within which our good works at the St Vincent DePaul Society are still undertaken today.

There are four Vinnies Conferences in Jubilee Parish – Bardon, Red Hill/Rosalie, Newmarket and Ashgrove. Each has a dedicated group of Vincentians who visit the disadvantaged in our local communities, to provide support and dignity.



PARISH DIARY



Monday
Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

Tuesday
Anointing Mass (Newmarket) 9:00am

Wednesday
Mass (Rosalie) 6:30am

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

Friday
Anointing Mass (Rosalie) 9:00am

Rosary (Rosalie) Midday

27th Sunday in Ordinary time – 4 October 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



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."

Anointing Mass Newmarket Tuesday: The 9am mass at Newmarket this Tuesday 29th September will include the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. So it IS Tuesday and not Wednesday as per the parish Calendar.

Baptism Preparation: This Wednesday 30th September at 7pm IN SACRED HEART CHURCH Given Tce Rosalie/Paddington. If intending to celebrate the baptism of your child in Jubilee parish in the next month you are asked to attend. The preparation night covers several important areas. Baptism as a sacrament of initiation. Baptism itself. Practicalities of how it is celebrated in Jubilee parish. Also we make sure we have dates and times correct. We look forward to working with you in this wonderful celebration of life.

Master Plan Update. Ethos Urban continue to move forward the development application of the parish master plan for lodgement with the Brisbane City Council. David Cramb is the Strategic Development Manager in the Archdiocesan Property and Building Office. He is the day-to-day liaison between Ethos and the parish. On Thursday he will provide our parish property sub-committee with an update on the activities that have been conducted to date relating to the preparation of the Jubilee Master Plan application.

First Friday Rosalie: Friday 2 October is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. It is also First Friday. There will be 9am mass at Sacred Heart Church Rosalie/ Paddington. The celebration will include the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Maintaining Covid protocols means there will be no morning tea after mass. At all times remember social distancing. If you are vulnerable or suffering possible symptoms you are encouraged to stay at home.

Liturgy Team meeting: Saturday 3rd October is the first Saturday of the month and the date for our next Liturgy Team meeting at 10am in the parish meeting room. We are aware that it is a long weekend and some of the team could be planning to be elsewhere. The faithful remnant will gather, pray, discuss and plan into the future.

FROM POPE FRANCIS IN THE SEASON OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER TO 4 OCTOBER 2020.

Extracts from ' Laudato Si ! Praise Be! On Care for Our Common Home. 2015.

Whether believers or not, we are agreed that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. For believers, this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator, since God created the world for everyone. Saint Pope John Paul II forcefully reaffirmed this teaching, stating that ' God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members, without excluding or favouring anyone..'

The rich and the poor have equal dignity, for the ' Lord is the maker of them all. ' (Proverbs 22 ; 2)

The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone.. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all.

Jesus took up the biblical faith in God the Creator, emphasising a fundamental truth : God is Father. In talking with his disciples, Jesus would invite them to recognise the paternal relationship God has with all His creatures. ' Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God.' (Luke 12: 6.)

We pray: All - powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Praise be to You !

Br Neville



Sacramental Preparation:

For those in Year 4 upwards who are already preparing for First Holy Communion: continue preparation with your family at home, and when possible join in weekend mass.

When your passport is complete contact Jenny Donnelly sac.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au and a date can be organized for your child to receive First Holy Communion at a weekend mass. The number of children celebrating their First Communion is increasing which is a good sign of our moving forward into the new normal.

Preparation for celebration of the First Rite of Reconciliation in year 5 and above IN 2020 IS HAPPENING SOON!

Parent Information Night: Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie 7pm, Wednesday 14th October, 2020

Ceremony Saturday 31st October, 2020

This is the FIRST RITE of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the one-to-one celebration with the priest. It is the way it is celebrated when we go individually to the sacrament.



The Second Rite is when we celebrate communally with the common reading of the scripture and the praise and thanksgiving together at the end. The Second Rite is the rite the parish has during Advent and Lent. The Second Rite is also the way the younger children celebrate before their reception of First Holy Communion.

Enrol your child for this preparation via the webpage or by phoning the parish office.

Planned Giving. The Archdiocese is no longer eligible for the Jobkeeper scheme. That means we go back to relying on income from parishioners to keep everything happening. Again, we go into uncharted territory. That means we must live with a certain amount of uncertainty. That is uncomfortable for all of us. At this point I hope all will continue as it has been. The Finance Council will keep an eye on our income and expenditure to keep us afloat.

Payment of parish staff and the maintenance of parish operations depends on your financial support as well as the other ways in which you contribute. The parish does depend on your financial contribution to planned giving. Thanks for your ongoing generosity. There are plates at church for your contributions. In the present climate the most efficient way of giving is via direct debit/ credit card. Please visit the parish website on www.jubilee-parish.com and click on the Donations/Payments tab.

Thank you as well to the parish staff and the tremendous work they do. We are so very blest with the wonderful team that Jubilee has. We take a deep breath and continue to trust in God's companionship,

BISHOPS OF QUEENSLAND ELECTION STATEMENT:



Catholic Social Teachings prompt us to consider the Common Good and to pay particular attention to those who are vulnerable, marginalised, or who often 'fall through the cracks'.

Consider the Common Good on October 31

As we grapple with the challenges of a COVID world, the Catholic Bishops of Queensland have called Catholics to consider Catholic Social Teaching as they prepare to participate in the Queensland State Election on October 31.

For more information about Catholic Social Teaching and to find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote visit <https://bit.ly/3mhPzY3>

Enrol today in a Jubilee CATHOLIC PARISH primary school.



At St Finbarr's we are committed to providing a unique learning environment for every child. Our school offers a safe and nurturing environment, with a unique partnership between home and school.

A truly future-focused education
A community inspired by humility, care and respect, we deliver equity and excellence in your child's education.
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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.

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.

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome into the church **Imogen Greene & Frederick Greene** who were baptised this weekend.

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