

6th July 2014 (Year A)

NEWSLETTER

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YOU'RE INVITED . . .

to your school graduating class reunion! How do you feel about it? How do you explain your life to (now) strangers, who are curious about "what you've been doing since you were 17"? How does the person they knew then, tally with the person you think you are now?

My life, (post high school graduation), promised and delivered spectacular "success" in the eyes of the world – I was the girl who got the "top" everything: marks; university placement; job; income; marriage; house; suburb; children; schools; Parish/Community profile. The truth is, I didn't try to "get" these things – they just came - easily, naturally and life was just tracking seemingly, of its own accord.

And then came the spectacular fall. . . The hows, whys and wherefores are irrelevant. Suffice to say, in the eyes of the world, all those material and external indicia of "success" were wiped away. . . . Thank God!

As I look at the School Reunion Invitation, I laugh as I imagine describing and explaining myself to my old classmates as I am now – a stay-at-home, single mother. And yet, I know that the part of my life where I experienced the most "failure" in the eyes of the world, has been the part where I have lived and loved the most honestly and richly – the part where I have finally woken up to the true meaning of my life and have been able to start becoming my most authentic self.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' exclamation to God praising Him for "hiding" the truth of Himself from the "learned and clever" and revealing it to "mere children", comes after previously lamenting the hardheartedness of certain people who remained unmoved, even after witnessing Jesus' great miracles. Here's what I believe: the truth is "hidden" **not** because God the Father wants to keep it from anyone, but because sometimes we just aren't ready for it yet. Timing is everything with God. As it says in Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot . . ." (Ecc 3:1-14). This is the cycle of Life. Life teaches us humility – sometimes dramatically and sometimes gradually, like the eroding of rock by the relentless waves of the ocean. But, it generally makes "mere children" of us all. We start off helpless babes, we think we become young, invincible, all-knowing giants, but if we live long enough, old age brings us to our child-like state again – certainly physically, but hopefully, spiritually as well.

Jesus invites those who KNOW they "labour and are overburdened", because these are the ones who also KNOW they are needy; KNOW the limits of their own strength; KNOW they have much to learn to live healthfully and meaningfully.

In my own life, I now understand how the great St Paul could declare against the backdrop of a stellar life full of achievement and Grace, "I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions and agonies . . . For it is when I am weak that I am strong." (2 Cor 12:9-10).

Go in the Strength of Christ and Peace be with you.

Nicolette Cleary



"The truth is revealed to all children"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name forever
my King and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia! Blessed are you,
Father, Lord of heaven and
earth; you have revealed to
little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom. Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

*Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8: 9, 11-13
Matthew 11: 25-30*



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Ben Zappala, Frances Crowley and Catherine Bredhauer recently deceased and also for Bill Underwood, Guiseppa Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, James Macfarlane, Mary Lotus Millis, George and Mary Allen.

Please remember the sick in your prayers – Del O'Dwyer, Sandra Riley, Ann Randle, Ross Saffiotti, Stan Grzegorzolka, Noel Nicholson, Frances Foley, Marijana Jusup, Tom Nagy, Annette Harvey, Angelo Macardo, Matilda Swain.



DATE CLAIMERS 2014

Monday 7 July
Thursday 10 July

Italian Rosary 9:30am
St Vincent de Paul
meeting 6pm



Sunday 20 July
Monday 21 July
Tuesday 22 July

Year 2 Blessing at 8am Mass
Italian Rosary 9:30am
Carer's meeting 10am



RCIA – An invitation to anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Church to please telephone the parish office on 3399 2386.

St. Stephen's Cathedral Concert Series presents a program entitled *Organissimo!*, presented by Dominic Perissinotto Saturday 26 July 6pm at St. John's Anglican Cathedral. **Please note the change in venue – this concert is jointly sponsored with St. John's Cathedral.** Admission \$25(adult) \$20(conc). Music by Bach, Mozart, Bovet, Rheinberger, Mendelssohn and Ives. For further information call 3876 6812 or www.ststephensmusic.com

POPE FRANCIS – “**UNTYING THE KNOTS**” A book which charts 4 decades of the remarkable journey of Pope Francis from a conservative authoritarian into a humble friend of the poor. Available at the office for only \$18.30. Limited copies.



Don't Forget the **POOR BOX** which supports the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society for the needy in our area. Boxes are located at the church doors.

IONA COLLEGE OPEN DAY Monday 25 August 1:30pm-4:00pm. College tours, academic, cultural and sporting displays, enrolment information, visual art precinct and industrial design and technology centre. Register at <http://www.iona.qld.edu.au/iona-od2014.php> or contact enrol@iona.qld.edu.au.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, GREGORY TERRACE, OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION Annual Dinner Friday 1 August 2014 Victoria Park Function Centre, Herston Rd, Herston. RSVP - Ms Ellyse Mackenroth 3214 5222

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Commissioning Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge Sunday 6 July 2:30pm. Secretariat for Parish Councils wishes to form a 'whole of the Archdiocese' choir to lead music. A rehearsal will be held that day 12:30–2pm at Francis Rush Centre. For more details contact Kieran Lynch on 0408 731 982 or Evangelisation Brisbane on 3324 3448.

VOCATION VIEW We are to live a life in the Spirit, putting to death the works of the flesh. Ask God to help you always live as a child of the light. Pray for vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please call the Vocations office on 3336 9203.



Humour:

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

INCENSE: Holy Smoke!

RELICS: People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.

NO PARKING please on the paved area in front of the church

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE

www.bulimbacatholic.com

GET THE PARISH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

School newsletter: www.stspp.qld.edu.au.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Tom on celebrating 40 years in the Priesthood on 12 July. We thank him for his continued devotion and service to the Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul. A special Presbyteral Jubilee Liturgy was celebrated at the Cathedral last week.

SHOEBOX APPEAL - Just a reminder of our ongoing Shoebox Appeal. The school holidays are a perfect time to collect items for a shoebox for those children less fortunate than our own. Filled shoeboxes can be left at the parish office any weekday morning.



CURRY NIGHT AND GARAGE SALE We wish to give advance notice of these fundraisers on behalf of the St Francis Orphanage Sri Lanka, an institution set up in 1955 to support disadvantaged children: **Curry Night** Saturday 16 August in the Parish Hall. **Garage Sale** Saturday 22 November in the Parish Hall. Further details to follow.



Refugees & Immigration Forum with Richard Marles MP (Shadow Minister for Immigration and Border Protection) Hosted by: Graham Perrett MP (Federal Member for Moreton) and Terri Butler MP (Federal Member for Griffith) Speakers panel - Rebecca Lim, The Romero Centre and Louise Ryan, Labor for Refugees. Marymac Community Centre, Ipswich Rd, Annerley. 11 July 5:30pm RSVP acceptances only to: terri.butler.mp@aph.gov.au or call 3899 4031 for more details

COSSAG ART EXHIBITION - Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group (COSSAG) free art exhibition Friday 25-Monday 28 July Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. The theme “Interconnections” has inspired beautiful original pieces of excellent quality that are also affordable. This year there is a “Creative Corner” for 4-8 yr kids 1:30-4:00pm on Saturday 26 July. Budding artists are asked to create aspects of nature as their interpretation of “Interconnections”.



LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT APPEAL recently recorded donations from this parish of \$955.85. Thank you to all parishioners who so generously donated.

RETREAT DAY AND HEALING PRAYER with Fr Ken Barker author and order founder Missionaries of God's Love. Sunday 10 August, Mass 11am - finishing 3:30pm. St Thomas' Catholic Church Perth St Camp Hill. Please invite others. BYO lunch, tea/coffee provided. For more details call Paul 0417 104 460 or Frank and Vilma 0405 514 929.

ALL HALLOWS' PAST PUPILS 60 YEAR REUNION – Classes 1951–1954, Mass and Luncheon 19 July 2014. All enquiries to Patricia McDonnell 3268 4994 or Margaret Collis 3216 5663 or email bmcollis@bigpond.net.au

Centacare Community Connections' Thrift Shop Garage Sale Do some weekend shopping at your leisure. Fill a bag of clothes for \$3 or 4 bags for \$10. Quality pre-loved adult and children's clothing, Household items, Books, Limited furniture items. Tell your family and friends about the great bargains! Saturday 2 August Centacare Community Connections, 29 Beauvardia Street, Cannon Hill 7am-12midday.

PARISH ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers

Team 2 - please arrange a substitute if you are not available.

Hospitality Roster

20 July – Rebecca Ellero and Jenny Hansson

3 August – Sussanah Morisaki and Barbara Schol

Casserole Bank Roster

Team 1 – Please contact Kerry Pontikis

+Liturgy this Week 7 July – 13 July 2014

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| MONDAY | 7:00am | | Mass |
| TUESDAY | - | | - |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00pm | | Mass |
| THURSDAY | 9:00am | | Mass |
| FRIDAY | 8:00am | St Benedict | Mass |
| SATURDAY | 9:00am | | Mass |
| SUNDAY | 6:00pm (Sat); 8:00am; 6:00pm | | Mass: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME |
| <i>Readings – Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23</i> | | | |

OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

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| RECONCILIATION | Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm |
| MEDITATION | Tuesday at 7:00pm (Lourdes Hill Convent) and Wednesday at 9:30am (Parish Hall) |
| ROSARY for peace | Saturday before 9:00am Mass |
| ANGELUS for vocations | Friday and Saturday before Mass |

ENTRANCE HYMN

BLEST BE THE LORD

*Blest be the Lord; Blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, The God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day.*



He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of his wings
I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me,
No arrow strike me down, No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
His faithful love is all the armour
That I need to wage my battle with the foe.

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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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God; Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, Lamb of God; you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God; you take away the sins of
the world grant us, grant us peace

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION HYMN

BLEST ARE THEY

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
They shall be consoled.

*REFRAIN Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Blest are they, the lowly ones,
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
They shall have their fill.

Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy,
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
They shall see God!

Refrain

Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer hate, all because of me.

Refrain

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

JOYFUL IN HOPE

Joyful in hope, your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
Though the road may not be clear,
We believe, Lord, you are near,
In the smile and open heart of a friend.



Joyful in hope, your people pray.
There's sunshine after rain;
There's laughter after pain;
And I am with you always, so rise again.

Mary, so open to the Lord,
When you answered, "Yes", our hope was restored.
Though you couldn't understand,
In trust you took his hand.
So, joyful in hope, we live again.

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