

16th August 2020 (Year A)

## NEWSLETTER

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# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus leaves Gennesaret where he had been healing anyone presented to him and doing it in a manner which appears effortless and indiscriminate. He has also challenged the religious authorities who criticised his followers for not observing the traditional rules of the Jewish faith concerning the washing of hands.

In the encounter that Matthew describes, Jesus gets into a lively verbal exchange with a Caananite woman. She is a pagan. He initially seems to treat the foreign woman like an outcast who is not worthy of his attention. His followers want her increasing noise and their embarrassment to stop. At first Jesus treats the woman as the outsider that she is and suggests that he is there for the insiders, that is, those of the House of Israel. There then follows a dramatic and heartfelt debate. She pleads with him, "Lord... help me!" This is the point at which everything changes. She sees and acknowledges in Jesus that which his own religious leaders could not. There is more than a classroom lesson taking place. A drama is unfolding in which Jesus himself appreciates the breadth of the mission His Father has entrusted to Him. The daughter is healed and the mother's persistence is vindicated.

Why is the story in the Gospel anyway? At the time Matthew was writing the followers of Jesus were still wrestling with what we might call the terms and conditions of entry to the community of believers. Who could be in and what prevents entry? In withdrawing to Tyre and Sidon, Matthew deliberately places Jesus in foreign territory to demonstrate what inclusion really means and the demands it can ask of all of us. Jesus through Matthew answers the question about inclusion and exclusion reminding the fledgling Church what Jesus actually did for people who were regarded as outsiders and not belonging. Jesus taught his followers both then and today that we are called to do the same.

When we gather as the community of faith do we acknowledge those who are strangers? Do we in prayer allow the heartfelt pleas of those near and far who are in need and ask no more for their children and family that we demand for ours to move our hearts? When hopefully we can gather again as a community of faith for socials, will we consciously offer those who may be new or whom we don't know a sincere invitation to join us? It is always easier to spend time with those we know and usually a little awkward when we introduce ourselves to the stranger. We may never know the impact that even a brief encounter and simple "hello" can have on the lives of others.

Blessings  
Fr Kevin Smith  
Parish Priest



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Mary Hooper, Sandra Swales, Doreen Jarrett and Sr Monica Nugent SGS recently deceased and also for John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Patrick O'Connell, Mary O'Connell, Patricia O'Connell, Keith White, Philip Patino, deceased members of the Begley and Bourke families.



Please remember the sick in your prayers –

Bill Hanley, Carmen Turner, Jan Low, Marlyn and John Chester, Rob Stonier, John Clarke, Anna Harkin, Monica Marron, Maureen O'Connor, Jennifer Tuck, Harold O'Connell, Pat and Clare Dugger.

## DATE CLAIMERS 2020

Sunday 23 August	Social Justice Group meet at 9am
Wednesday 26 August	FIRST COMMUNION Parent's workshop at 7:30pm
Thursday 27 August	FIRST COMMUNION Parent's workshop at 5:30pm OR 7:30pm
Friday 28 August	FIRST COMMUNION Parent's workshop at 9:30am
29/30 August	Enrolment Masses for First Holy Communion candidates
Wednesday 2 September	Pastoral Council meet at 7:30pm
Thursday 3 September	Liturgy Committee meet at 7pm
5/6 September	Enrolment Masses for First Holy Communion candidates

## MASS BOOKINGS

We are allowed up to 100 persons at Mass now. Please remember to contact the parish office any morning during the week to book which mass you would like to attend. **IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK.** If you are attending mass, please arrange to arrive ten minutes early so that your name can be marked off the list and mass can commence on time.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office is open Monday – Friday, 8.30-12 noon. It is not attended on weekends.

Government regulations say we need to know who is there. Hands must be sanitised on entry and exit and we must keep correct social distancing.

- Please **DO NOT SIT** in the rows marked with a **RED CROSS.**
- Please use every second row.
- A maximum of 3 people in a short pew and 4 people in the longer pews.
- The church will be sanitised after each Mass.
- All Catholics are still dispensed from their Sunday obligation.

**Please continue to use the Sunday Readings and Family Prayer with your family at home. Read the texts aloud, talk about them and pray together.**

### Other suggestions:

**Watch** Mass online – [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw) (12:30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sundays)

**Read** the latest news in this week's "The Catholic Leader" – [www.catholicleader.com.au](http://www.catholicleader.com.au)

### A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us!

Rosie was on a diet and was looking for support from her counsellor. "It was terrible what happened yesterday after my son's birthday party. Half the birthday cake was left over. Well, I knew my husband would be fuming at me for eating any with my diet and all, but I could not help myself. I started with just a small nibble and before I knew it, the whole cake was gone!" The counsellor asked, "Was your husband really upset?" Rosie responded, he never found out. I just baked another cake and ate half of it!"



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## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

Please mark these important dates in your diary

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

#### Parent workshop sessions

26 August 7:30pm

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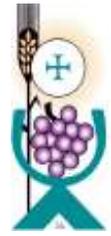
27 August 5:30pm

OR

27 August 7:30pm

OR

28 August 9:30am



**PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE PARISH OFFICE**

**Celebration of First Holy Communion  
Sunday Masses 24 October – 8 November 2020**

**A NEW WAY TO CONTRIBUTE** The collection basket is unlikely to return to the church this year. There is a new way to support the parish: use the New Diocesan App.



<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

### You can still also contribute in other ways:

- **Drop off your donation** - parish office or via our locked letterbox at the end of the driveway.
- Look for the **NEW COLLECTION BOXES** at the church doors
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office and we can email a form or you can find it on the parish website under Quick Links
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - BSB – 064 786 A/C - 006 031 500 (Ref: surname)



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### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM - the



Confirmation Program is now underway. We ask you view the name cards of the candidates at the back of the church and remember the children and their families in your prayers during this special preparation period.

**VOCATION VIEW:** It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people. Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Vocation Centre by telephoning 3324 3351.



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### THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT LIKE TO?

We have just concluded one RCIA program and a new one is due to commence towards the end of September and concluding at Easter next year. If you would like to participate in the program or if you know someone who is considering becoming a Catholic, why not take the next step and come and see us. The process of becoming a Catholic as an adult is enriching, engaging and fulfilling. Please contact Gerry (Pastoral Associate) at the parish office on 3399 2386.

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND STUDENT TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP: Education Students.

Brisbane Catholic Education is offering scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are enrolled in a full-time teaching degree (Primary or Secondary Education) at a university located within Brisbane Archdiocese. Apply online at [www.bne.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au) under Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education > Scholarship Opportunities.

## ✠ Liturgy this Week 17 August – 23 August 2020

MONDAY	-		-
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm		Mass
THURSDAY	-	St Bernard	-
FRIDAY	8:00am 8:30am	St Pius X	Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
SATURDAY	9:00am	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass
SUNDAY	<b>6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm</b>		<b>Mass: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<i>Readings – 1saiah 22:19-23    Romans 11:33-36    Matthew 16:13-20</i>			

### OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

### WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke  
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
Yet in his promise we rejoice and cry  
"My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
And may our faith abound;  
To call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found.

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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

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

#### LAMB OF GOD

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



#### COMMUNION HYMN

### OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O love.  
I live within you. Rest now in me.

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#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

### SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,  
Come to him and bless his name. Mercy he has shown us  
His love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

#### *CHORUS*

*Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's  
goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary,  
Pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

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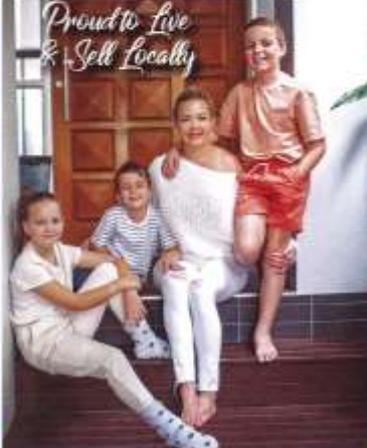
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