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## NEWSLETTER

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# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Survey 2020: at a glance

The following article is a report to parishioners of Sts Peter and Paul by the Parish Pastoral Council highlighting key points that arose from the over 120 responses to the recent parish survey.

In June 2020, the Parish Council of Sts Peter and Paul surveyed parishioners on the future hopes and directions of our parish. This survey was conducted during a period of significant change for the parish, including the retirement of Father Tom Elich, commencement of Father Kevin Smith and conclusion of Sister Ann-Maree Nicholls's term as school principal. In addition, restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way we interact as a parish.

There was an encouragingly strong response to the parish survey. The Parish Council was particularly impressed with the richness of the feedback and the genuine desire of parishioners to contribute ideas. Some key themes emerged from the survey:

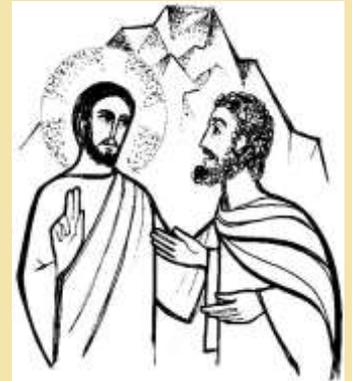
- There was overwhelming support for the way in which the parish has communicated with parishioners during the period of lockdown and the gradual easing of restrictions.
- Parishioners appreciate receiving the weekly emails (containing parish newsletter, Sunday readings, family prayer) and would like this to continue even after restrictions ease.
- There is a strong sense of community spirit in liturgy, social activities and volunteer ministries, underpinned with a feeling that this really is a faith community.
- There is a desire for greater visibility and transparency of parish governance.
- A desire for greater youth engagement was evident, with suggestions for more child and youth-based activities in order to provide more connection with young members of the parish.
- The significant contribution of Father Tom Elich to parish life was acknowledged, with a recognition of the opportunities a new parish priest brings.
- Many parishioners expressed a desire to participate actively in the parish and would like to know more about activities in which they can be involved.

These, along with the many other suggestions that have not been summarised above, will form the basis of a Parish Council planning meeting that will be held in September 2020. With your support and prayers, the Parish Council hopes to continue building a parish community that is welcoming, engaging and a source of spiritual nourishment in our changing world. Thank you all for the generosity of your feedback.

If you have any additional feedback for the Parish Council, you are welcome to send an email to the Parish Office or, alternatively, you can place written comments into the 'Collection' boxes which are located inside the doors of the church.

Adam Yem

Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

1saiah 22:19-23    Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20



**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Mary Hooper, Doreen Jarrett and Harley McLaughlin 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.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

**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

Monday 24 August	Finance Council meet at 7pm
Wednesday 26 August	<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b> Parent's workshop at 7:30pm
Thursday 27 August	<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b> Parent's workshop at 5:30pm OR 7:30pm
Friday 28 August	<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b> Parent's workshop at 9:30am
29/30 August	<b>Enrolment Masses for First Holy Communion candidates</b>
Wednesday 2 September	Pastoral Council meet at 7:30pm
Thursday 3 September	Liturgy Committee meet at 7pm
5/6 September	<b>Enrolment Masses for First Holy Communion candidates</b>

## 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.

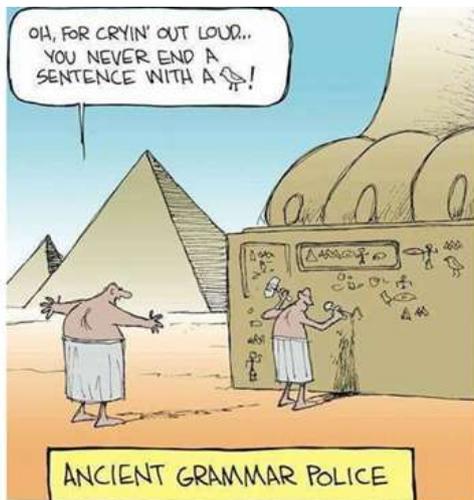
**Please continue to use the Sunday Readings and Family Prayer with your family at home. Read the texts aloud, talk about them and pray together.**

### 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!**



CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE

[www.bulimbacatholic.com](http://www.bulimbacatholic.com)

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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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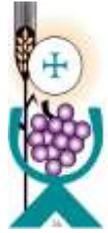
27 August 5:30pm

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)



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARISH**

**PASTORAL MINISTRY OF COMMUNION OF THE SICK** – we are currently looking for volunteers to assist with this important ministry of visiting the sick and the elderly in their homes or in the local nursing home, bringing them weekly communion. You belong to the parish, we invite you to take part in its work. Please contact the parish office for further information.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** meet this Sunday at 9am in the parish hall. All welcome

**VOCATION VIEW:** Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love. Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Vocation Centre by telephoning 3324 3351.



### THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

#### KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT LIKE TO?

We have just concluded one RCIA process 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 process 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.

**LITURGY BRISBANE** has a position available for an Education Officer, responsible for the delivery of education programs, including organising, developing and promoting seminars in liturgy at diocesan level and making resources available. Appropriate tertiary qualifications are essential. To obtain a copy of the position description, please visit the following website <https://catholic.sharefile.com/share/view/s90122f1cb14b639>

**LOURDES HILL COLLEGE** – enrol now for 2024 Year 7 (current Year 3 students) at [lhc.qld.edu.au](http://lhc.qld.edu.au)

## ✠ Liturgy this Week 24 August – 30 August 2020

MONDAY	-	St Bartholomew	-
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm		Mass
THURSDAY	-	St Monica	-
FRIDAY	8:00am 8:30am	St Augustine	Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
SATURDAY	9:00am	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Mass
SUNDAY	<b>6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm</b>		<b>Mass: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	<i>Readings – Jeremiah 20:7-9    Romans 12:1-2    Matthew 16:21-27</i>		
<b>OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER</b>			
RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm		
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

*Chorus            Ancient words ever true  
                         Changing me changing you  
                         We have come with open hearts  
                         O let the ancient words impart*

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice  
O heed the faithful words of Christ

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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

#### MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD

CHORUS

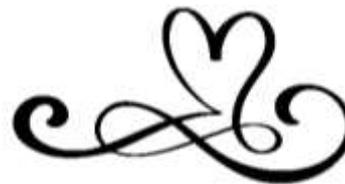
*In the bread may we be broken.  
In the cup may we be outpoured.  
May we come to know the healer,  
May we come to know the Lord.*

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.  
We are all welcome to his table of new life.

We come to the table to remember the Lord,  
Who gave his life that we might live for ever more.

In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,  
May we be filled as we come to know the Lord.

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus    Shine, Jesus, shine,  
                 Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
                 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.  
                 Flow, river, flow,  
                 Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
                 Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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