

NEWSLETTER

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Wednesday 22nd February is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is intended to be a penitential Season as we turn towards God with sincere purpose and the support of our brothers and sisters. As well, this Season readies the catechumens for Baptism and the Easter Sacraments while we will recall our baptism promises with renewed vigour.

Repentance is a turning away from the sins and mistakes of the past and a turning toward God with a firmer focus. Throughout Lent we will hear stories from the Scriptures that recall the importance of this necessary human journey. Many of these stories will speak of the joy that comes from this renewed trust in God and while there is certain rawness attached to Lent the season is not without joy. Too often, our Lenten practices equate to a transactional "payment" that God may forgive us and deem us worthy. This is not the goal of Lent nor is it a properly Catholic understanding of God's plan of salvation. Lent is an opportunity for the community of faith to pause and reawaken to the bounty of God's love. The goal of this season is to grow in our communal and individual awareness that God deeply loves us and as our awareness deepens so too do our relationships. Our Lenten disciplines are meant to keep our hearts beating and engaged with the world so as to keep them from turning to stone. It is far too easy to forget the power and extent of God's merciful love and harder still to know and trust in this love, especially when fear and doubt play their part. To counter this fear, we rely even more on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. They bring our minds, hearts and pockets into the great love of God and others.

On Wednesday we will hear again the wonderful invitation given to young and old, priest and people and to everyone, "Come back to me"! So again this year we enter the season of grace because God will never stop offering the invitation to grow in the knowledge of God's love for us.

I encourage you to attend the distribution of Ashes here at Sts Peter and Pauls at 9:00am or at 7:00pm Mass. If not please mark the beginning of Lent with a short prayer as a family before the evening meal or before going to bed.

For those who appreciate our traditions Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

God bless and enjoy your week,

Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Walter Jarrett, Margaret Gibson, Ronald Price and Don Clinen **recently deceased and also for** Mal Thomson, Dennis Duncan, Nola, John and Gary Fletcher, Clare and Pat Dugger, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley-Bourke Family, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett Family, Patricia O'Connell, John Stapleton and Margaretha Atta Widodo.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Margaret Linnett, Harold O'Connell, Pete Waldron, Cooper Price

✠ Liturgy and Prayers this Week			
		20 February – 26 February	
Monday	-	-	-
Tuesday	-	-	-
Wednesday	9:00am 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday	Mass Mass
Thursday	-	-	-
Friday	8:00am 7:00pm		Mass + Adoration Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Saturday), 8:00am and 5:30pm		First Sunday of Lent
Readings – Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11			
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

Thursday 23 February

Playgroup meet at 9am

Parent session for Penance 7pm

Friday 24 February

Parent session for Penance

9:30am in the parish hall

Sunday 26 February

Morning Tea at 9am in the Parish Hall - Farewell for Gerry Crooks

Social Justice Group will meet at

9:45am in the Parish Board Room.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue with routine precautions minimising the risk of transmission -

- Stay home when you are sick
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Maintain social distancing (1.5m) when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering/exiting the Church.
- Wear a mask when in close contact with others.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2023

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

PENANCE (Year 5 children)

Parent information sessions

23 February 7pm **OR** 24 February 9:30am

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent information sessions

4 May 7pm **OR** 5 May 9:30am

Celebration of First Holy Communion 10-11 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent information sessions

20 July 7pm **OR** 21 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 29 August



PLAYGROUP BULIMBA has recommenced and occurs each Thursday morning during the school term from 9am-11am. Low cost at \$2 per week or \$15 per term, together with a Playgroup Queensland membership. Come along to the parish hall on Thursday 23 February to join in free play. ALL WELCOME, including parents, grandparents or carers.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS – the parish committee extends sincere thanks to all those who generously supported the work of ACRATH through the purchase of a calendar and/or donation. \$300 will be banked into their account. We are very grateful for your response.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 3 March, commencing 10am hosted by Morningside Uniting Church, 43 Thynne Rd, Morningside. This year the Taiwanese committee will lead prayers.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Please join us in the church as part of your Lenten journey. All welcome.



A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
There was a time when a new hip joint meant someplace I would go to on weekends!

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

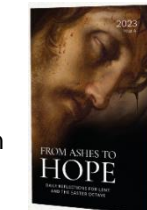



vocation

VOCATION VIEW: We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact the Vocation office on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

LENTEEN CONCERT SERIES - Each Thursday in March at 12noon, in St Stephen's Cathedral. Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music – featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent. A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12:30pm Mass. All welcome, free admission.





Little Steps
Laudato Si'

Goal Seven

Community Resilience and Empowerment

Participate in "Clean up Australia Day" (5 March)

LENTEEN GROUPS – *From Ashes to Hope*, resource for Lent and Easter Octave is now available at the parish office for \$5. All are welcome to join the group discussion.

Monday – 10am in parish board room with Fr Kevin (commencing 27 February).

Wednesday – 10am with Sr Mary Randle (commencing 22 February).

Sunday – 4pm at Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road (commencing 26 February).

World Day of Social Justice 2023 - *An evangelising community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others* (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*). The World Day of Social Justice is observed annually on 20 February. Internationally, the world is plagued with serious issues that prohibit millions of individuals from living a fair life. Many of the world's population, through no fault of their own, are deprived of basic necessities such as homes, jobs, healthcare, education, nutrition, and more. The 4 interrelated principals of social justice are *equity, access, participation and rights*. We tend to think that social justice is about issues that affect people outside our own community or even country. Well, think again! These 4 principals apply very much at home – think homelessness, lack of adequate housing, environmental degradation, domestic violence, and the list goes on. The theme for 2023 is *Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice*. Think what you can do to address and overcome the barriers in our community that many people have to face. It is not a matter of leaving action up to our small parish committee to deal with – social justice is everyone's responsibility! Here are some websites for you to visit:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day>

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>

Project Compassion - box or set of donation envelopes available in the church to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world. With your help, they continue to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation. As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow." Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. To donate you can also visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or call 1800 024 413.



MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18* *1 Corinthians 3:16-23* *Matthew 5:38-48*

GATHERING HYMN

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

CHORUS

*Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.*

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters,
Each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other,
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides.



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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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
Grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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,
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



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

BREAD OF LIFE

Chorus

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,
we remember your promise to return again.

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,
Broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

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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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