

NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. The Australian bishops have decided to keep it close to Pope Francis' day, so the Church in Australia celebrates on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

To give someone our word is to offer the best of ourselves, our sincere selves. To give our word is to say "Trust me!" The Word of God, our sacred Scriptures, are often described as God's love letter to us. The Scriptures give us the story of creation and particularly the story of humanity. So as well as the heroics there is also recorded a great deal of disappointment, hurt, jealousy, betrayal and death which we know as sin. The love letter part is that in every situation, especially at the darkest moments, God is saying "trust me, I am with you, I give you the best of myself". This promise reached its most loving moment when the Word of God became flesh in Jesus Christ. So to read, ponder and pray with the Scriptures, especially the Gospels, is to share the company of Christ and to trust in the loving kindness of God.

Most of us encounter the Word of God when we gather for Eucharist or pray with a group. The Church sits easily with describing these times as being fed at the table of the Word just as we are fed at the altar of Eucharist. It is important always to remember that it is the Word spoken and proclaimed in which Christ speaks and teaches. While we would not use a bible as a door stop we do not regard the actual book the same way we do the consecrated bread and wine. Take the Word of God with you as you go...

Happy Word of God Sunday,
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 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, Noel Nicholson, Kitty Aherne (Ireland), John Stapleton, Margaretha Atta Widodo, Norm and Katie Timmins, Norman, Patricia and Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Karen Baker and Mike West.



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

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 6 February – 12 February

Monday	-	St Paul Miki and companions	-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm		Mass
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am	St Scholastica	Mass + Adoration
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Saturday), 8:00am and 5:30pm		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Readings – Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37		
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 2022

Wednesday 8 February

Musicians meet 5:30pm

Sunday 12 February

Regis Aged Care service 10.30am

Thursday 16 February

Playgroup meet at 9am

Sacramental team meet 3:30pm

Thursday 23 / Friday 24 February

Parent sessions for Penance

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 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 9 February and join in Art Week. ALL WELCOME.

REGIS AGED CARE BULIMBA will host a service led by our parish on Sunday 12 February at 10:30am. We are looking for support from parishioners to attend. Please contact the parish office to confirm. ALL WELCOME.

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

A visitor to the museum asked the tour guide how old the Tyrannosaurus skeleton was? The guide replied, '70,000,006 years'. 'Wow! How can you be so precise?' asked the visitor. 'They told me it was 70,000,000 years old when I started working here'.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



VOCATION VIEW: Jesus speaks on Vocations: 'You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father.' 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](#).

STELLA MARIS is a worldwide Pontifical Mission. Centacare supports the Stella Maris Mission at the Port of Brisbane. There is a need for bus drivers (car licence only needed), ship visitors, and centre support volunteers who will engage with seafarers. Hours and days are flexible and volunteers would work within the team at the Brisbane Seafarers Centre where Stella Maris is now co-located with the Mission to Seafarers. For further information email Judy.Norris@bne.centacare.net.au

PODCAST SERIES – GREAT CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE. This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet some of these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture. Subscribe to our podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device.

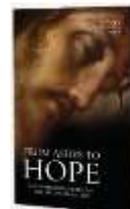


Goal Five
Ecological Education

Discuss how your Little Steps are going with the family

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS – Attached to this week's emailed newsletter is an article about ACRATH'S (*Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans*) vital work against human trafficking. Calendars to support this are on sale for \$10 at the church doors. Your donation will help the elimination of all forms of human slavery. THANK YOU
Hard copies of the article are also available at the church doors.

LENTEN GROUPS – *From Ashes to Hope*, this year's resource for Lent and Easter Octave, will be available for individual or group use at a cost of \$5. Each day includes a short text of Scripture and reflection, along with some questions to aid prayer and discussion. Please make contact with the parish office to join a group or reserve a copy.



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, Hawthorne (commencing 26 February).

You are invited to this year's **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** on Friday 3 March 2023, commencing 10am and hosted by Morningside Uniting Church, 43 Thynne Road, Morningside. ALL WELCOME.

One of the most striking and consistent themes in the consultation process of the Plenary Council was the call for more and better formation in faith for all the baptised. In response to this call, the **Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation** has been launched in order to engage the baptised in a deeper experience of God as understood and experienced in the Catholic tradition. At the heart of the centre's offerings are four core modules entitled **CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS** and is designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion. Our Lady of Graces, Carina are considering hosting a 'hub' that could cater to surrounding parishes and connecting deaneries. At this stage they are calling for Expressions of Interest to gauge interested numbers. Please contact the parish office with your interest. Further information can be found by using the link <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/module1>

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

GATHERING HYMN

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

CHORUS

*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into light;
You are the Word who brings us through the desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who binds us and unites us;
You are the Word who calls us to be one;
You are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.
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

IN CHRIST WE COME TO OFFER THANKS

In Christ we come to offer thanks
With mind and voice in harmony,
To praise the ageless God of time
For life in this community.

*Ubi caritas, ubi caritas (where there is love)
Deus ibi est, deus ibi est (there God is)*

O God of seasons' ebb and flow;
In Christian life, in work and prayer,
In joyful hope we seek your face
And daily find you everywhere.

For Faithful Love in ages past,
For founders fearless, able, strong,
For sacred story, sacred place,
We lift our hearts in festive song.

For Gracious Presence with us still,
For family, stranger, guest and friend,
For ministry and mission shared,
We sing of blessings without end.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing
sea, singing bird and flowing fountain, praising you eternally.

Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing,
ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our brother, let your love upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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