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## NEWSLETTER

◆ KEVIN SMITH parish priest ◆ HELEN PRICE and HELEN COLE parish secretaries ◆ PAUL BLINKHOFF school principal ◆

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Predicting a time of disaster was usually left to the more fanatical religious preachers. Now impending doom is preached by the most educated among us, from all points of the political spectrum and that disaster will come in various forms.

The prophet Zephaniah's words today come immediately after his prediction of a terrible day of judgment. Three times he uses the word "seek", encouraging people to have a humbler approach to life and to trust in the goodness of God who gives us all that we have. Having responded to the prophets call, people take refuge in the Lord, live according to God's law and receive his care and protection.

Jesus too offers us an approach to life that in good times and in bad will always keep us close to the Lord. The Beatitudes are a radical way of thinking and living that many people today would consider far too self-effacing. Yet to live this way, in the face of what life throws at us, is a way of growing closer to God and experiencing God's love for us. Such attitudes are real wisdom and guide us to a life of justice, love and compassion in our relationships with God, the human family and all creation.

God bless,  
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 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, Stephen Konyen, Harold O'Connell, Cooper Price and Bernard Larkin.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week		30 January – 5 February	
Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-	St John Bosco	-
Wednesday	7:00pm		Mass
Thursday	-	Presentation of the Lord	-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Saturday), 8:00am and 5:30pm		<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Readings – Isaiah 58:7-10    1 Corinthians 2:1-5    Matthew 5:13-16			

### **DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2022**

**Sunday 29 January**  
Social Justice Group meet at 9am  
**Thursday 2 February**  
PLAYGROUP resumes at 9.30am  
**Wednesday 8 February**  
Musicians meet 5.30pm  
**Thursday 16 February**  
Sacramental team meets 3.30pm

# 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**



**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** - Do you care about the Environment, the plight of Refugees or the concerns of First Nations peoples but don't know how to help? Please consider joining a group of committed and compassionate parishioners who meet monthly to address these concerns. Our first meeting for 2023 is **this Sunday 29 January in the parish boardroom from 9-10am**. Meetings are then held on the **4th Sunday of each month** at this time and venue. We look forward to welcoming you.



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

I've always wondered if songbirds get mad at hummingbirds for not knowing the words.



Little Steps **Goal Four**  
**Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyle**  
Choose Australian made or grown products and locally produced fresh produce (Read the label carefully).



*Galatians: Set Free to Live* is an eight-part Bible study on St Paul's letter to the Galatians. It addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?"

The **BRISBANE EAST DEANERY** will begin the Galatians Bible Study in the second week of FEBRUARY with daytime and evening sessions and will run for 8 weeks. Participants will meet every week at one of the local parishes in the deanery to view an engaging video presentation by Jeff Cavins followed by a time of group discussion. For more information or to register your interest, contact Louise Simento at 0456 700 040.

**AGEING WISELY** – the Archdiocese of Brisbane's free seminar provides advice and information on a range of pertinent matters, as a service to older parishioners. The seminar will feature professional guest speakers and a range of information sessions on estate planning, superannuation and taxation, funeral planning and community support and support at home services. PLEASE JOIN US on **Tuesday 28 February 9:30am-1:30pm** at OUR LADY OF GRACES, CARINA Parish. Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Monday 20 February to Chris at the parish office on 3398 2977 or email [carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:carina@bne.catholic.net.au)  
**PLEASE SEE BROCHURES 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. You are welcome to join a parish group. Please indicate your interest and choice of morning or evening by emailing the parish office. Should you wish to purchase for individual reflection, please reserve your copy at the parish office. Sr Mary Randle will host a group at 10am Wednesday from 22 February.



## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**VOCATION VIEW:** A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today? Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact the Vocation Brisbane office on 1300 133 544 or email [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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](#).



**ST JAMES COLLEGE, SPRING HILL** is a progressive multicultural Catholic Co-educational Secondary College for Years 5 - 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition. The college reintroduced Year 5 and Year 6 in 2023 and welcomes students from all backgrounds and abilities so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Bursaries available.  
**ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING** on Monday, 6 February from 6.00pm. ENQUIRIES to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au), 3230 8600. Visit [www.jta.link/SJC](http://www.jta.link/SJC).



**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 - pour a beer, have a game of pool and a friendly chat and listening ear. 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. Please contact Judy Norris (Director – Pastoral Ministries) for further information on [Judy.Norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:Judy.Norris@bne.centacare.net.au)

# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

## GATHERING HYMN

### ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat,  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

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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

Happy the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in Heaven.  
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, send us the light of your Spirit

## 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

### THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven  
Blessed are the gentle  
For they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they,  
That hunger and thirst after justice  
Blessed are they,  
That suffer gladly for justice sake.

Blessed are they that mourn  
For they shall be comforted  
Blessed are the clean of heart  
For they shall see God.

Blessed are you  
When they revile and harm you  
And speak all evil  
Against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful  
For mercy they will find  
Blessed are the peace-makers  
For they shall be called God's children.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound  
of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love  
You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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