

30th January 2022 (Year C)

NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Doing God's will may bring a sense of purpose but it is not easy. Especially when it involves challenging people who have become complacent in their faith or who feel they are beyond reproach. Jeremiah is an excellent example of a prophet with a difficult assignment. Jeremiah had to announce to a people who considered themselves indestructible, that defeat was near at hand. This was fulfilled in the exile into Babylon, more or less an eviction from the Promised Land. Despite the threats of death, Jeremiah is encouraged to remain faithful and steadfast despite the pressure he endures.

In this the prophet is a Christ figure who himself will also face hostile opposition to his message. We hear today that while Jesus claims to fulfil in both word and action the prophecy of Isaiah, which we heard last week, people presume to know this carpenter's son and so they reject him. God's ways and desires for us can be difficult to hear for all of us. The beloved Pope Francis is much loved until he proclaims a message or challenge that is a little too close to home or one with which we just disagree. Criticism of Pope Francis soon follows and apparently his love, compassion, common sense and prophetic vision has eluded him. Is it what he says or our filters that need attention?

God bless you and particularly the school communities who commence their new academic year in the midst of continuing uncertainty,

Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the Jagera and Turrbal people, 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 Carmen Turner, Nola Fletcher, John Stapleton, Sr Camilla Gall SGS **recently deceased and also for** Karen Baker, Mike West, Lino Zamora, Felino Zamora, Isagani Copiaco, John and Gary Fletcher, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of the Begley and Bourke families, James and Margurite McAlister, Patricia Vieyra, Norman, Katie, Patricia and Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Keith White.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Margaret Linnett, Noah Riley, Harold O'Connell, Beryl Allam, Imelda Lewis, Beppo Pagliaro and Farideh Ghanei.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 31 January – 6 February

Monday	-	St John Bosco	-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm	The Presentation of the Lord	Mass
Thursday	10:00am		Funeral Mass for Carmen Turner
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration+ Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	St Agatha	Mass
Sunday	6:00pm, 8:00am and 5:30pm		Mass: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Readings – Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11		
Reconciliation	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:15pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2022

Thursday 3 February

Liturgy Committee meets 5.30pm

Thursday 10 February

Playgroup meets 9am

St Vincent de Paul meet 6pm

Finance Council meet 7pm

Sunday 13 February

Children's Liturgy of the Word recommences at 8am Mass

Sunday 20 February

Social Justice Committee meet 9am

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS – COVID RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. The 'Check in QLD app' is mandatory for everyone attending Places of Worship. Please check in via the app. Scan the QR code shown on the flyers at the church doors. Once this is completed, please show this to the marshal on the door. *For those who do not have a smart phone, please check in with the Marshal at Mass or ask someone to check you in on their phone as a guest. Everyone is welcome to attend a Mass or liturgy regardless of their vaccination status.* Places of Worship are not subject to vaccination restrictions. Please be aware that it is now a requirement of Queensland Health that masks are worn in all indoor settings. We ask you to PLEASE continue with routine precautions minimising the risk of transmission of COVID-19 including:

- **Maintain good hand hygiene**
- **Stay home when you are sick**
- **Maintain social distancing where possible (1.5m) particularly when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering and exiting the Church.**

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>



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP - LAPTOPS TO BRING HOPE

Members of our Social Justice Group are pictured assembling laptop packages for distribution to Afghan refugee students hoping to study at school and TAFE. The project was undertaken with the financial support of the parish's SUPP fund together with personal donations and the support of Vinnies. The project is a great achievement and will assist some 25 young people to engage in their studies confidently. A sincere 'thank you' to everyone involved, particularly our parishioners without whose donations we would not be able to continue projects such as these.



UNSUNG HERO – This week we learned of the death of long standing parishioner Carmen Turner. Carmen faithfully exercised her ministry of Sacristan for two decades through the 1990s and into the new century. As a church Sacristan she worked non-stop behind the scenes at Mass early to open the church, light the candles and prepare the vessels and vestments. Before a roster was later introduced, part of the role was to launder the altar linen, ironing and folding each item in a uniform way. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

OUT OF TOUCH – the parish office internet has been down for several weeks and we are currently operating on limited resources. You may have noticed that we have not been able to email newsletters or reflections on the Sunday readings. Keep an eye on your inbox as we hope to be back up and running this week!

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – please note the previously scheduled February parents workshop sessions for the Sacrament of Penance have currently been suspended due to the ongoing concerns of the COVID Omicron spread. We hope to have new dates scheduled for later in the year. Please keep an eye on the parish newsletter or website. THANK YOU

VOTIVE CANDLES are located at the rear of the church on the right side and are intended to be lit as an offering of prayer. **Parents PLEASE supervise your children** as these candles are only to be used for this purpose. Please place your gold coin donation in the money box attached to the wall.

ST JAMES' COLLEGE, SPRING HILL is a progressive multicultural Catholic co-educational secondary college in the tradition of Edmund Rice. Expanded campus in 2022 means additional enrolments are open in all year levels. Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Attend the enrolment information evening on 7 February at 6pm online or in person. Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer myoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord says: 'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I dedicated you.' Always listen to an Old Friend. Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact Vocation Brisbane on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2022

Please mark these important dates in your diary for next year.

PENANCE (Year 5 children)

Parent workshop sessions – currently suspended

Dates to be advised for later in the year

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent workshop sessions

12 May 7:30pm **OR** 13 May 9:30am

Celebration of First Holy Communion 18-19 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent workshop sessions

28 July 7:30pm **OR** 29 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 6 and 8 September



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



"No, I'm pretty sure it's do unto otters as you would have otters to do unto you."

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

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

I will sing of your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
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.

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

BE STILL, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
How awesome is the sight our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace;
No work too hard for him in faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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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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