

12th July 2020 (Year A)

NEWSLETTER

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As they say "Every cloud has a silver lining".

While Sunday congregations continue to be limited in number due to State Government regulations it does mean that meeting a few people at a time may improve my chances of remembering your name but please don't hold me to it.

I continue to be impressed at how many members of the parish are involved in so many activities and take responsibility and provide leadership in those various ministries. It has been my experience that the best knowledge of parish life and the most informed people are parish secretary/ies, the weekday Mass community, the Pastoral Associate, Pastoral Council and Finance Council and finally the Parish Priest. That may not necessarily be the order but where they exist it very often is.

So influence in the parish faith community resides in many more people than just whoever is living in the Presbytery. It is a bit like the school principal who ignores the influence of the "carpark" may be in for a bumpy time. That influence is not to be obeyed but I think it should be considered. Excuse my rambling.

Our Parish Pastoral Council is to be congratulated and affirmed for the proactive way they have responded to the concerns of parish members in light of the restrictions we have all experienced. In many ways parish life will not be the same due to what we have gone through and there are perhaps opportunities for us to change for the better. The survey will assist the Pastoral Council to do exactly that. In broader terms Archbishop Mark has said that as the economy returns to "normal" we should not forget that the economy exists to serve humanity not the opposite.

I would go even further and claim that perhaps we are in a better position now than ever before to realize and make decisions that put the economy in service of humanity and the entire natural environment. This is the case not only for our own country but in the economies of the whole planet.

As restrictions are gradually lifted I look forward to meeting the members of the parish groups and supporting you in your important outreach.

God bless,
Fr Kevin



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God. Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Mary Hooper, Ramon Fernandez and Coral Price **recently deceased and also for** John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Norman & Katie Timmins, Norman, Patricia & Daniel Timmins, Patrick & Pat Boyle, Karen Baker, Mike West, Patrick O'Connell, Patricia O'Connell, Mary O'Connell, Keith White, deceased members of the Begley and Bourke families.



Please remember the sick in your prayers –

Bill Hanley, James Bates, Rita Mawn, Carmen Turner, Jan Low, Marilyn and John Chester, Rob Stonier, John Clarke, Anna Harkin, Yvonne Reich, Monica Marron, Maureen O'Connor, Jennifer Tuck, Pat and Clare Dugger.



LITURGY 13 July – 19 July 2020

Wednesday 15 July – St Bonaventure

Sunday 19 July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings –

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43

Mass is on again, but still under very strict limitations and you **MUST BOOK A PLACE** with the Parish Office before attending. 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.

How do we organise this?

Please note the parish Mass schedule for the coming week continues: Wednesday 7pm; Friday 8am (*with adoration*); Saturday 9am and 6pm; Sunday 8am and 5:30pm.

- The Masses will be simple, without singing.
- The church will be sanitised after each Mass.
- All Catholics are still dispensed from their Sunday obligation.

Places are limited to 50 persons. Please telephone or call into the parish office to book. The parish will make a list of names (including children) and check which Sunday Mass is available and suits your family best.



NO PARISHIONERS ARE TO ENTER THE CHURCH OR PARISH BUILDINGS IF THEY ARE SHOWING COLD

OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS OR ARE SICK. PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL.

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 (12:30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sundays)

Read the latest news in this week's "The Catholic Leader" – www.catholicleader.com.au

IGNITE YOUTH - 7pm Friday nights, online. Join us for worship, speaker and connections. We'll see you there! Live on Facebook and Youtube.

NO PARKING please on the paved area in front of the church

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE

www.bulimbacatholic.com

GET THE PARISH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

School newsletter: www.stspp.qld.edu.au

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. It is an easy way to contribute and helps to sustain the parish.



<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 - *please call the parish office and we can email a form or you can find it on the parish website under Quick Links*
- Credit card donation - (*per above*)
- Direct deposit donation to our bank account
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARISH

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will resume face to face meetings Sunday 26 July at 9am in the parish hall. Please note this is under very strict social distancing rules and numbers are restricted to thirty people. Hands must be sanitised on entry and exit and kitchen facilities are not to be used at this time.



RCIA journey for 2020 - Please continue to support our candidates in prayer during this special time in their journey of faith.

VOCATION VIEW: The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends. Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Vocation Centre by telephoning 3324 3351.



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2020

Please note the Sacrament of Confirmation will now go ahead.

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent workshop sessions (PARISH HALL)

Places are limited at this time for social distancing.

Registrations will need to be made with the parish office – **PLEASE DO NOT JUST TURN UP.**

To book a time please phone 3399 2386

29 July 7.30pm OR

30 July 5.30pm OR 7.30pm OR

31 July 9:30am



Ceremonies will be conducted over several evenings – 8, 10, 11 and 17 September.

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

An explorer was walking through the Arctic when suddenly he was face to face with a hungry polar bear. He tries to outrun the bear only to be captured a few seconds later. He passes out from the impact of the bear paw and wakes up laying on the ground and facing the polar bear fangs right above him. The guy is a Christian and prays "Oh my God, please turn this bear into a Christian!" Astonished, he sees the polar bear raising its paws in prayer and more amazingly, saying in perfect English, "Oh Lord, I faithfully thank you for the meal you provided!"

AN UPDATE FROM KIRIBATI



Some time ago, the parishioners and school community of Sts Peter and Paul very generously contributed to a fund to build an early childhood centre at Abaokoro on the Kiribati islands. This was to support the educational work being done there by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan (and was a Social Justice Committee initiative).

Due to a number of internal issues, building progress was intermittent, and then COVID-19 totally interrupted works. The Kiribati government closed the borders very early to prevent Coronavirus finding its way in: Kiribati would have very little ability to treat patients and would struggle with many of the strategies Australia has been able to use to prevent the virus spreading.

The Coronavirus restrictions have also meant that air travel and shipping freight to the islands have been reduced to just about nil. This has included food, fuel and other basics and has slowed building progress as some of the materials have been slow to arrive or they are held at the port for checking.

In addition, the Kiribati Ministry of Education also mandated late last year that early childhood centres must have toilets with running water and fencing. An ablution block and fence was, therefore, included in the building works. The building company have sourced some materials locally but have not been able to find everything required. The photos show that the classroom and office building are nearly complete. The finishing touches as well as the ablution block and fencing will be completed as the materials are available.

In the meantime, the Sisters have continued to run the early childhood centre from the Catholic maneaba (local open building) or classroom at the local primary school which has required them to transport their bits and pieces back and forth. They are looking forward to being in their new building – it will certainly be one of the best early childhood centres in the country!

The Congregational Leader of the Good Samaritans, Sr Patty Fawkner, has sent her grateful thanks to the parish and school communities of Sts Peter and Paul for the ongoing support towards completion of this project.

*Sr Meg Kahler sgs
Council Member
Sisters of the Good Samaritan*



Delivery of materials (via boat)



Removal of wall to allow for services



Internal door to classroom



Inside of classroom



Toilet block at new site in foreground



Building progress



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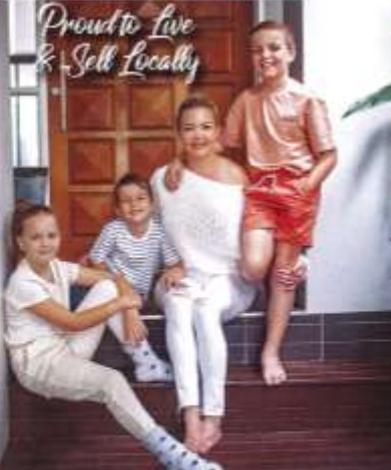
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