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# NEWSLETTER

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In St. Matthew's gospel the heart of Jesus' teaching is found in Chapter 13, right in the middle of the entire gospel text. We began hearing some of this chapter last weekend in the famous parable of the sower. This weekend we get three more parables, all about what Matthew calls the Kingdom of Heaven.

A man sows good wheat seeds in his field. Someone else (an enemy) sneaks in and sows seeds of weeds. What's to be done? Jesus says that the man who owns the field (God) decides to adapt to this unplanned set of circumstances, letting both wheat and weeds grow together rather than weeding out the bad at the risk of also damaging the good in the process. When the harvest time arrives, these matters can then be sorted out. This is how the world is and how the Kingdom of Heaven gets worked out in history over time.

A man (God) sows in his field a tiny mustard seed, small and insignificant as it is. Slowly it grows, seemingly taking ages. Eventually it becomes a big shrub providing home and shelter for all who pass by. This is what the Kingdom is like and how it works among us.

A woman in her kitchen (God) working hard for her family's well-being mixes in a small bit of yeast with a lot of flour and works it until it's leavened all through, infiltrating and affecting all of the flour, raising it up ready for baking. This is the way that God works for us and through us for the coming of the feast of joy in the Kingdom of heaven.

The longest journey we will make is the journey from our minds to our hearts, and the shortest way to make this journey is a story. This is why Jesus speaks in parables. They help us to move from knowledge and ideas to beliefs, commitments and deeds.

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Welcome to Fr Roger Burns who will preside at the 8.00am Mass while I do some Dean duties at St Thomas's Parish at Camp Hill. Thank you Fr Roger.

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** Maureen McSween, Charles Shann, Todd Robinson and Douglas Begley **recently deceased and also for** Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of the Begley and Bourke Families, Shirley MacFarlane, Thomas and Lily Byrnes.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Irene Garland, Margaret McLaughlin, Pete Waldron, Harold O'Connell, Peter Piccone, Hazel Langthorne, Mary Moira Percy, Michael West, Andrew Price and Mario Favari.

### Liturgy and Prayers this Week 24 July – 30 July 2023

Tuesday	-	St James	-
Wednesday	11:00am 7:00pm	St Joachim and Anne	Funeral service for Maureen McSween Mass
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm (Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		<b>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	Readings – 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-46		
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.		

### DATE CLAIMERS 2023

#### Tuesday 25 July

**Carers group** meet @ 10am

**Playgroup** meet @ 11am for 'Messy Play'

**Brisbane East Deanery** meeting @ 7pm in the parish hall

#### Saturday 29 July

**Sts Peter & Paul's School FETE**  
DRIVEWAY NOT ACCESSIBLE

#### Sunday 30 July

**Baptisms**

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**COVID REQUIREMENTS** – Please continue precautions -

- *Maintain good hand hygiene.*
- *Stay home if you are sick*
- *Maintain social distancing (1.5m) in 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 2023

**CONFIRMATION** (Year 3 children)  
**Celebration of Confirmation 29 August**



**LOURDES HILL COLLEGE**  
**OPEN MORNING TOUR**  
Tuesday 22 August | 9.30am - 11.00am  
[lhc.qld.edu.au](http://lhc.qld.edu.au)

**PLAYGROUP** – continues during term time on Thursday mornings from 9am-11am in the Parish hall. Parents, carers or grandparents with young children are very welcome.

**AT THE CHURCH DOOR** – Please see brochures for Module Two of Catholic Formation ‘*Understanding, Praying and Living the Scripture*’.

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

(adj.) I was tired yesterday and I’m tired again today.



## This week’s goal: The Cry of the Poor

Donate to a charity that supports the poor and under privileged or refugees to looking for help.

*The Romero Centre @ Dutton Park is a good example.*

Sts Peter and Paul’s primary school is upgrading the play area on the oval. The carpark is closed to traffic for a few months.

**NEXT SATURDAY (29/7) SEES THE RETURN OF THE SCHOOL FETE.** Please note parking will not be available in the parish carpark. You are welcome to park under the school hall by entering via Alexandria Street.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS: Refugee Family Reunion Project

A further thank you to everyone who has donated so generously to this initiative. Donations are currently sitting at \$14,322.73. Contributions can still be made as follows:

**Account Name:** Refugee Support No 2  
**BSB:** 064-786  
**Account #:** 100 027 950

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER** The July edition is now available at the church doors. **PLEASE PLACE MONEY IN THE POOR BOXES AT THE CHURCH DOORS.**

**IMPORTANT ALERT: SCAM ACTIVITY** – the parish is aware of SMS text messages making their rounds again pretending to be from Fr Kevin. Please note this is a phishing scam targeting church goers at a number of Parishes. Please **IGNORE AND DELETE** anything you may receive, as no clergy within the Archdiocese would approach you in this way or be seeking monetary help via the purchase of gift or store retail cards.

**ITALIAN YOUTH CHOIRS CONCERT** – Our Lady of Graces, Carina will host the choirs featuring *Gioventu in Cantata* from Marostica and *Giovani Voci Bassano* from Bassano del Grappa. Saturday 5 August 2pm-4pm. The concert will focus on the theme of respect for the Earth, based on Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*. Entry is free, all welcome.

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**VOCATION VIEW: (World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly).** There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth or prevent us from hearing clearly God’s voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Brisbane Vocations Office on 1300 133 544 or [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](#).

**PRE-LOVED MARKETS** - grab a great bargain, a hot cuppa and a tasty sausage sizzle and support a local parish fundraiser. Saturday 5 August 10am-3pm. 350 Mortimer Road Acacia Ridge. Our Lady of Fatima Parish. [www.fatimaacaciariidge.org.au](http://www.fatimaacaciariidge.org.au)

**MYSTERY & MISSION The Art of Liturgical Celebration** – 28-30 September Liturgy and Music Conference in Brisbane. workshops, presentations, panel discussion and exhibits. For all enquiries contact – [liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au)

**ALPHA at CANNON HILL PARISH** – Please join us as we explore questions about life, faith and God. 3:30pm-5:30pm each Saturday 15 July to 16 September. For more details, please email – [alpha.cannonhill@gmail.com](mailto:alpha.cannonhill@gmail.com)

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WEDDINGS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN** – Couples who have been married at St Stephen’s are invited to commemorate their years of marriage. On Saturday, 30 September the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11.30am, followed by refreshments in the grounds. Please RSVP by Friday 22 September to [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3324 3030. If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd on 3324 3030 or via email [todd@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:todd@bne.catholic.net.au)

**LOURDES HILL COLLEGE** announces their second Positive Parenting Presentation, ‘**WHAT TEENAGE GIRLS DON’T TELL THEIR PARENTS**’. Presented by award-winning speaker and bestselling parenting author, Michelle Mitchell on Tuesday 22 August at 6pm in Polding Theatre. Michelle has been termed ‘the teenage expert’ by the media and is sought after for her compassionate and grounded advice for parenting tweens and teens. Cost is free. RSVP by Friday 18 August. To book your ticket visit [2023 P&F Positive Parenting Presentation 2 Tickets, Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne | TryBooking Australia](#) Please note this is a Parents and Caregivers only event (18+)

# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-30

## GATHERING HYMN

### ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him served with love, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his flock, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud and bless his name always,  
For it is fitting so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

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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

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom. 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, *(all bow)*  
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

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

### SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his  
righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall  
find;  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there  
am I in their midst;  
And whatsoever ye ask, I will do.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

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## COMMUNION HYMN

### BREAD OF LIFE

*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

### GLORY & PRAISE TO OUR GOD

*CHORUS*      *Glory and praise to our God,  
Who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him  
Who built the valleys and plains;  
Praise the wonders our God  
Has done in ev'ry heart that sings.

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
Our God is waiting to save,  
always ready to seek the lost,  
To answer those who pray.

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