

NEWSLETTER

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

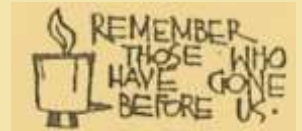
If someone offered you whatever you wished for, what would you ask? What do you truly want? The Word of God poses that question today. At the beginning of his reign and while still a young man Solomon was asked this by God. The young King asked for an understanding heart. In the ancient world the heart was where one's mental capacities resided. He wanted to be a good and worthwhile leader and Solomon measured that not in material success but in his own integrity.

The parables in today's Gospel are unique to Matthew. Regarding the treasure and the pearl, it takes some time to ponder if Jesus is talking about the thing being sought or the person doing the seeking. Reading them together suggests the Jesus is describing how we are to enter the Kingdom of God. The disciple who seeks the hidden treasure and the pearl is the one who is always ready and willing to give up everything to obtain this most precious gift. Jesus is referring to the quality and ongoing readiness for us to be more faithful followers of God's ways. It is not so much giving up of what we have for something better but examining our own lives, priorities and goals. Are we seeking a more authentic expression of who we are called to be and claim to be- children of God and disciples of Jesus. The true and authentic life is the treasure, it is being a faithful participant, rather than winning the World Cup!

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, Bourke, McLachlan and Hanly Families, Shirley MacFarlane, Muriel Jones, Sandra Swales, 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 Pearcy, Michael West and Mario Favari.

 Liturgy and Prayers this Week		31 July – 6 August 2023	
Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-	St Alphonsus Liguori	-
Wednesday	7:00pm		Mass
Thursday	-	St Dominic	-
Friday	8:00am	St John Vianney	Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm (Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		The Transfiguration of the Lord
	Readings – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9		
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

Thursday 3 August

Playgroup meet @ 9am for 'Free Play'

Saturday 5 August

ROSARY @ 4:15pm in the parish hall

Sunday 6 August

Family Mass @ 8am followed by morning tea

Tuesday 8 August

9am Mass - Saint Mary of the Cross

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



PLAYGROUP – continues during term time on Thursday mornings from 9am-11am in the Parish hall. There are two new play facilitators running the program. One has a qualification in social work and one is a student studying paediatric speech pathology. Come and meet the girls while your children join in the fun. Parents, carers or grandparents are very welcome.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us
The skipper of a 60-tonne trawler which ran aground during the early hours of the morning, was found to be twice over the alcohol limit for sailing. Authorities say they have no idea what to do with a drunken sailor early in the morning!



This week's goal:

Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyle

Bring your own coffee mug to the café or takeaway outlet.

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.

STS PETER AND PAUL'S SCHOOL FETE – just a reminder parking within the parish grounds will be unavailable on Saturday this weekend due to the school fete event.

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 \$14,872.73. Contributions can still be made as follows:

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

IMPORTANT ALERT: SCAM ACTIVITY – Please be aware the parish is aware of SMS text messages making their rounds again pretending to be from Fr Kevin. Please **IGNORE AND DELETE** anything you may receive.

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.

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

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL & COLLEGES MUSIC FESTIVAL will be held 17-20 at Villanova College and St James, Coorparoo. Come and hear schools and colleges from throughout Queensland perform in bands, choirs and ensembles. Day and Festival passes available for purchase at the door or by visiting www.qcmf.com.au

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



VOCATION VIEW: Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to, to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation. 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

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.fatimaacaciaridge.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



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. Saturday 30 September, 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 or 3324 3030. If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd on 3324 3030 or via email toddd@bne.catholic.net.au

ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS - all current and former guides and welcomers are invited to join the festivities celebrating 25 years. Celebration with Mass on Sunday 27 August followed by a function in the Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre. RSVP 21 August – cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE 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 18 August. To book your ticket visit [2023 P&F Positive Parenting Presentation 2 Tickets, Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne | TryBooking Australia](#) Please note - Parents and Caregivers only event (18+).

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

GATHERING HYMN

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favour may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

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, I love your commands.



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

THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!
May your hidden self grow strong!

And may you live strong in faith and built on love
until you know how high and long, how wide and deep
the fullness of God!

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart
what hope his call now holds for you:

His promise true: to fill your heart with power to live
the fullness of God!

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COMMUNION HYMN

GATHER US TOGETHER

Lord, Jesus Christ, gather us together.

Make us one bread, one body in your love.

Gather your people, who long to be one,
One with you, O Lord, in truth and love.

We do proclaim you the Saviour of all,
Lord of all the earth and sea and sky.

Forgive our failings, create us anew.
Speak your words of peace into our hearts.

Into your hands, Lord, we place all our cares,
Trusting in your love which never fails.

Within your temple your praises we sing,
Glorious is your name o'er all the earth.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

REFRAIN

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your word,
open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
may we go forth in your name
we pray our hearts change.*

The heart of the cross,
lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope,
promising truth.



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