

# NEWSLETTER

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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Lord is good: His kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” These words which we pray in the Psalm this weekend was like a mini creed in Jesus’ day. They were a small prayer or act of faith which acknowledged that although disasters had happened to Israel, even those that were self-inflicted, they had recovered when they renewed their faith in God.

The primary example was the Exodus from Egypt, the setting of this Sunday’s first reading. In earlier times the Israelites had taken refuge in Egypt but over the years they had been reduced to slavery. God did not forget His promise to bring them to freedom and security.

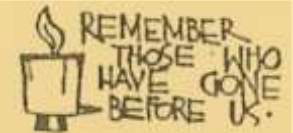
In Jesus’ day the people of Israel were confronted with yet more disaster. The conquering Romans and their harsh economic policies made worse and more severe the conditions of poverty, illness, malnutrition, crime, fear and untimely death. Yet it was the most vulnerable who became Jesus’ most cherished possession. Others were sent by Jesus to continue this kindness of God in our midst and spread the Good News.

We are confronted time and time again with unforeseen disasters and tragedies which bring sadness to loved ones that most can only imagine. Speeches are made in Parliament and community services and rituals are held. These are important but we seem very tentative as a society to speak words of hope at such times. We recognise only pain, sorrow, and loss. Are we so fearful of offending that we dare not refer to basic christian hope, which comes from God’s kindness. It would seem that only the past is worthwhile, and it is all that we are left with. A very basic christian belief is that we have a future because God’s kindness endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.

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** Charles Shann, Beryl Young, Giuseppe (Joe) Rossi, Margaret Linnett and Sylvia Long **recently deceased and also for** Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley and Bourke Family, Patricia Vieyra, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett Family, Vincent Long, and Peter Dimitrios.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Harold O’Connell, Pete Waldron, Tony Desbrow, Margaret McLaughlin, Peter Piccone, Hazel Langthorne, Douglas Begley, Mary Irene Garland, Moira Pearcy, Michael West and Dolores Kilev.

### DATE CLAIMERS 2023

#### Thursday 22 June

Playground 9am in Parish hall

#### Friday 23 June

School Feast Day Mass 9:30am

#### Sunday 25 June

Social Justice Morning Tea with guest speaker

#### Tuesday 27 June

Carer’s Group meet at 10am

✠ Liturgy and Prayers this Week		19 June – 25 June 2023	
Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm	St Aloysius Gonzaga	Mass
Thursday	9:00am	St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Mass
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	Nativity of St John the Baptist	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm (Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	Readings – Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33		
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.		

# 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)

**Parent information sessions**

20 July 7pm **OR** 21 July 9:30am

**Celebration of Confirmation 29 August**



**THE CATHOLIC LEADER** June edition is now available at the church doors. **Please place money in the poor boxes.**

**PLAYGROUP** – meets every Thursday morning (during school term) from 9am-11am in the Parish hall. Parents, carers or grandparents with young children are very welcome to join in the activities on offer.

*A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.*  
**Riddle for the week –**

I carry a lot of secrets, happy or sad; I drive or walk to my destination rain or shine to make sure I give you what is truly yours. Everything that I bring with me is destined for only one place which is decided in advance. *Who am I?*

*Answer - The postman*

## **IN THE ARCHDIOCESE**



**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So, Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me". 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](#).



**150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN** - The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St. Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months. In June, we celebrate the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to attend **10am Mass on Wednesday 28 June** at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Refreshments served afterwards. Come along and give thanks for our ordained ministers. More news to come soon.

**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)

**MenALIVE – MAX2023 BEHOLD** National gathering of Catholic men at University of Queensland, Brisbane. 14-16 July 2023. For more information please go to – <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2023BNE>

**EVANGELISATION BRISBANE** is hosting a morning that celebrates the important role GRANDPARENTS play in shaping the faith of their grandchildren and children including morning tea, a time of input and sharing. All are invited to stay on for Mass at the Cathedral at 11:30am where they will receive a special blessing, reaffirming the impact they have on their family's spiritual journey. When: Saturday 22 July, 9:15-11:15am. Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane. Cost: \$15 RSVP: Monday 17 July Register here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents>.



**This week's goal:**

**Adopt a Sustainable Lifestyle**

Adopt energy-saving measures - replace old light bulbs with more efficient led and add insulation in your ceiling.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – held each Friday. Please join us to pray for families, our parish and for peace in the world. You are welcome to stop in for 10 minutes on the way to work or join us for the whole time. Prayers, readings and scriptures available. All welcome.

**THE ORDER OF MALTA Youth Camp Australia 2023** will be held from Friday 3 November to Sunday 5 November at Benedict XVI retreat centre, Grose Vale NSW. If you wish to attend the camp as either a guest or carer or volunteer, you will need to apply by 30 June. Please visit the website [www.orderofmalta.org.au/youthcamps](http://www.orderofmalta.org.au/youthcamps)

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS: REFUGEE WEEK 18 – 24 JUNE**

To mark this year's Refugee Week, the parish Social Justice Committee invites parishioners to participate in two initiatives.



**Refugee Family Reunion Project:** Des Lavey (Darra parish) will speak at Sunday Masses on 25 June to help raise funds to reunite the family of a refugee recently granted permanent residency in Australia after more than a decade living on temporary visas, separated from his wife and children. Parishioners can meet Des at morning tea after the 8am Mass next Sunday 25 June. Fund-raising will be open for two weeks from next week.

**Letter to Federal MPs:** The Social Justice Committee is writing to our local representative in the Federal Parliament and selected other MPs and Senators to ask for reforms to improve the way Australia treats refugees and people seeking asylum. The letter will be circulated with the parish newsletter on Sunday 10 July. Opportunities will be provided for parishioners who support these requests to add their names as signatories to the letter on Sunday 10 and 17 July.

*Please consider whether you can support these initiatives over the coming month.*

You are also invited to an online prayer service to commemorate Refugee Week. The broadcast is live at 7pm on 20 June. Please register now at <https://bit.ly/RWPS23>

# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Exodus 19:2-6 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8

## GATHERING HYMN

### CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*CHORUS Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
Has turned the night into day!*



We are sons of the morning;  
We are daughters of day.  
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
A light for his people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.  
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.  
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice!  
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

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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

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near;  
Repent and believe the Good News. 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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

### BE MERCIFUL

*Be merciful, be merciful, just as God is merciful to you.  
Answer evil with good, answer hatred with love.  
Be merciful as God is merciful.*

As a tender father God is merciful; as a loving mother,  
God is merciful, slow to anger, and full of compassion.

Show compassion to the lost and forgotten;  
give comfort to the sick and the dying.  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Share your riches with the hungry and homeless,  
and advocate for those in prison.  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

And, as Jesus taught us, love your enemies,  
do good to the ones who hate you.  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Offer blessings to the ones who curse you,  
and pray for the ones who abuse you.  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Clothe yourselves in love and compassion;  
Be forgiving as God has forgiven you.  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### LORD YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

Lord, you give the great commission;  
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'  
Lest the Church neglect its mission  
and the Gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.



Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
'Father, what they do, forgive.'  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society;  
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

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