

NEWSLETTER

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In recent weeks we have heard from what is called the “wisdom literature” of the Jewish Scriptures or what we know as the Old Testament. In this selection of books, the wisdom of God is described in the feminine sense. *“Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble”.* (Wisdom 6:13)

Today, from the Book of Proverbs, another book from the wisdom literature, we hear the qualities of a woman praised and honoured. *“She is far beyond the price of pearls. She holds out her hand to the poor. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the city gates”.* (Proverbs 31)

It would appear that a close examination of Scripture gives due significance to the woman’s voice, her insight, gifts, her opinion and importantly her faith.

It is very evident in society that discovering the gifts of any group in society and their acceptance is never achieved with a one off proclamation, a particular law that tries to protect their rights or avoiding language that betrays a bias or discrimination. Respecting and honouring difference is a prolonged and lifelong task. It seems that in the face of domestic violence, apparent misuse of power in the work place, female child slavery and the use of demeaning language, respect for women in Australia today is as big a challenge as it ever was. The same can definitely be said for our treatment of migrants and refugees.

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom a rich man entrusted his fortune. Eager to please the master two servants showed some enterprise in using what they had been given. The third servant wished to be spared the trouble and anxiety so he buried it among the ‘busyness’ of life.

We are gifted with the grace of God and all the kindness, compassion and mercy that comes with such grace. So how do we invest and use this freely given grace? It is not easy to enter the ‘market place’ of people’s lives. We can be fearful that we will get nothing back or we might think we are too busy. The issues of justice and respect for all people despite their gender or nationality can appear complex and demanding. Surely we don’t believe that we deserve life’s benefits and others do not. So how do we use the grace of God’s goodness?

God’s happiness is in sharing and so is ours. The principle of least effort will never make anyone happy and easy achievements are not the most satisfying. Effort, time and loving attention give value to human endeavour and dignify people. By today’s standards God would be described as a reckless investor. God gives without ever looking for return and that is exactly what we are called to do with the love, goodness and mercy we have received.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear
the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord; my branches
bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Maureen Twomey, Anna Harkin, Jennifer Tuck and Bill Hanley **recently deceased** and also for John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Stan Grzegorzka, Patrick O’Connell, Mary O’Connell, Patricia O’Connell, Robert Demello, Kishaba and Demello families, Keith White, Patricia Vieyra, Begley and Bourke families, Josefina Torres, Leoncio Rodriguez, Cecil Thomson, Eileen Thomson, Karen Baker, Mike West, and Vince Long.



Please remember the sick in your prayers –
Veronica Corcoran, Mal Thomson, Patricia Desbrow, Carmen Turner, Jan Low, Rob Stonier, Monica Marron, Harold O'Connell, Pat and Clare Dugger, Brian and Catherine Kearney.

DATE CLAIMERS 2020

Sunday 22 November Social Justice Group meet at 9am
Thursday 26 November St Vincent de Paul meet at 6pm
Friday 4 December End of School Year

A NEW WAY TO CONTRIBUTE There is a new way to support the parish: use the New Diocesan App.

<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 or in **NEW COLLECTION BOXES** at the Church door.
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office and we can email a form or you can find it on the parish website under Quick Links
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MASS BOOKINGS – IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES. Please contact the office by 10am Friday each week to book your preferred mass. **PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office is open Monday–Friday, 8:30am-12 noon. It is **NOT attended** on weekends. Please arrive ten minutes before Mass so that your name can be taken and Mass can commence on time.

- **DO NOT SIT** in rows marked with **RED CROSS**

Please continue to use the Sunday Readings and Family Prayer at home. Read the texts, talk and pray together.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS: Watch Mass online - www.archbne.org/bzw (12:30pm weekday, 8am/10am Sunday)

Read the latest news – www.catholicleader.com.au

IN PRAISE OF TOLERANCE - Given the momentous events in the USA over the past week, horrific acts of terrorism in other parts of the world and, closer to home, our celebration of NAIDOC week over the past seven days, this week's article emailed with the Newsletter comes at a very opportune time. Monday, 16 November, is the International Day of Tolerance, and there is an excellent article by Andrew Hamilton SJ that provides clarity in our understanding of tolerance and what it means for us as we deal with the challenge of living with difference in our community.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us!
Gearing up for the Christmas period....



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www.bulimbacatholic.com

GET THE PARISH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE FAMILY – The Parish Social Justice Committee has taken it upon itself to coordinate support for the Dayri family, refugees from Lebanon. We are looking to provide shopping cards that can be used in the major supermarket chains, Go Card top-ups and any other assistance, until such time as the family gets back on its feet. In addition, we would like to hear from any parishioner who may have business contacts who could possibly provide part-time or full-time work for two of the boys who have just successfully finished high school at St James College. If you would like to assist in supporting this family either through a monetary donation or offer of employment, please contact Gerry at the parish office. Your assistance would be gratefully appreciated.

NOVEMBER MASSES - Parish masses during this month will remember our family and friends whose names are written in the Parish Book of Remembrance which is displayed in the Church. We invite you to add names of others whom you would like to have included in our prayers.

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD - We are in the month of November, when Catholics traditionally remember and pray for those who have passed away. Accompanying the Parish Newsletter which was emailed to parishioners last week is an excellent article entitled 'Praying for the Dead' by Oblate priest, Fr Ron Rolheiser. The author addresses frequently asked questions such as: Why pray for the dead? Does this make any sense? What possible difference can our prayers make to a person once he or she has died? (*If you are not on our email list but would like to read this article, please contact the parish office.*)

FUNERAL STREAMING – the Twomey family invite you to view Maureen's funeral on the below link. The service will be streamed on Monday 16th November at 10:30am.

Link: <https://www.tastefultransitions.com.au/maureen-twomey/>

MEDITATION is held at the Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne each Tuesday at 4pm. All are welcome to attend. For any enquiries please contact Sr Mary Randle on 0408 653 033 or Brian Wellington on 0412 657 707.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD and SUNDAY MISSALS – these annuals have now been received. Please collect if you placed a pre-order. A limited number of extras are currently available to purchase. Please see the parish office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIFTING TREE – Like many things for the year of 2020, the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal will look a bit different this year. Instead of collecting physical gifts and food items, and to keep our volunteers COVID safe, we would be grateful for Coles/Woolworths gift cards as a substitute for our usual food hampers, plus Kmart, Target or Big W gift cards in lieu of toys. The gifting tree will be up in this church this weekend. If you would like to contribute, please select a tag off the Christmas Tree as usual. The tags recommend appropriate stores and suggested gift card values from \$20 would be appreciated. The aim is still to support those in our community suffering hardship. Please return direct to the parish office by Monday 7 December. Thank you in advance for your wonderful support.



VOCATION VIEW: We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven! Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Vocation Centre on 3324 3351.



DAILY REFLECTIONS - sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>



Liturgy this Week 16 November – 22 November 2020

MONDAY	-		-
TUESDAY	-	St Elizabeth of Hungary	-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm		Mass
THURSDAY	10:00am		Mass with Year 5 Children
FRIDAY	8:00am		Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction
SATURDAY	9:00am	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm		Mass: Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE <i>Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8am Mass</i>
	<i>Readings – Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46</i>		
OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER			
RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm		
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		

ENTRANCE HYMN

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

CHORUS

*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into light;
You are the Word who brings us through the desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
You are the Word whose only law is love;
You are the Word made flesh who lives among us:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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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

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION HYMN

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me;
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me;
In every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding;
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you;
Even darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonders of who I am I praise you;
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God, with heart and mind and voices
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,
The Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven
Eternal three in one whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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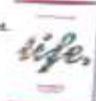
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