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NEWSLETTER

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings present two portraits of pastoral leadership. The prophet Malachi conveys God's message to errant priests. They have not cared for their people, but have 'caused many to falter' by their instruction. They have not listened to or sincerely obeyed God. God is clearly disgusted.

In the Gospel, Jesus has a similar quarrel with the scribes and Pharisees. They 'love places of honour', lay burdens on the people's shoulders, and do not practice what they preach. While acknowledging that their rules must be followed, Jesus warns the people not to imitate them and gives his own version of leadership in the Christian community; 'the greatest among you must be your servant'; 'you have but one teacher, and you are all brothers'. This community of learners looks to Christ and the Father.

We can well imagine Paul praying today's responsorial psalm and recommending it to his congregation. It is saturated with the Christian character - humility and receptivity to God's Word. It is as relevant for us today as it was thousands of years ago. How often do we busy ourselves with what we think are 'great things', when the time could be spent on things that bring more peace instead of anxiety? How often do we accept too many responsibilities, taking time and energy away from our home and our families? How often do we convince ourselves that we are too busy to help others?

God bless,
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 Raphael Seminara, Mario Favari, Michael French, Sr Zita Duffy SGS, John Buckley and Eileen Guerin **recently deceased and also for** Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, deceased members of Begley, Bourke, Hanly and McLachlan Families, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Todd Robinson and Mal Thomson.



Please remember the sick in your prayers - Mary Irene Garland, Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, James Lloyd, Angela Krista, Pete Waldron, Peter Piccone, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Camella Moretti.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 6 November – 12 November 2023

Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm		Mass
Thursday	-	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	10am		Mass for deceased Good Samaritans
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Readings – Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13		
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.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

Friday 10 November

DROP IN FRIDAY 10am in hall

Sunday 12 November

Regis Service @ 10.30am

Thursday 24 November

St Vincent de Paul meet in parish hall @ 6pm

Sunday 26 November

Social Justice Group meet @ 9am

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>

Please note the **PARISH OFFICE** hours will vary from the 'usual' opening times over the next weeks as staff are on annual leave. If you need to visit, you may wish to call first and check if the office is attended. Apologies for the inconvenience.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER will move to an individual subscription distribution model in 2024. Please see subscription envelopes at the Church doors to complete.

DROP-IN-FRIDAY Come and enjoy hospitality and morning tea with some friendly people on the second Friday of each month in the Parish Hall 10am-12 noon. **Next date is 10 November.** All very welcome.

REGIS BULIMBA PRAYER SERVICE will be held next Sunday (12 November) at 10.30am. All welcome to attend in support of the residents in the Aged Care facility.


SAVE THE DATE – PARISH SOCIAL EVENT You are invited to join us for a *Wine and Cheese* evening (BYO nibbles) in the parish hall on Saturday 2 December (*First weekend of Advent*) at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Three elderly brothers live in a house together. One night the 96-year old draws a bath, puts his foot in and pauses. He yells down the stairs, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?'

The 94 year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' He starts up the stairs and pauses, then he yells, 'Was I going up the stairs or coming down?'

The 92 year-old was sitting at the kitchen table having coffee listening to his brothers. He shakes his head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful.' He knocks on wood for good luck. He then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'



This week's goal:
Adopt a Sustainable Lifestyle

Consider buying more unpackaged food.



CATHOLIC MISSION – Thank you for partnering with the Catholic Mission Church Appeal last weekend. A thank you also to our student ambassadors who spoke at the Masses. Catholic Missions are truly grateful for everyone's ongoing support as they continue to reach out to those most in need around the world through this year's appeal.

THE PARISH BAKE STALL will be held this weekend at 5:30pm (Sat) evening Mass and also at (Sun) 8am Mass. Please come along to support the stall where there will be delicious homemade treats available for purchase (*cash and EFTPOS options available*). All proceeds are used to help community members in need.



Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team has produced a new prayer and reflection resource for Advent 2023 to help you find a few minutes each day to sit with God and prepare your heart for Christmas. Titled **WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS**, the resource guides readers to enter the new liturgical year with trust in God, through scripture excerpts from the daily Gospel readings, reflection prompts and prayer. Available in limited supply at the parish office for just \$6 per copy.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



VOCATION VIEW: "Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach but can also preach what they practice. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, 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](#).

SUPPORT RURAL MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY – The Knights of the South Cross are hosting a fundraising dinner at 7.00 pm on Thursday 16th November at the Colmslie Hotel where Sr Sally Fuller *FdCC*, who is a Canossian Sister, Clinical Psychologist and Director of Southern Cross Care QLD, will discuss mental health challenges in rural areas. Sr Sally grew up at Gunnedah NSW and recognising the need to provide mental health support to people in rural areas, she commenced providing services to those who would otherwise not be able to access this health care. Costs for this two-course dinner is \$50.00 and all funds raised will go directly to supporting Sr Sally's work. Special dietary requirements can be catered for. RSVP is 8th November. To book and pay, please email Darryn Lambourne at daz63@bigpond.com

THE CUSKELLY COLLEGE OF MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL will again be held in Brisbane from 1-12 January 2024. This exceptional opportunity, featuring internationally acclaimed teachers, is not to be missed! There are streams for singers, instrumentalists, music teachers, children and students. Further information can be accessed through the brochure by [clicking here](#). *Early bird registration closes on Monday 6 November 2023.*

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Malachi 1 :14-2:2, 8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 Matthew 23:9-10

GATHERING HYMN

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

CHORUS

*Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.*

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters,
Each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other,
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

No more harm on the mountain of God;
Swords into plough-shares.
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life:
Waters of mercy, waters of hope that flow from your
side.

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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

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ.
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

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

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.

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin
prevails,
Our God is there to save.

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

God has watered our barren land and
spent his merciful rain
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink.

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